



2009 Police Department Overview

Chief Hill completed training for the Police Executive Leadership College re-fresher, NIMS-Public Information Officer (PIO) and Downs, Hurst, Kim and Haas Legal Update Training. He also attended the Union County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony. Chief Hill was a guest of Sheriff Nelson at the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association Banquet in March 2009. He was also an evaluator for the Union County LEPC exercise. Chief Hill is a member of the Union and Madison County Law Enforcement Planning Committee (LEPC), Terrorism Task Force and MARCS Advisory Board Committees, and the Ohio Association of Chief's of Police.

Sergeant McKee and Sergeant Jaskiewicz participated in a full-scale exercise with the Union County EMA on an improvised explosive device (IED) exercise. This exercise consisted of participants from local, county, state and federal agencies.

Off. Bobby Lockhart and Off. Gary Sigrist joined the agency as part-time police officers in June 2009. Bobby is from Amherst, Ohio and he has completed his training and is now working shifts and contributing to the police department. Off. Lockhart also works at the Tri-County Regional Jail. Off. Sigrist is a school teacher/project director for the Southwestern City School District, and an adjunct professor for Franklin University. Off. Sigrist has over 15 years of law enforcement experience. Off. Sigrist with his busy schedule works one full day a week at the police department. Both officers have proven to be a valuable asset to the police department.

Martin Guerena joined the police department as our first Chaplain in October of 2009. Martin has attended several training courses and is a member of the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC). Martin has over 30 years of pastoral experience. We are excited for the contributions Martin will be able to give to the community, and we're excited to have Martin as part of our team.

Off. Tharon Prather and his K-9 Niko completed the state re-certification for narcotics this year. Off. Prather and Niko also attended the Madison County Safety Expo and conducted K-9 demonstrations to the pre-school.

The police department participated in several community programs and events throughout 2009. The Annual Cruise-In, Steam-Threshers, Christmas Under the Clock, Fireworks, Trick or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Events, Fourth Annual Plain City Elementary Carnival, Code-Red, 4-mile walk-run, Ugly Truck Parade and Union County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony. The police department participated in the sending off of the 585th unit of the National Guard from Marysville as they were deployed for Iraq. The police department provided traffic detail for several parades/events in the Village. The police department also hosted a Teen Dating/Domestic violence seminar with the Friend's House of Madison County.

The police department participated in "Project Child Safe" where gunlocks are given to any family member to ensure that they properly secure their firearms at their residence. Off. Greenbaum also presented a gun safety course at the Plain City Elementary School. Off. Greenbaum gave a 3rd Grade Seat Belt Seminar at the Plain City Elementary School. This is a state program to educate children about the importance of seat belt safety. The police department participated in the "Click it or Tick It" and the "You Drink You Drive You Lose" mobilizations. We received a new python MPH Radar unit for our participation in these mobilizations from the ODPS.

The police department was awarded an Ohio Criminal Justice System Grant (OCJS) grant for the video recorders in the cruiser to be upgraded from VHS to digital. We were also awarded a grant for an upgrade of the on station video system from VHS to digital recording. Sergeant Jaskiewicz wrote, submitted and administered these grants.

The Police Department continues to partner with the Union County Sheriff's Office and is a member of the search team for Project Live Saver. This program is now available to all village residents. This program allows those with certain mental conditions to be supplied with a transmitter in the event they wander away from their caregivers. There is a 100% succession rate

nationwide for those who are in the program and wander away from caregivers. Off. Prather and Niko are the team members for this program.

On Memorial Day this year a cruiser that Off. Ballinger and Sgt. McKee were riding in was struck by a motorist that ran a red light, and was later suspected to be impaired. Fortunately, both officers received non-life threatening injuries. Automobile crashes are the leading cause of death and injuries for police officers in our nation. The totaled cruiser was replaced in October of 2009.

Aggie Hall was presented a certificate of recognition for identifying a robbery suspect's vehicle from the Der Dutchman Robbery in January 2009. Her tip led the Plain City Police Department towards an arrest and the successful conviction of the offender of this crime. Pete Brokus, a former officer/investigator of the Plain City Police Department, was also given a certificate of recognition for his 12 years of service to the police department. Pete is continuing his service to the Village as the Public Works Supervisor.

In closing, the police department continued to work hard to achieve its mission that states:

“We will provide our community with a well trained police department that exhibits professionalism at all times. We will continually seek interaction and involvement from our citizens to ensure that we provide them with the safety and security they deserve for the quality of life they desire.”

The Year in Review / Training

All officer's received various training during the course of the year for: BAC Datamaster renewal's, NIMS, Taser Re-certification, Firearms Re-certification, Interview and Interrogation, Quick Action Deployment Training, Missing & Abducted Children, Child Abduction Response Team, Active Shooters, Legal Update, Electronic Speed Measuring Devices, ADAP refresher, Evidence Technician, Defensive Tactics, Crime Scene Management, Drug Interdiction, Drug ID, Traffic Crash investigation techniques, Search Warrants.

Activity Report For 2009
Plain City Police Department

The total activity for 2009 is included in the attached pages. A breakdown and brief description of the activity is as follows:

Vehicle Mileage

The Police Department drove a total of 57,514 miles patrolling the streets of the Village in 2009. The department patrolled an average of 4,792 miles per month, or 159 miles per day.

Hours Worked

Officers of the Police Department logged a total of 14,878 hours of service. These hours include a total of 9,720 hours of motor patrol, 665 hours of foot patrol, 460 hours of investigation, 82 hours of court, 289 hours of special assignments, 700 hours of training.

Crime Prevention

Officers completed a total of 3,650 house checks, conducted 269 bar checks, handled 188 suspicious person/vehicles and found 93 open doors during 2009.

Services

Officers served 41 warrants, performed 481 backups, assisted with 224 Fire/EMS runs and conducted 87 funeral escorts during 2009.

Reports

The police department responded to 1,673 calls for service in 2009. The department opened 129 case investigations during 2009.

Enforcement

Plain City officers wrote 462 traffic citations. This total includes 166 speeding citations and 90 commercial overweight citations. The remaining 206 citations would be for offenses such as O.V.I., Driving Under Suspension, Failure to Control, Failure to Yield, Reckless Operation etc. The Department averages issuing 1.25 traffic citations per day.

Plain City officers made 1451 traffic stops for the year. The average is 4 traffic stops per day. Of the total stops made 1169 resulted in the violator being issued a verbal warning. There were 19 OVI arrests made for the year. Officers also rendered assistance to 158 motorists.

There were 37 crashes in the Village. Of these crashes, 12 involved personal injury and the remaining 25 crashes resulted in damage to property. On average, there is a traffic crash within the Village every 10 days.

There were 126 non-traffic misdemeanor arrests made in 2009. This included any misdemeanor arrest other than a felony or traffic related offense, examples would be Drug Abuse (marijuana), Drug Paraphernalia, Assault, Domestic Violence (1st offense), Disorderly Conduct, Theft, Menacing, Animal Offenses, Resisting Arrest, Obstruction of Official Business etc.

There were a total of 26 felony arrests made in 2009. The offenses varied from Robbery, Kidnapping, Receiving Stolen Property, Grand Theft of Automobile, Felony Drug Abuse, Felony Theft, and Forgery.