

SYLVANIA POLICE DIVISION

2021

ANNUAL REPORT





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6635 MAPLEWOOD, SYLVANIA, OH 43560

Dear Mayor Stough,

I am pleased to present our 2021 Sylvania Police Division Annual Report. This report reflects the hard work, dedication and professional services provided by our men and women in blue. Our officers always strive to maintain the highest levels of service and professionalism for the citizens of Sylvania.

During 2021, the men and women of the police department faced many changes in personnel and law enforcement operations in the area. Four officers chose to retire this year. None of the retirements were “planned” which left the department with very low manpower as we experienced further shortages from injuries and COVID-19. In addition to manpower struggles in the officer ranks, the consolidation of dispatch operations in Lucas County prompted two resignations. For a time, we relied on Sylvania Township for dispatch services on our afternoon and midnight shifts until the services were taken over by Regional Council of Governments. By the close of 2021 all but two of the officer vacancies have been filled. Two police cadets were completing the police academy and certification testing to fill those open positions in 2022.

Calls for service in 2021 rose toward pre-pandemic levels along with increases in crime reports and traffic accident rates. Calls for police service increased 10% with 12,593 in 2021 compared to 11,474 in 2020. Crime reports were also trending upward with 1022 in 2021 compared to 915 in 2020. Traffic crashes were also up with 406 crash reports in 2021 compared to 317 in 2020. There were no traffic fatalities in 2021.

Sylvania is an exceptional place to live and work and I believe that the efforts of our police officers, telecommunicators, explorers, and volunteers have made a positive impact on the quality of life in this community. We will continue to meet and exceed the expectations of our citizens through professional community based service.

Respectfully,

Frederick L. Schnoor, Jr.
Chief of Police

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Sylvania Police Division to protect lives and property, prevent crime, and promote safety on our roadways while providing the highest levels of service in a professional manner.

CORE VALUES

- **Integrity-** Doing the right thing for the right reason.
- **Service-** We put the needs of the community first and strive to exceed expectations.
- **Professionalism-** We are committed to maintaining the highest professional standards.
- **Safety-** The safety of the public and our officers is always our highest priority.

**SYLVANIA POLICE DIVISION
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
On December 31, 2021**

Mayor of Sylvania
Craig Stough

Public Service/Safety Director
Kevin Aller

Chief of Police
Frederick L. Schnoor, Jr.

Internal Affairs
Assigned by the Chief

Administrative Secretary
Catherine Lafferty

Staff/Line Operations
Captain Danilynn Miller

Special Services
Captain Douglas Hubaker

Records and Support
Clerk II Heather Kelso
Clerk Danielle Hayward
Clerk Janelle Benarth

Community Affairs
Sgt. Stacey Pack
Ofc. Jerry Barnswell

Detective Bureau
Sgt. Justin Music
Det. Matthew Collins
Det. Steve Papenfuss

School Resource Officer
Ofc. Philip Gallup
Ofc. Alan Beadle

Line Operations - Uniform Patrol Section

7-3 Shift

3-11 Shift

11-7 Shift

Sgt. William Haase	Sgt. Andrew Thompson	Sgt. Justin Bell
Ofc. Russel Hoff	Ofc. Pinkstaff	Ofc. David Vargo
Ofc. Chad Amstutz	Ofc. Bradley Marlin	Ofc. Jacob Hammer
Ofc. Zachary Andrzejewski	Ofc. Anthony Espinosa	Ofc. Marc Tanner
Ofc. Eric Christen	Ofc. Patrick Gilmore	Ofc. Lindsey Russell
Ofc. Bradley Clay	Ofc. Cody Calendine	
Ofc. Daniel Richardson	Ofc. Kyla Simmons	
	Ofc. Tanner King	
	Ofc. Brittany Holland	

I. PERSONNEL

Appointments: Cadet Richard Heber, Cadet Morgan Dietrich, Officer Daniel Richardson, Officer Kyla Simmons, Officer Tanner King, Clerk Janelle Benarth, Officer Brittany Holland

Retirements: Det. Scott Gibbs, Officer Scott Kuebler, Sergeant David Arvay, Officer Amy Martin

Promotions: None

Resignations: Tele. Janelle Benarth, Tele. Amanda Hubaker, Tele. Brian Sobb

At the close of 2021 the police division strength was 38 of 40 authorized personnel: Chief of Police, 2-Captains, 5-Sergeants, 23- Officers, 2-Cadets 1-Clerk II, 2-Clerks, 1-Administrative Secretary, and 1- Part-time Custodian.

II. Community Affairs

I. Introduction

The Office of Community Affairs continues to seek opportunities to provide effective educational programming as well as promote positive relations with members of the Sylvania Community. The officers assigned to the Office of Community Affairs are dedicated and work diligently to accomplish our mission.

The Community Affairs Office and the Police Division are active in the following organizations and events:

*National Association of School Resource Officers
Ohio Association of School Resource Officers
National D.A.R.E. Officers Association
D.A.R.E. Officers Association of Ohio
National Crime Prevention Association
Ohio Crime Prevention Association
Sylvania Prevention Alliance
Greater Toledo Safe Kids Coalition
Sylvania Volunteers
Sylvania Area Family Services
Sylvania Fall Festival
Sylvania Chamber of Commerce*

As of December 31, 2021, the Ohio Attorney General office continues to support the Sylvania Police Division with the Drug Use Prevention grant. This funding assists with the costs associated with providing the D.A.R.E. program in our public schools as well as participating in other substance abuse prevention efforts in our community.

II. D.A.R.E.

The D.A.R.E. program continues to be an important program for the office. Officer Barnswell is the primary D.A.R.E. officer for educational programming in the community. Officer Barnswell was responsible for presenting the elementary D.A.R.E. program to the three (3) public and two (2) private elementary schools in the city. Officer Barnswell was also responsible for presenting the middle school D.A.R.E. program to McCord Jr. High. Approximately 250 fifth grade students and 200 seventh grade students participated in our program in 2021.

III. Safety City

Community Affairs officers graduated 162 students from Sylvania Safety City this year. This was the 35th year for the program. The program was held at Maplewood Elementary and Maplewood will continue to host our program in the future. The venue provides a safe and beautiful school and grounds to introduce families to Sylvania and Sylvania Schools. Our education coordinator this year was Valerie Shnider. Ms. Shnider has been with the program since 2006 and continues to do an outstanding job with the program. Safety City was well received and continues to be a very important program in our community.

IV. School Resource Officer and School Safety

Our school resource officers continue to be a resource for our community and effectively integrate into the high schools in our community. Officer Alan Beadle continues to serve as the school resource officer at Southview High School and Officer Phil Gallup served as the SRO at Northview High School. These officers are responsible for the general security at the school and have also proven to be a valuable resource in the schools by adapting to the various roles they play as staff members and safety professionals in the school system.

The School Resource Officers took police reports, completed investigations on school property, attended numerous school functions and talked to classes about legal issues and other police related topics. Both officers assisted school administrators with safety and security issues and attended school staff meetings as an advisor. The SRO's continue to assist with the A.L.I.C.E. school safety training in the district. Officer Beadle and Officer Gallup continue to work diligently to keep the lines of communication open with other area School Resource Officers and provide the most comprehensive service available to our school staff and students.

The City of Sylvania Police Division and the Sylvania Township Police Division have continued to support the A.L.I.C.E. program in the Sylvania School system. This program has been presented to all staff members of the Sylvania School system and to students from 6th-12th grades. Community Affairs staff assisted with A.L.I.C.E. training that was presented to school staff members that were new to the district to ensure awareness and understanding of the concepts. The A.L.I.C.E. program provides occupants of our schools with response options to critical incidents such as active shooter incidents to help increase safety and mitigate these tragic events. Additionally, the Community Affairs staff members continue to support the school system in the development and implementation of a comprehensive and structured approach to school safety.

SRO Statistics:

Northview High School - Officer Gallup	
Presentations	16
Meetings/Training	56
General Offense Reports/ Accident Reports	7
Citations / Warnings	10
School Related Complaints/Interviews	38
Parking Lot Assists	8
Court Appearances	0
Security Issues	15
Misc.	0

Southview High School – Officer Beadle	
Presentations	17
Meetings/Training	65
General Offense Reports/ Accident Reports	16
Citations / Warnings	22
School Related Complaints/Interviews	76
Parking Lot Assists	15
Court Appearances	2
Security Issues	31
Misc.	1

V. Volunteer Report

Hour Summary	
Total Patrol Volunteer hours for January–December 2021	59.25
Total Event Volunteer hours for January -December 2021	233.5
Total Hours for 2021	292.75

Volunteer Patrol Log	
Lockouts	0
House Checks	58
Road Patrol/Traffic Assists	0
Citizen/Motorist Assists	1
Special Assignments:	
• Volunteers worked a total of twenty-three (23) events in our community this year.	

VI. Public Safety Cadets

Both agencies agreed not to charter with the Boy Scouts of America Exploring program for the 2021 fiscal year. The program has been replaced with the Public Safety Cadet program. Just like the Explorer program, the Public Safety Cadet program focuses on excellent training opportunities for the Public Safety Cadets to learn about Law Enforcement, as well as the opportunity for the Public Safety Cadets to serve the community while gaining leadership skills and self-confidence. Unfortunately, all meetings and ride-alongs were suspended during the 1st quarter due to COVID. However, meetings and events were able to resume in the 2nd quarter. Some of the police topics that were covered during the meetings were traffic direction/control, arrest/search techniques & handcuffing, domestic violence, traffic stops, firearms, CPR certification, traffic investigation, critical injury first aid/tactical medicine, traffic crash investigation, bomb threat response, basic patrol procedures. The Public Safety Cadets worked the following events: Sylvania Business Expo, Glass City Marathon, Pacesetter Soccer Invitational, Safety City/Town, July 3rd Fireworks, and the LPGA Marathon Golf Tournament.

Officer Kevin Steinman (STPD) had been designated as the lead advisor of the Public Safety Cadet program. Officers Chad Amstutz and Officer Jerry Barnswell were listed as the Associate Advisors, while Sgt. Stacey Pack was assigned as the Program Supervisor of the Public Safety Cadet program. We continue to coordinate with the Sylvania Township Police Department to provide a joint program for juveniles and young adults ages 14-20 years old. Our goal is to provide a program that offers an exceptional experience and opportunity for the Public Safety Cadets.

VIII. Bike Patrol

Officer Martin had been part of the bike unit since 2007. Officer Martin retired from the Sylvania Police Division on Nov. 9th, 2021, bringing the total number of officers assigned to the bike unit to ten. Bike officers worked 55.75 hours on overtime and 9.75 hours during regular work hours. Some of those hours came from bike officers working the following events: St. Joe's Festival, July 3rd Fireworks, Riding Late in County 48, varsity football games (Northview & Southview High School), and Trick-or-Treat. Bike officers also patrolled the new bike/walking trail between Harroun Road and Burger King during the summer months. The bike patrol unit has proven to be a great asset to have to this department due to the accessibility to areas patrol vehicles can't reach.

VIII. Child Safety Seats

Amanda Hubaker, who was a certified car seat technician, had resigned from the Sylvania Police Division on July 12th, 2021. Sylvania Police Division's record clerks, Heather Kelso and Janelle Benarth, attended the required training during 2021 and received their certification as a car seat technician. Once they both became certified car seat techs, Sgt. Pack, after being a certified car seat technician for over 20 years, decided to step down from the position. Sylvania Police Division's car seat technicians assisted members of the community with education and proper installation of car seats. These car seat technicians are committed to making sure kids ride safe on every ride. In 2021, our car seat technicians checked 26 car seats. The majority of the seats that arrived previously installed were found to have errors with installation which only reinforces the need to continue such valuable program.

IV. Conclusion

The Office of Community Affairs continues to support the mission of the Sylvania Police Division by presenting quality programs and services to our community. The Community Affairs officers continue to be creative in seeking opportunities to present an image of cooperation, professionalism, and quality service to our community. We look forward to the opportunity to serve our community and meet the needs of our residents and community members in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Stacey Pack

Sgt. Stacey Pack #850

Community Affairs

III. TRAINING

Proper training prepares officers and dispatchers to act decisively and safely during stressful situations. Employees of City of Sylvania Police Division are well prepared to provide exceptional police service to the community.

Training Hours:

2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
4139	1,328	1,948	2,431.50	3,073	2,673	2,953	2,259	2,917

IV. RECORDS AND SUPPORT

There was an 9% increase in total calls for police service in 2021 and a 37% increase in emergency priority-1 calls.

Response times for our officers to all calls for services remained very good in 2020:

<u>Priority</u>	<u># of Calls</u>	<u>Response Time Minutes : Seconds</u>
Priority-1:	107	1:34
Priority-2:	5954	3:05
Priority-3:	6532	3:07

2021 Total Calls for Police Service: 12,593

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Past Calls for Service:	12,593	11,474	14,229	16,005	17,490	14,993

V. DETECTIVE BUREAU

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Active Case Load by Investigator		
Detective	Assigned	Cleared
Sgt. Music	57	56
Det. Collins	33	36
Det. Papenfuss	51	42
Annual Totals	141	134

- *Includes cases that were being investigated from previous years.

Number of cases under investigation as of 12/31/2021	27
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Forensic Program Examinations	
Mobile Device Extractions Completed	13
Storage Device Extractions Completed	5

Staffing Highlights:

- Detective Collins attended the Secret Service BCERT (Basic Computer Evidence Recovery Training) for five (5) weeks in Alabama and is now a certified computer forensics examiner.
- The staffing in the detective bureau was not at full strength in 2021 due to the department wide staffing shortage in 2021. A new detective was selected and will be assigned to the detective bureau in January of 2022.

VI. CRIME REPORTS

Crime Reports increased 13% in 2021. Major Crimes, as defined by the FBI Uniform Crime Report as Part I Crimes, increased 37%. Certainly, any crime is not a good thing but using just percentages to identify the crime occurrences in our community does not show a fully accurate picture. We have a very low crime rate in Sylvania and just a few crimes can have a dramatic impact on crime percentages.

YEAR	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
REPORTS	1048	915	1329	1307	1288
CHANGE	+13%	-41%	+2%	+1%	+12%

Major Crimes (37% Increase)

Year	2021	2020	2019	2018	2016	2016
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	7	2	2	1	0	0
Robbery	5	4	0	1	4	4
Assault	65	29	42	55	51	51
Burglary	5	25	25	26	3	3

VII. TRAFFIC BUREAU

Traffic crashes increased by 29% in 2021. Of the 408 traffic crashes in 2021, 100 resulted in injuries. There were no traffic related fatalities in 2021.

YEAR	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
CRASHES	408	317	446	408	441

Traffic enforcement throughout the city is largely dictated by citizen requests for selective enforcement and information developed through traffic crash reports. When not answering calls for service or conducting crime prevention activities, officers are assigned to traffic enforcement.

Some of our traffic enforcement is funded by state and federal grants which we receive for specific enforcement programs. During 2021 we participated in regional programs centered on OVI enforcement. Our patrol officers worked 123 hours of overtime on impaired driving (OVI) and other traffic enforcement grants.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Citations Issued	432	370	909	1085	1673

VIII. UNIFORM PATROL

The Uniform Patrol Section comprises 70% of the Police Division manpower. These officers and supervisors provide the majority of police services to the community.

There was an 3% increase in work activity for the uniform patrol officers in 2021 with a 10% increase in total calls for police service. Response time to emergency priority-1 calls decreased in 2021 to 1:34 minutes. Activity increase can be partially attributed to officers patrolling more in our residential and business areas, conducting more house and business checks of residences and businesses throughout the city.

Uniform Patrol Activity

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Crime Reports Taken	1048	915	1,329	1,307	1,288
Traffic Crashes Investigated	408	317	446	408	441
Traffic Citations Issued	432	370	1,085	1,673	1,168
Criminal Arrests: adult & juvenile	258	222	558	660	654
Parking Tickets	24	23	44	65	117
Vacation House Checks	1,180	3,295	3,632	3,338	3,647
Motorist Assist - breakdown	202	180	263	312	378
Motorist Assist - lockout	243	198	306	327	344
Business Checks	25,237	24,407	21,372	17,876	13,314

IX. GRANTS and REVENUE

A. GRANTS

We received two (2) grants for Community Affairs in 2021. We were awarded \$8,772.99 from the Ohio Attorney General's office for Drug Use Prevention – DARE Program taught in Sylvania Schools.

In addition to the above grants received by our office of Community Affairs, we also participated in the Lucas County OVI Task Force that concentrates on enforcement of laws pertaining to drinking and driving. During 2021 we received \$9,275.90 for our participation that went toward the payment for the officers to work at the OVI checkpoints and OVI traffic enforcement. This was the 18th consecutive year we participated in this enforcement program.

Also in 2021, a grant was received from the Ohio Workers Compensation Law Enforcement Body Armor Program in the amount of \$9,986.25. COVID Reimbursement grant

Total grant funds received in 2021 = **\$28,035.14**

<u>REVENUE RECEIVED</u>	<u>2021</u>
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Copies of Reports	\$1.80
Paid Parking Tickets	\$180.00
Fingerprinting	\$8,246.00
Forfeiture Proceeds 225	\$2,421.30
Mandatory Drug Fines 226	\$2,333.70
Federal & HIDTA 229	\$727,323.99
Grants	\$28,035.14
Safety City Fees	\$2,580.00
Program Donations	\$50,000.00
Vehicle Immobilization	\$135.00
Fees for Training	\$1,500.00
Solicitor License	\$2,535.00
Event Permit Fee	\$20,689.00
False Alarm Fee	\$150.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$5.55</u>
TOTAL	\$846,136.48