

BELLEFONTAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2000 ANNUAL REPORT

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Thanks for taking time to review our Annual Report, learning about the police department and becoming acquainted with our work in the community.

Following this introduction, sections provide information about our mission, our values, and the reason for many of our accomplishments, our employees. The section on **Training** lists some of the various types of training that was provided to our employees during the year. Training is an important and continuing process for police personnel. Comprehensive training is a significant component in how we improve and maintain the high quality of our services to the community. Involvement in **Professional Associations** is another way our employees keep current with best practices and learn about issues and techniques that we may be able to utilize to benefit our community.

The **Prevention Initiatives** section lists major activities of our school partnerships and other prevention efforts.

The **Canine** section provides information on our canine program.

Major Activities for each month are listed in the section that follows. Your police department is a place where things stay busy -- there is always activity and work to be done. This section highlights information on some of our major crime related activities.

The section on **Patrol Activities** details the number and type of calls handled during the past year. Statistics on arrests and traffic enforcement are also listed in this section.

The section on **Investigations** provides information about our Investigations Bureau. Investigative support is an important and necessary component in our efforts to reduce crime.

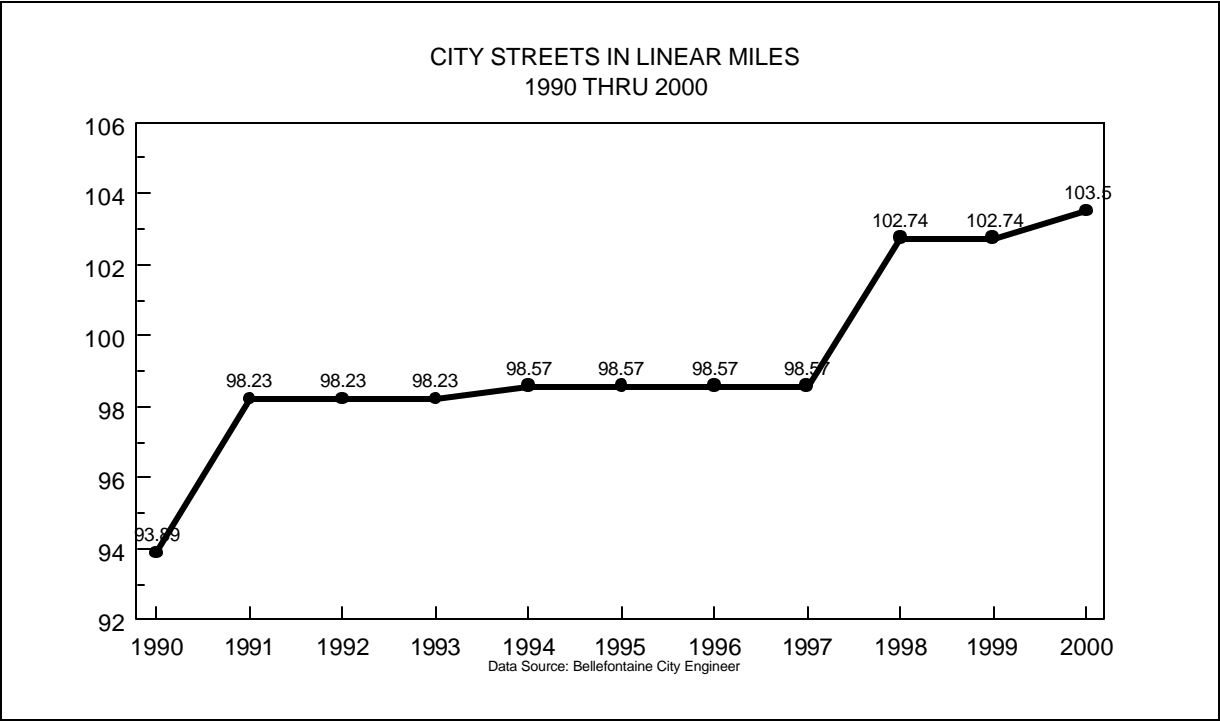
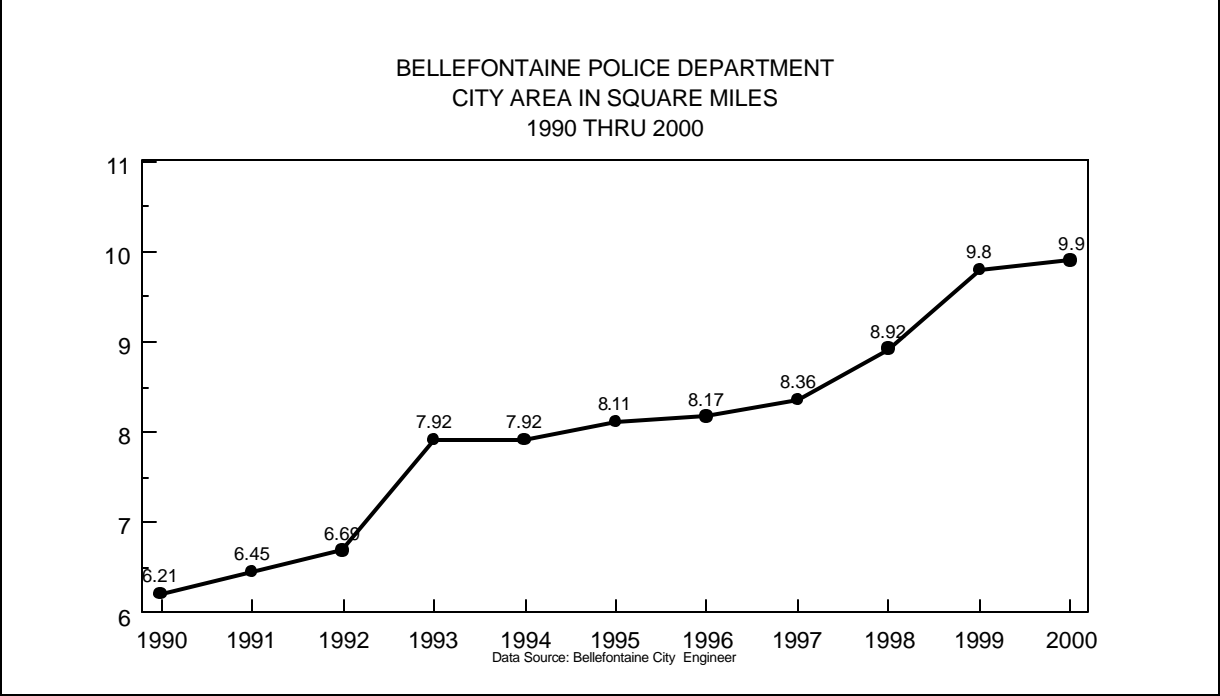
Crime statistics for year 2000 in the City of Bellefontaine are listed in the section titled **Crime in Bellefontaine**. These statistics are reported to the FBI and are the basis for the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) that is often used as a benchmark for comparisons of crime rates between communities.

We appreciate your support and value your input. Please contact me personally should you have any questions concerning this report, the police department, or its activities.

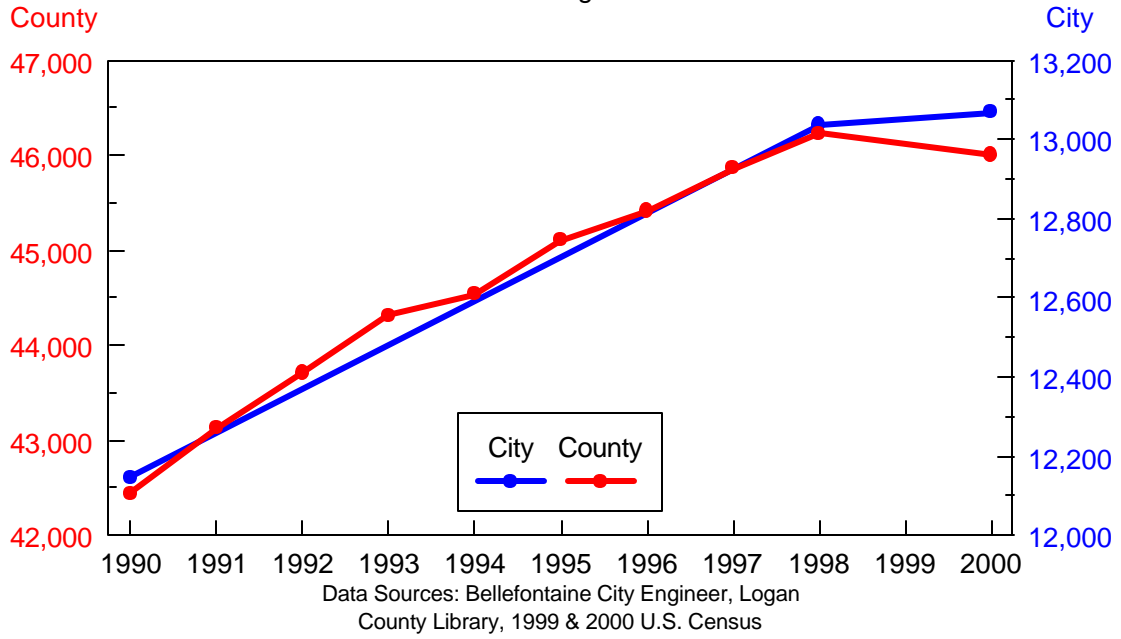
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II. CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE

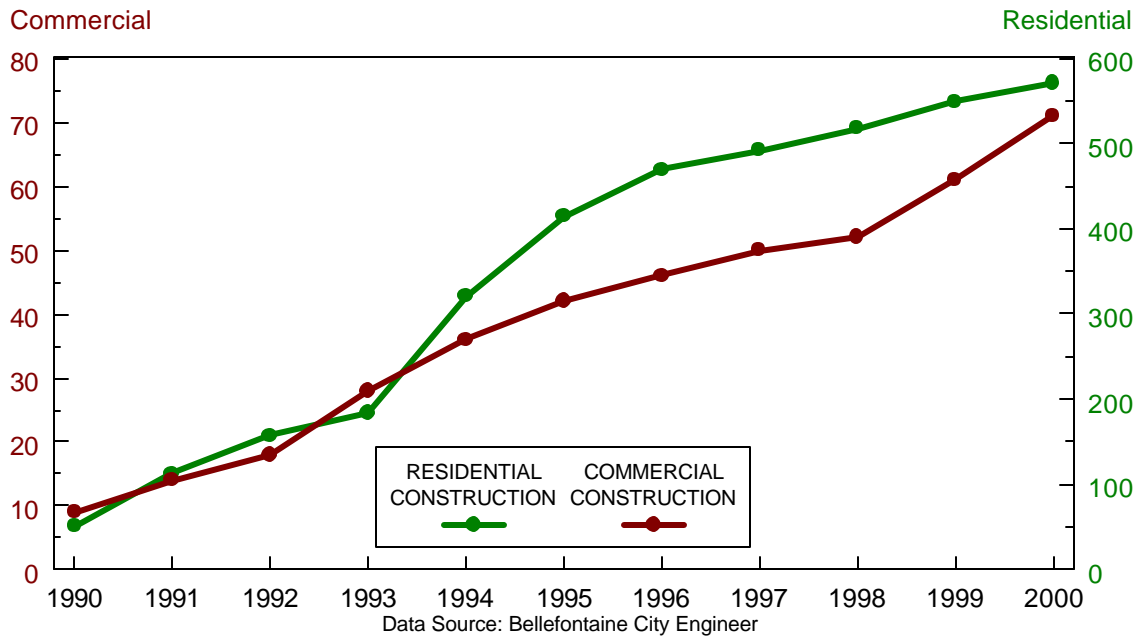
Bellefontaine is the county seat of Logan County in west central Ohio, approximately 60 miles northwest of Columbus. A rural community with both an agricultural and industrial economic base, Bellefontaine has experienced sustained growth in many areas, as indicated in the accompanying charts.



BELLEFONTAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 City & County Population Estimates
 1990 through 2000



NEW CONSTRUCTION PERMITS CUMULATIVE
 1990 THRU 2000



III. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Bellefontaine Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in our community by working cooperatively with the public and by upholding the Constitution of the United States. We will constantly strive to ensure peace and security through a sensitive, caring and creative police service.

IV. VALUES

In 1994, the police department employees developed and adopted a system of values to guide us in our daily activity and decision making.

As leaders in our community we are committed to law enforcement professionalism through...

INTEGRITY

We will strive to uphold the public trust, by being honest, competent, and consistent in our beliefs and actions. We will hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct.

PRIDE

We will, as members of our Department, take pride in ourselves, our profession and our community. Working as a team, we will strive to be role models for our community by enthusiastically excelling in quality performance.

SERVICE

We will dedicate ourselves to improve the quality of life in our community by providing a safe environment for all. We are committed to protecting life and property, reducing fear, and developing a partnership with citizens to prevent and solve crime.

FAIRNESS

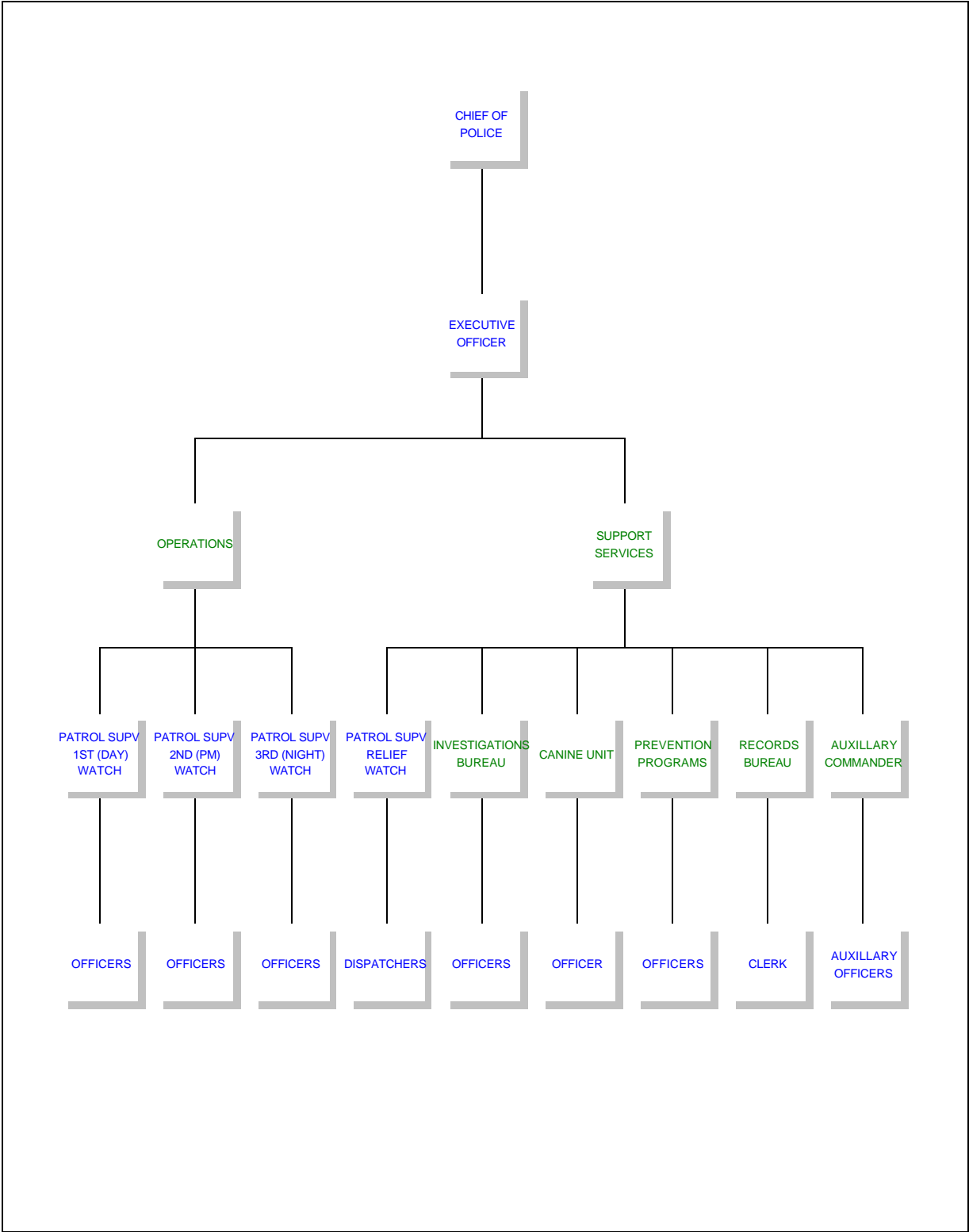
We will consistently treat all people in this community and within our department with dignity, compassion, and without prejudice. We will protect the constitutional and civil rights of everyone through impartial enforcement of the law.

V. DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL
AS OF
JANUARY 1, 2000

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position/Current Assignment</u>	<u>Serving Since</u>
Brad K. Kunze	Chief	01/78
Ronald E. Birt	Lt. /Executive Officer	01/81
Steven L. Stout	Sergeant/Patrol	02/78
Edwin Michael Ewing	Sergeant/Patrol	01/89
David Stidam	Sergeant/Patrol	01/88
Brian R. Kennedy	Officer/Detective	06/80
James C. Tetirick	Officer/Patrol	12/86
Donald Allen Shields	Officer/Detective	01/89
Randy L. Knox	Officer/Patrol	01/89
Glenn C. Newland	Officer/Patrol	02/89
Scott A. Stewart	Canine Officer/Patrol	01/90
David D. Costin	Officer/Patrol	01/91
Dennis M. McBrien	Officer/Patrol	01/91
Richard D. Herring	Officer/D.A.R.E. Program	09/91
Scott W. Sebring	Officer/Patrol	11/91
Thomas S. Meek	Officer/Patrol	04/92
Edward M. Peters	Officer/D.A.R.E. Program	04/92
Blake A. Kenner	Officer/Patrol	04/92
Roger L. Hager	Officer/Patrol	09/92
Brandon K. Standley	Officer/Patrol	09/95
John P. Godwin	Officer/Patrol	01/96
Neill E. Rhodes	Officer/Patrol	09/96
Christopher S. Marlow	Officer/Patrol	01/98
W. S. Hayes O'Rielley	Officer/Patrol	01/98
Cynthia A. Givens	Clerk/Support	01/87
Cathy D. Levan	Dispatcher/Communications	07/90
Danielle L. Meek	Dispatcher/Communications	01/93
Dwight P. Salyer	Dispatcher/Communications	12/95
Douglas A. Walters	Dispatcher/Communications	01/96
Angela L. Hall	Dispatcher/Communications	06/96
Lyn L. Marker	Dispatcher/Communications	01/97
Kimberly C. Rhoads	Dispatcher/Communications	06/98
Patrick J. Tynan	Auxiliary Officer/Patrol	01/79
Gary R. Carnes	Auxiliary Officer/Patrol	11/86
Richard J. Core	Auxiliary Officer/Patrol	01/91
Jeffrey B. Roberts	Auxiliary Officer/Patrol	03/95
Greg Vanbuskirk	Auxiliary Officer/Patrol	10/99
Rex	Canine/Patrol	04/97

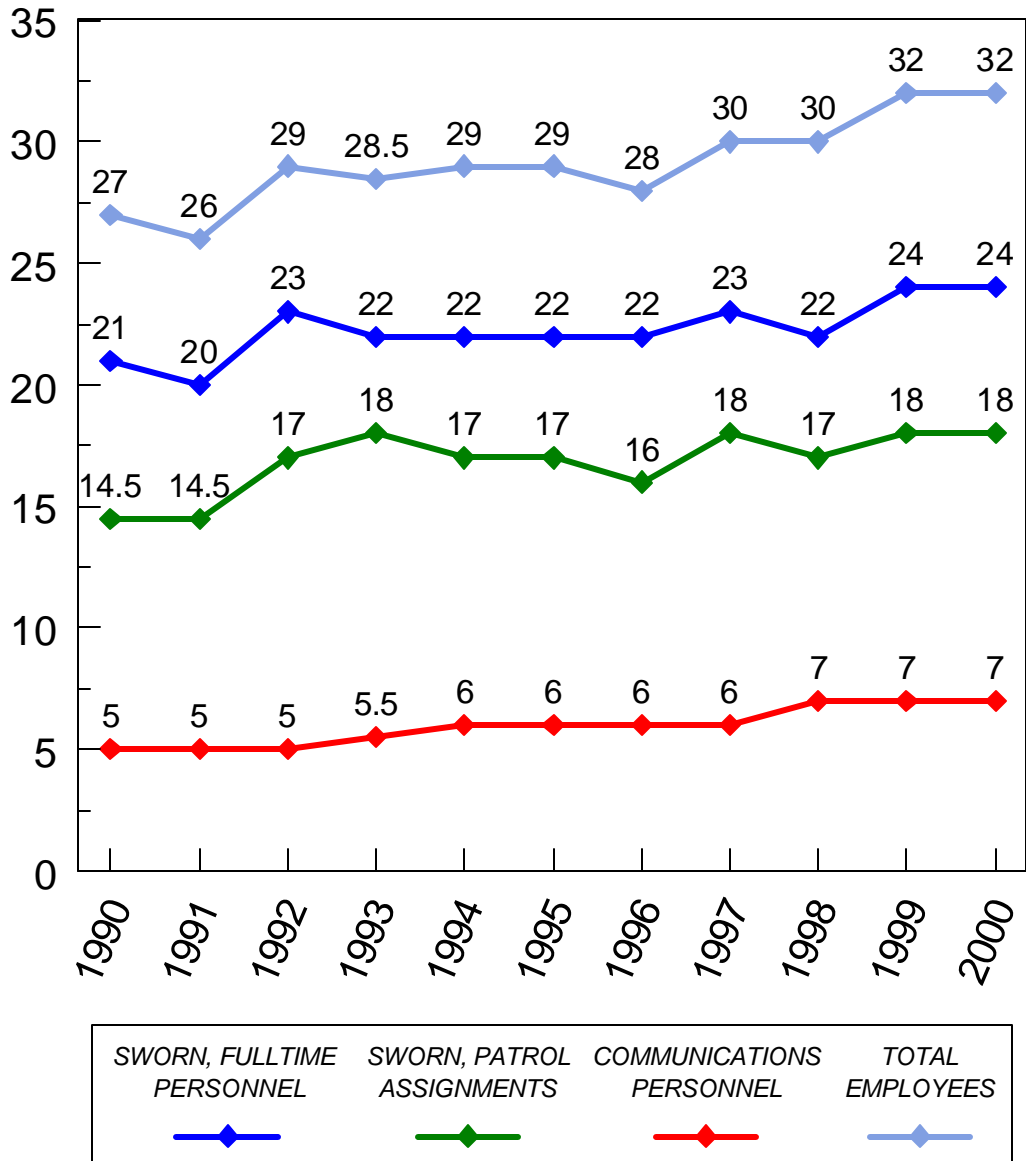
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ORGANIZATION TABLE



BELLEFONTAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Staffing as of January 1st
1990 THRU 2000



VI. TRAINING

CAREER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

The following is a chronological list of some of the specialized training programs that employees successfully completed during the year. In addition to mandated firearms qualifications, group and roll call training was conducted on various issues and topics.

January OH-1 Traffic Crash Report Revisions

February Management In Law Enforcement (2 employees)
Remington Armorer

March BAC DataMaster Proficiency & Testing (14 employees)
OH-1 Traffic Crash Report Revisions (18 employees)

April BAC DataMaster Proficiency & Testing (2 employees)
Coaching Skills (4 employees)
ASP Baton Training (26 employees)
CPR & First Aid (28 employees)
Issues of Laws and Arrest

May First Line Supervision (2 employees)
Street Drugs: Recognition and Identification (4 employees)

June Firearms Simulator Training (22 employees)
Ethics For The Police Leader (2 employees)

July Traffic Crash Investigation
Drug Interdiction (4 employees)

August D.A.R.E. Retrainer (4 employees)
SRT Basic Training
Child Injury Investigation (2 employees)

September BAC DataMaster Proficiency Testing (2 employees)
canine First Aid (3 employees)

October BAC DataMaster Proficiency Testing (2 employees)
A.D.A.P.* (2 employees)

November Interview and Interrogation (Reid)
Management In Law Enforcement (2 employees)

December Advanced Interview and Interrogation (Reid)

*(A.D.A.P.T.) Advanced Detection, Apprehension and Prosecution of Persons Under the Influence of Alcohol
Approximate Total Specialized Training Hours: 1521.8

VII. PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

To further our organization's objectives, employees hold memberships and participate in the activities of several professional organizations. Chief Kunze completed his term as President of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and will remain on their Executive Committee for the following year. He is also a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). The department holds memberships in the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International, Inc. (APCO) and the National Emergency Number Association (NENA). Lieutenant Birt represents the department's membership in the Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLLEN), a Regional Information Sharing Systems program; Sergeants Peters and Herring represent the department in the D.A.R.E. Association of Ohio; Sgt. Stidam represents the department as a member of the Ohio Crime Prevention Association; Detective Kennedy represents the department as a member of Narcotics Association of Regional Coordinating Officers of Ohio (NARCO); and Officer Stewart represents the department as a member of United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) and National Police Work Dog Association.

During 2000, officers participated in the production of an in-service training video by the Ohio Department of Public Safety. A joint effort of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association, five officers and four community residents participated in filming scenarios concerning professional traffic stops and racial profiling. The completed video was distributed to all law enforcement agencies in Ohio and was requested by several out of state agencies.

2000 saw Sgt. Ed Peters ascend to the office of President of the D.A.R.E. Association of Ohio, having been elected second vice president in 1998. Following his term as President, Sgt. Peters will serve an additional year on the D.A.O. governing body.

VIII. PREVENTION INITIATIVES

Our agency provides the community with numerous informative and educational activities to young people. In 2000, as a part of the expanding services to meet the needs of the Bellefontaine community, these included:

Drug Abuse Resistance Education - Teaching kids to resist drugs and violence.

Our D.A.R.E. Program consists of two full time D.A.R.E. Officers who are supervised by the executive officer. In 2000, the D.A.R.E. program was taught in kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh, and ninth grades in the Bellefontaine City Schools. Additionally, we instructed the fifth grade core curriculum at Calvary Christian School, as well as, kindergarten, first, and second grade. Approximately 1500 students from the Bellefontaine community received lessons on drug abuse and violence prevention education during the 1999/2000 school year. Over 250 fifth grade students successfully graduated the D.A.R.E. core curriculum at the Bellefontaine High School on February 1, 2000.

Third Grade Seat Belt Program

A continuing program is our third grade seat belt safety program. Funded in part by grants and materials from the Ohio Department of Public Safety and the National Child Safety Council, approximately 250 third graders received instruction about the importance of wearing seat belts and airbag education, helping kids understand that 'sitting in the back is where it's at' when it comes to small children and child safety seats.

Community Events

Our D.A.R.E. officers and other department personnel provided instruction on bicycle safety, pedestrian safety, personal safety, and gun safety to all elementary schools during the Bellefontaine City School's health fairs held during the spring of 2000.

Bicycle Rodeo Program

The sixth annual Bike Rodeo was another success. Over 200 area children attended this bicycle safety event that took place June 10, 2000 at Blue Jacket Park. The Bellefontaine Police Department, along with other law enforcement, businesses, and health agencies in Logan County, spent their time educating children about bicycle law in Ohio, providing free bicycle registration and bicycle safety checks, and testing the participant's talents on the bicycle skill course. Over 220 free bicycle helmets were given away to the children, as well as other prizes.

Safety Town

Employees from our agency, along with other service providers, instructed five weeks of the 38th annual Safety Town, sponsored by the Bellefontaine Exchange Club. Safety Town is held at Western Elementary School in Bellefontaine, where over 250 children from the Logan County community received instruction about how to be safe around the street, at school, at home, and near strangers. Numerous lessons were taught on these topics; the instruction included trips to the Bellefontaine Fire Department to learn about fire safety, and the Bellefontaine Police Department to learn about calling 9-1-1.

D.A.R.E. Summer Camp Program

In 2000, the summer program completed its fourth year by offering our five-day program at the YMCA Wilson Outdoor Center. Approximately 30 area young people experienced fun and meaningful activities that improved their life skills from adapted lessons in the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. curriculums.

Area community leaders attended and provided interesting presentations. Our employees provided lessons about forming friendships, gang, drugs, decision making, responsibility, and goal setting. The campers enjoyed many activities including arts and crafts, swimming, boating and fishing. Outdoor group activities involved teamwork, problem solving, and building self-confidence. The campers eagerly accepted their numerous challenges.

YMCA staff assisted the youth with their outdoor activities, provided van transportation to and from camper pick-up locations, and participated with officers during lessons. Donatos Pizza owner Jim Snyder, again donated the lunches for each camper and staff for the entire week. The D.A.R.E. Summer Camp reached out to fourth through sixth grade youngsters who were identified as 'at risk' by area educators. Other campers were selected as peer role models to provide a balance of camper participants.

G.R.E.A.T. Program

Instruction in the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) program was provided to approximately 250 sixth graders from the Bellefontaine Middle School in May of 2000. The G.R.E.A.T. program is designed to help middle school students become responsible members of their communities, by setting goals for themselves, resisting pressures, learning how to resolve conflicts, and understanding how gangs impact the quality of their life. G.R.E.A.T. is a nine week program, culminating with a certificate of graduation, a new philosophical outlook concerning gang activity and the tools needed to resist gang pressures.

IX. POLICE CANINE UNIT

In April of 1997 we re-established a canine unit. Our department utilizes it's canine team in the apprehension of suspects, crime scene search, missing persons search and the detection of drugs. Through the utilization of the canine team, we provide a resource to meet the following objectives:

1. Reduce the time and manpower needed to thoroughly search a building or structure;
2. Reduce the likelihood of injuries to police officers resulting from criminal attacks by providing a timely response to incidents that manifest high police officer hazards;
3. Increase the number of suspects apprehended while in the process of committing a criminal act;
4. Increase the time available for patrol officers to dedicate to other pro-active policing responsibilities;
5. Increase the number of successful drug prosecutions;
6. Enhance our response to missing or lost persons.

Our canine, a Belgian Malinois (pronounced *Mal-en-wah*) named Rex, and Officer Scott Stewart comprise our canine team. They are considered a crossed trained team as they are dual certified by the State of Ohio and perform the tasks of both a patrol and a narcotics canine team.

Canine Activity and Statistics

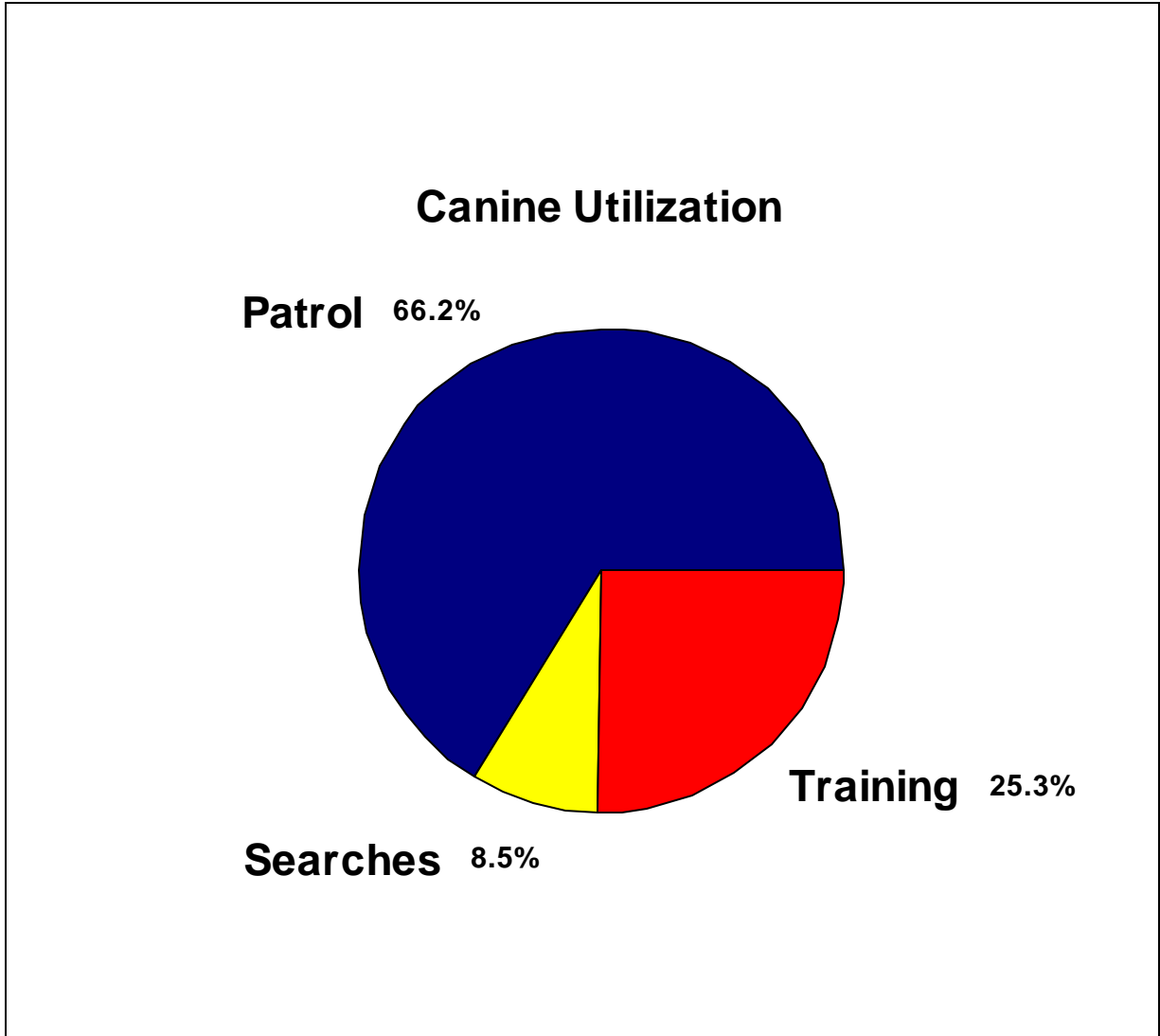
2000 was an active year for the canine team. Canine activity is grouped into four different areas: training, public relations, special duties, and patrol duties.

In 2000 the canine team logged 422 hours of training. This includes daily obedience training with the officer and animal to group training with other canine teams from around the state. Our canine team's weekly training consists of working on basic commands to complex tasks, such as tracking, drug searches, article searches and officer protection techniques. Their proficiency is greatly assisted by the involvement of other employees who assist with the training.

Community relations are very important for the canine program. Officer Stewart and Rex made three presentations for a number of different community groups throughout the year. Their appearances were very well received and were considered both informational and educational by the recipients.

Our canine team's activity includes both special duty and patrol duty. Special duty are those requests made of the team outside their normal patrol duty. In 2000 the canine team was involved in fifteen school searches, and seventy-four call outs. Call outs are when other officers or agencies request the team outside their scheduled hours. Our canine team was involved in one incident which required tracking. Forty-eight vehicle searches and twenty-six house searches resulted in forty drug alerts. Some of the drugs found included marijuana, cocaine, crack cocaine, and methamphetamine.

Perhaps the greatest value of a police canine lies in its mere presence. The psychological effect is tremendous and it is difficult to measure the deterrent effect. It is not the function of a police dog to replace a police officer, but rather to complement and work in conjunction with him. Our police canine team has quickly established itself as a valued resource to area officers and the community, both saving time and money and helping protect officers and citizens from criminals and crime.



X. MAJOR ACTIVITY BY MONTH

The following is a partial synopsis of major department activity during 2000.

January 2000 Officers responded to a breaking and entering in progress at a local business. The first officers to arrive discovered the glass front door to the business had been broken out, and electronic equipment had been taken. The departments canine team was called in, and in less than an hour, tracked the perpetrator to a residence, where the subject admitted his crime and the stolen property was recovered. The man was charged with felony breaking and entering.

February 2000 After a three month investigation by detectives involving a twelve year old girl who was sexually abused, a local man was arrested and charged with two counts of rape, and one count of kidnapping involving a incident which occurred approximately four years ago when the victim was eight years old.

Officers acting on information about the whereabouts of stolen property from a local breaking and entering, searched a city residence and recovered the evidence. The subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of three men, who were each charged with felony breaking and entering.

March 2000 Two juveniles grabbed a hand gun from the display case of a local gun shop and fled on foot. The owner called the police and gave descriptions of the two suspects. Officers started a search and the two were located a short distance away and were arrested. The hand gun was recovered and the juveniles were charged.

April 2000 An investigation into a residential burglary ended with the arrest of a suspect. The home of an elderly lady was broken into, and jars of coins were stolen from her house. Information gathered during the investigation led to a search warrant of the suspects residence. The search resulted in the recovery of evidence linking the suspect to the burglary. The suspect was charged with burglary.

May 2000 Police officers arranged to buy a half pound of marijuana from a drug dealer. Our special response team and the canine unit, were used to effect the arrest of the suspect as the transaction occurred in a local parking lot. A search of the suspects vehicle and home turned up drug scales, money, and more marijuana. The suspect was charged with trafficking in marijuana and preparation of drugs for sale, both felonies.

Acting on a report of a large amount of marijuana inside a local residence, officers of the departments special response team, the canine team, and uniformed officers executed a search warrant at the residence. A large amount of drugs and cash was seized from a safe. The suspect was charged with trafficking in drugs, preparation of drugs for sale, and permitting drug abuse.

Officers became involved in assisting the termination of a pursuit that began in Madison County, and passed through several jurisdictions, including Bellefontaine. We were advised that a prisoner had stolen a Madison County Sheriff's cruiser and was headed toward Bellefontaine. As the suspect approached the corporation limits, one of our officers attempted to deploy a spike system to disable the vehicle. The prisoner attempted to run down our officer with the vehicle, however the officer was able to jump out of the path of the vehicle at the last moment, avoiding being struck. The prisoner was finally apprehended by being forced off the road. He was charged with multiple offenses including the attempted murder of our officer.

The Investigations Bureau received a complaint of a stolen credit card that had been used within the city as well as Clark and Shelby Counties. Total charges to the card in a three day period were in excess of \$10,000.00. After an extensive investigation, the Logan County Grand Jury returned indictments against three individuals for credit card fraud and theft.

June 2000 The department received numerous 911 calls about an explosion in the northeast section of the city. Officers responded and learned from witnesses that two juveniles were setting off homemade bombs. Officers investigating the scene discovered a bottle of toilet bowl cleaner, which was used to make the homemade bombs. Also found was one plastic bottle that had exploded and another that had expanded but had not exploded. Working with the descriptions given by witnesses, the two juvenile suspects were identified and charged with inducing panic.

A man was arrested and charged with trafficking in marijuana after officers concluded an investigation into drug activity. Officers acting on information, set up surveillance on a suspected drug dealer. With the assistance of our special response team and the canine unit, the suspect was apprehended after officers witnessed a drug transaction. A subsequent search of the suspects vehicle and home turned up additional drugs and a large sum of money.

July 2000 A medical doctor working late in her office one evening, heard noises in the building. When she investigated the noises, she discovered that a perpetrator had broken into the building and was now breaking into the interior offices. The doctor was able to alert hospital security. The security guard then alerted a one of our officers who was in the emergency room with a prisoner needing medical treatment. Additional officers arrived and the outside of the building was secured. Officers located and arrested the burglar inside the building and arrested his accomplice, who was serving as a lookout near by.

Officers responded to an alarm at a local pharmacy. When officers searched the business, they discovered a suspect stealing drugs and attempting to hide from the officers behind a counter. Investigation revealed that the suspect entered the store during business hours and hid in the stock room until closing, and then while attempting to steal the drugs, set off the alarm. The defendant revealed that he did the same thing just two nights previous and escaped before the police could respond.

He was charged with two counts of breaking and entering, and the drugs were recovered from the defendants residence.

August 2000 Officers responded to an armed robbery and learned that a suspect entered a local store and approached the cashier with a package of rice krispies snacks, acting as if he intended to purchase it. The suspect then ordered the cashier at gun point to open the cash register and give him the money. The cashier did as she was told and the suspect then fled the scene with the money from the cash register. The cashier was able to obtain a license number of the suspects vehicle. With the use of a photo lineup, a felony arrest warrant was obtained and the suspect entered into the statewide law enforcement computer system. Two days later the suspect was located and arrested on our warrant by the Ohio State Highway Patrol at a rest area on I-70. Fingerprints taken from the package of rice krispies snacks matched the defendant.

Officers responded to the report of suspicious activity and was advised by a witness that a man was seen going back and forth down a alley carrying bags of items. The man was going down the alley carrying bags, and then returning empty handed. A short while later he was seen going back down the alley again with bags, and then returning empty handed. After three trips of this nature the witness called the police. As the officers investigated, they located the defendant emerging from the shattered front door of a local market carrying bags of food. The defendant was arrested and charged with breaking and entering.

September 2000 Officers responded to the downtown area on the report of a burglary in progress. It was learned that a perpetrator had broken out a glass front door to a downtown business. A witness hearing the noise went to investigate, and came upon the burglar. The burglar hit the citizen with a hammer and then fled the scene on foot. Upon obtaining a description of the burglar from the witness, officers started searching the area, and soon located a subject fitting the description. The witness identified the suspect as the burglar. The hammer that was thrown at the witness was later identified as belonging to another business in that location which had also been broken into that night. The suspect was charged with breaking and entering into both business, and felonious assault. The defendant was later convicted and sentenced to prison.

Officers responded to a west side residence to take a report of a stolen vehicle. Officers obtained a description and registration of the vehicle and alerted other units. A short time later the vehicle was spotted and officers attempted a traffic stop . The stolen vehicle tried to flee officers by accelerating to a high speed and running stop signs. The pursuit traveled down several streets and alleyways on the west side until the suspects lost control and crashed into a utility pole. Both suspects then fled the stolen vehicle while officers chased them on foot. Officers were able to run down one of the suspects and apprehend him. The other suspect was later apprehended at a local residence. Both suspects turned out to be juveniles and were charged with numerous violations including grand theft of a motor vehicle and fleeing.

Working with agents from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. A search warrant was obtained and then executed at a local bar after it had been determined the establishment was operating without a valid liquor license. All beer and spirituous liquor was seized as well as several thousand dollars in cash. The owner could no longer sell alcohol to the public.

October 2000 Police and fire personnel were dispatched to a bomb threat at a local fast food restaurant. Upon investigating the called in bomb threat. It was discovered that one of the employees who was working at the time, called in the threat on his cell phone. The employee was charge with inducing panic.

Acting upon information received about drug activity, Officers searched a west side residence with the assistance of the departments canine team. A large amount of marijuana, LSD and cash were located. The drugs were hidden in cookie tins behind a wall. The cash was kept in a plastic bag attached to a string, also hidden behind a wall. The suspect was charged with drug trafficking.

November 2000 The investigation into a man attempting to obtain drugs by deception resulted in his arrest. Officers responded to a concern from hospital personnel about a man attempting to have a prescription filled. Upon checking into the complaint, it was discovered the suspect was falsifying prescriptions to obtain schedule 3 drugs. The suspect was arrested and lodged in the county jail.

December 2000 The completion of the investigation into a fight outside of a local bar revealed that a man who had been involved in the fight, jumped into a car and intentionally drove the vehicle into a group of people, striking one individual. The man then backed the car across the parking lot and attempted to run down the people a second time. The suspect fled the area but was stopped and arrested a short distance from the scene. The victim was transported to the hospital, and the suspect was charged with aggravated vehicular assault.

Officers were dispatched to a local grocery on the report of a fight between the manager and a shoplifter. Investigation revealed that a suspect attempted to steal 20 cans of baby formula and when confronted by store employees, the suspect tried to flee. In an attempt to detain the suspect, a struggle ensued with both the suspect and the store employee falling into a wine display with both men receiving cuts from the broken bottles. An off duty police officer who was passing by helped restrain the suspect until uniformed officers arrived. It is known that baby formula is used as a cutting agent for making crack cocaine. It was learned that the suspect was from Columbus, Ohio and was wanted out of Franklin County for probation violation. The defendant was charged with robbery.

XI. PATROL ACTIVITIES

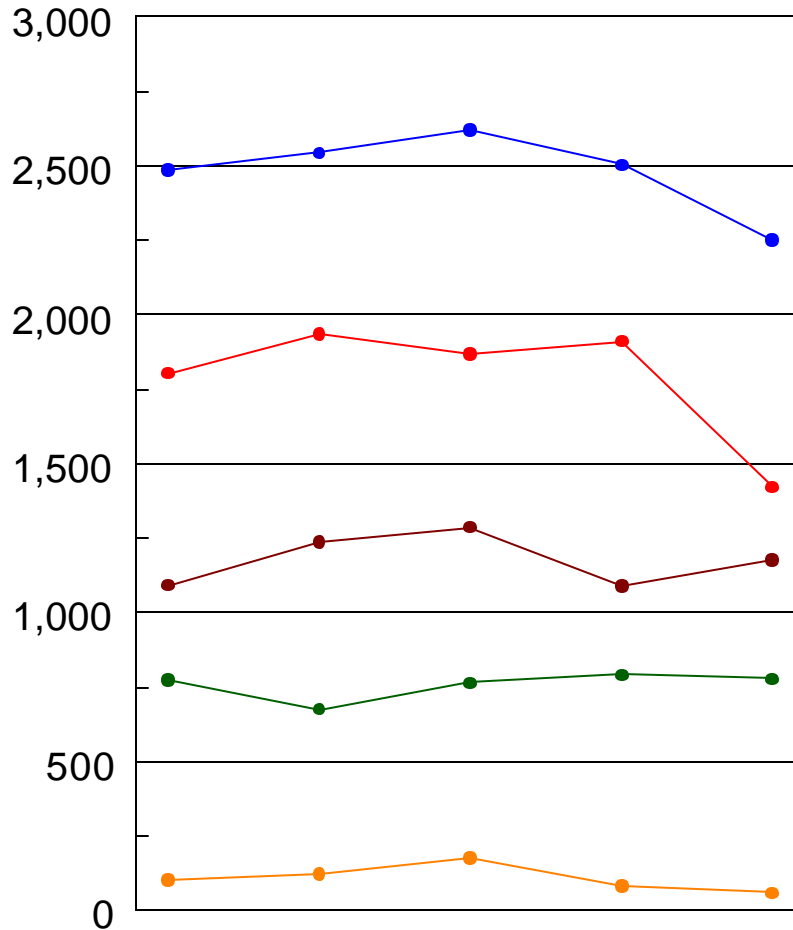
Calls for Service:

Police communications recorded 34,535 call transactions in 2000. While this total does not include questions, request for directions or advice, all follow-up contacts, or the many other undocumented daily contacts we have with citizens; it does include radio traffic transactions to headquarters. Of these call transactions, 3,438 were initiated via the 911 emergency system, while 2,247 required detailed documentation as a police incident report. The following is a partial breakdown based on the number and type of transactions recorded through our communication center in 2000 (see UCR statistics for specific crime figures):

<u>TYPE OF CALL</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Menacing / Threats	363
Fight in Progress	240
Assault	302
Stabbing / Cutting	6
Shooting	3
Rape	17
Sex Offense Report	47
Neighbor Trouble	507
Domestic Problem	476
Person with a Knife	6
Person with a Gun	18
Suspicious Vehicle Investigated	644
Prowler Report	87
Suspicious Person	301
Juvenile Complaints	706
Missing Persons	136
Suicide Report / Complaint	39
Report of an Injured or Sick Person	206
Death Report	6
Check Forgery	21
Armed Robbery / Strong Armed Robbery	4
Burglary	152
Theft	786
Shoplifting	64
Auto Theft Report / Complaint	73
Drugs	85

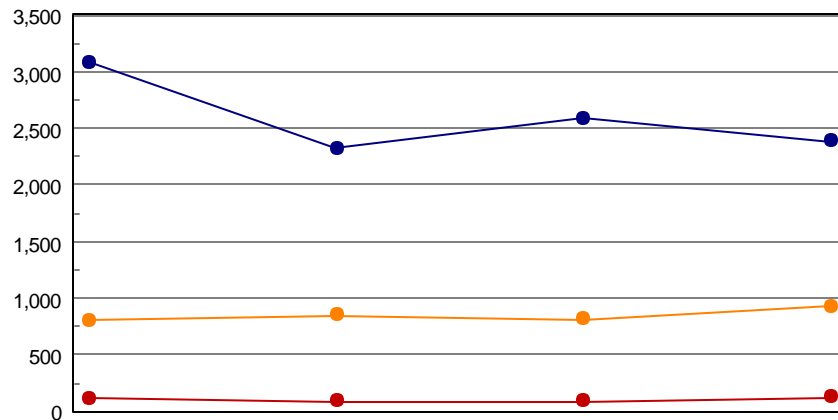
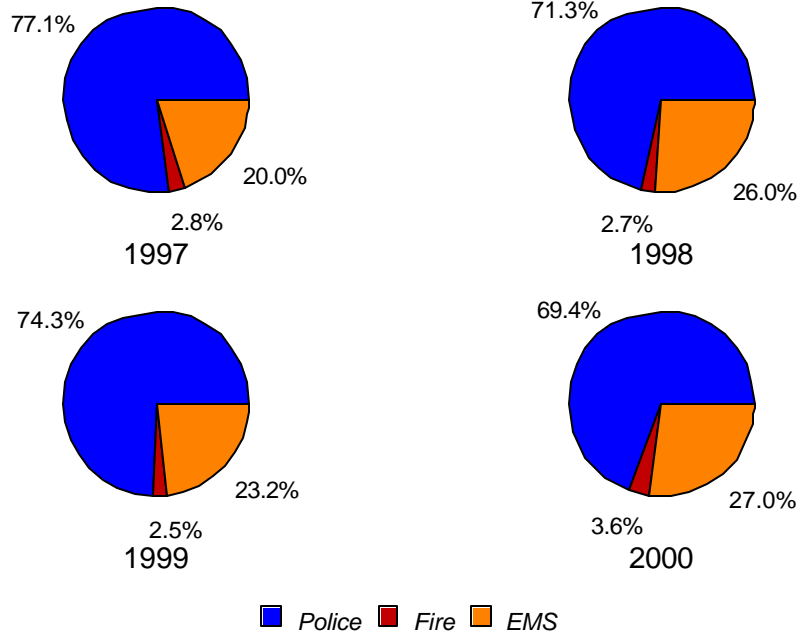
<u>TYPE OF CALL</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Accidents	921
Hit & Run Accident Report	189
Direct Traffic	89
Traffic Stops	1,503
Parked / Abandoned Vehicle Complaint	757
Junk Vehicle Complaint	142
Vehicle Making Disturbance	247
Lock Outs	24
Motorist Assist	303
Intoxicated Driver	192
Intoxicated Pedestrian	175
Dog Complaints	330
Hunting / Target Shooting	30
Bomb Scare	4
Alarms / Bank Alarms	715
Trash Complaint	66
Telephone Nuisance Complaint	159
Message Delivery	272
Trespassing Complaint	190
Property Recovery	646
Vandalism	526
Escorts	1,063
Foot Patrol	184
House Checks	466
911 (Nature Unknown)	207
Crimes in Progress (Nature Unknown)	1
Unknown Problem	17
Ambulance request	1,060
Fire	267
Warrant / Complaint Service	1,256
Arrest	417
Summons	491
Subpoena	348

BELLEFONTAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMPREHENSIVE ACTIVITY COMPARISON
 1996 Thru 2000



	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Offense Reports ●	2,483	2,541	2,616	2,500	2,247
Arrests ●	1,089	1,234	1,284	1,085	1,173
Accidents ●	769	673	761	788	775
Traffic Citations ●	1,801	1,931	1,866	1,908	1,419
DUI Arrests ●	97	120	173	80	56

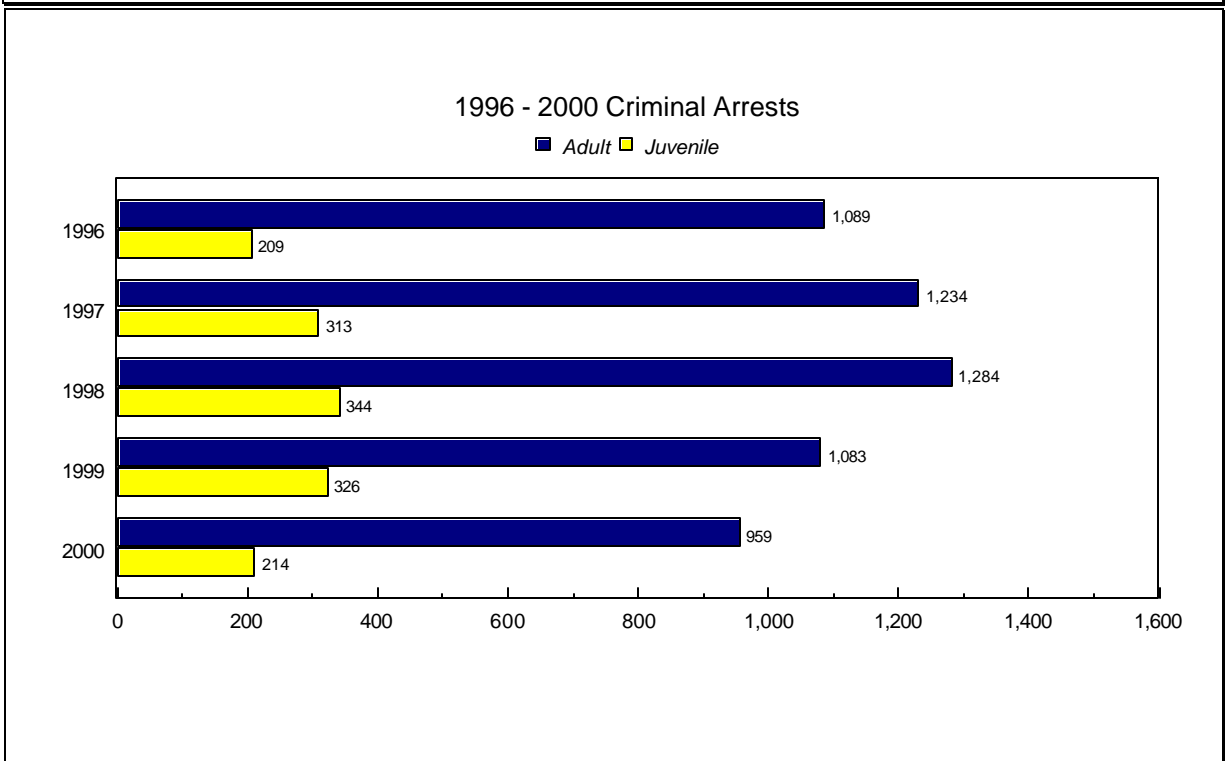
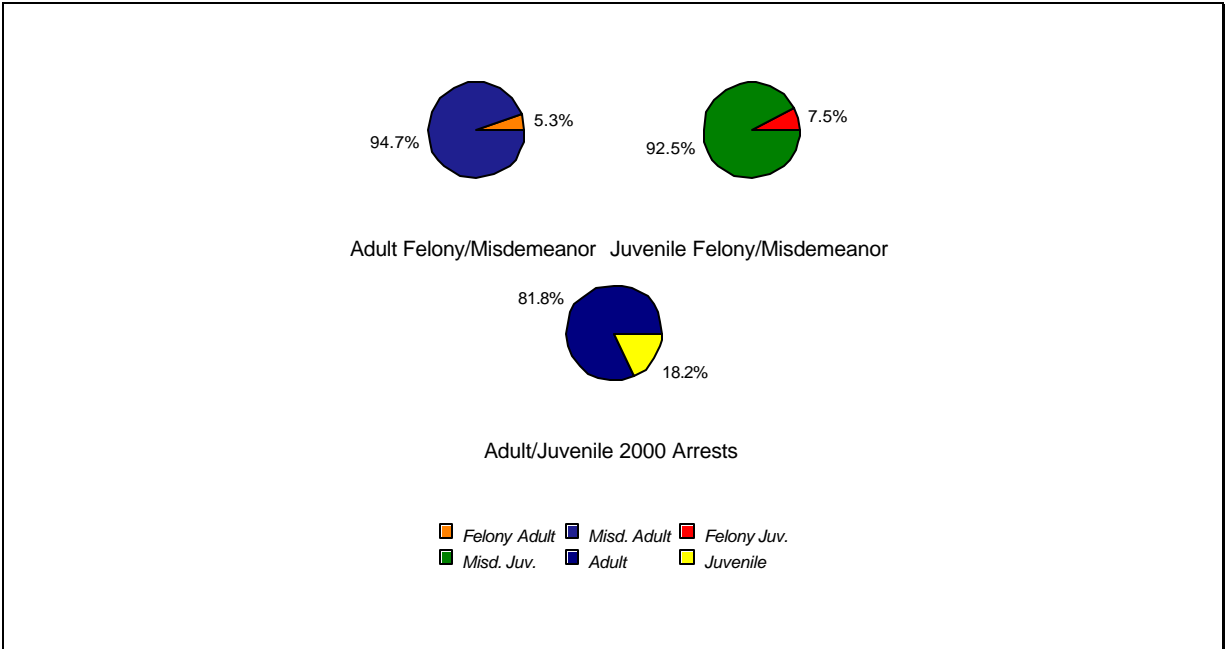
Primary Service Response
911 Call Activity
1997 through 2000



	1997	1998	1999	2000
Police	3,085	2,319	2,586	2,386
Fire	113	87	89	124
EMS	801	845	808	928

CRIMINAL ARRESTS

A total of 1,173 arrests were made on criminal charges in 2000. Our officers made 959 adult arrests in 2000, of which 908 were misdemeanor arrests, with 51 being felony arrests. In addition 214 juvenile arrests were made, of which 198 were misdemeanor arrests, with 16 were felony arrests.



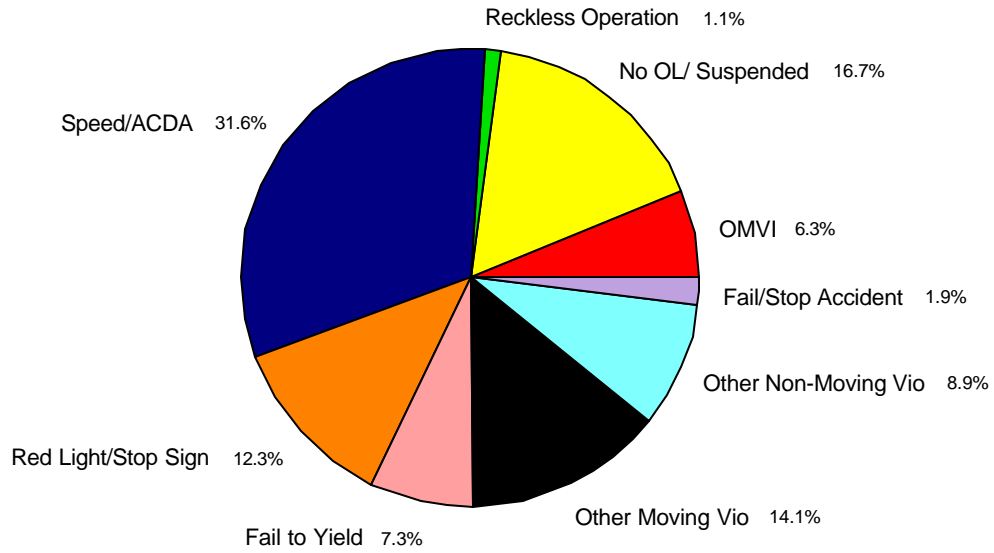
Traffic Enforcement

In 2000 our agency issued 1,419 traffic citations. Of that number 1,297 citations were issued to adults, while 122 citations were issued to juveniles.

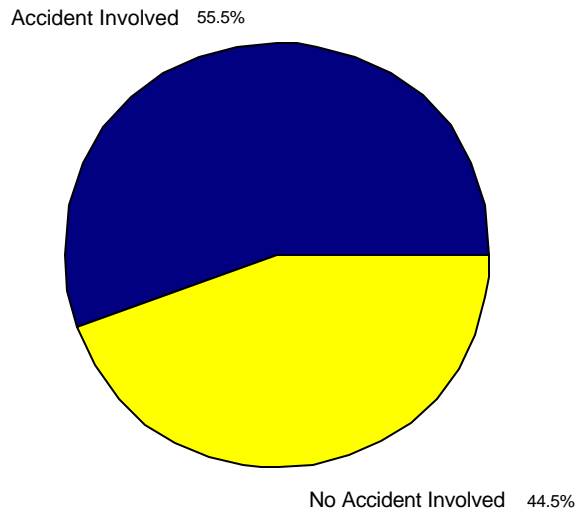
Violations by Category

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number of Citations</u>
OMVI	82
Driving Under Suspension	131
No Operator's License	87
Reckless Operation	14
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	25
Failure to Maintain Control	65
Speed	248
ACDA	166
Red Light	61
Stop Sign	100
Failure to Yield Right of Way	95
Child Restraint Violation	6
Seat Belt Violation	104
Expired License Plates	61
Driving W / Temp. Permit W / O License Driver	7
Improper Backing	55
Improper Lane Use	37
Nuisance Operation	11
Wrong Way on One Way Street	16
Other Violations	48

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS ISSUED



2000 Violation Totals By Type



2000 Violations

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

During 2000, 775 traffic accidents were reported to our department. Of those crashes, 529 occurred on public property and 246 occurred on private property; 41 crashes were determined or reported to involve personal injury. The top five causes of accidents on public streets were:

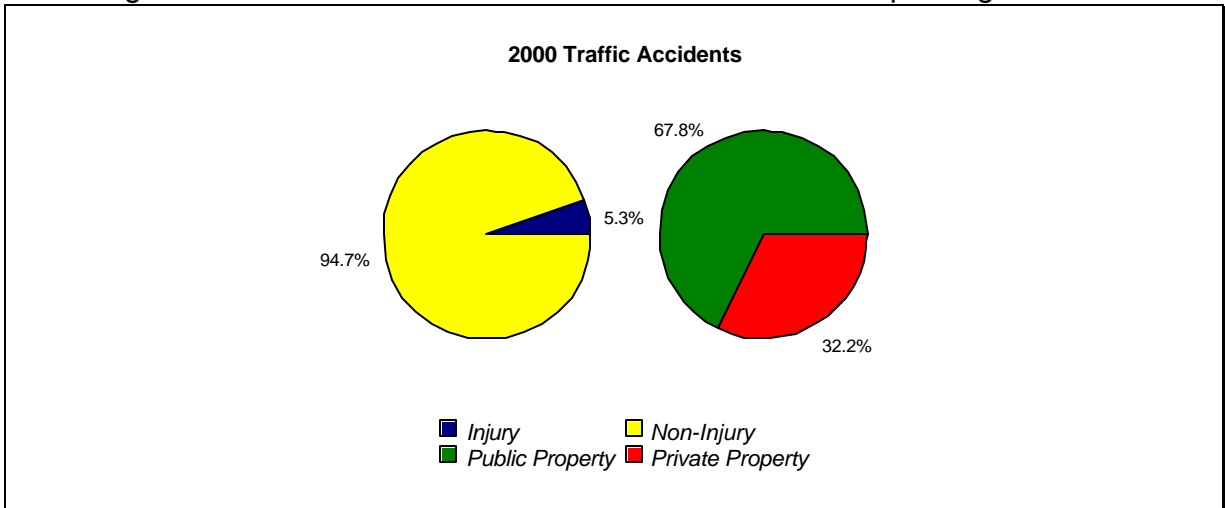
#	Cause
185	Failure to maintain an assured clear distance ahead / excessive speed
129	Improper backing
103	Failure to control
91	Failure to yield the right of way
43	Driver inattention

The top five causes of accidents on private property were:

#	Cause
77	Improper Backing
34	Driver Inattention
29	Failure to Control
18	Other Driver Error
8	Failure to yield

The top five accident locations based on frequency of occurrence were:

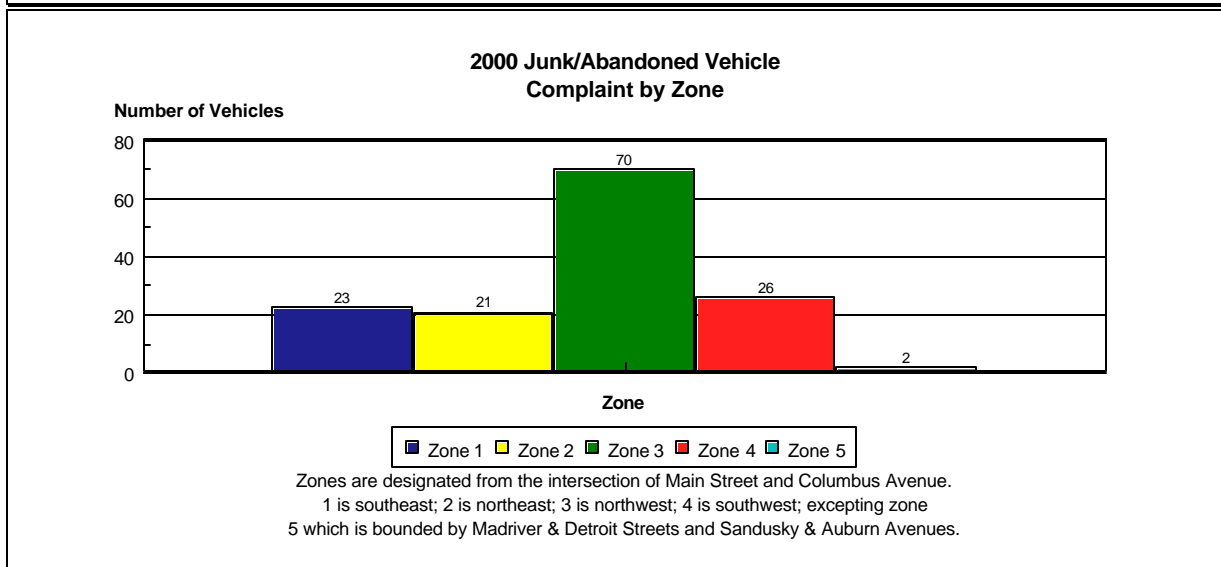
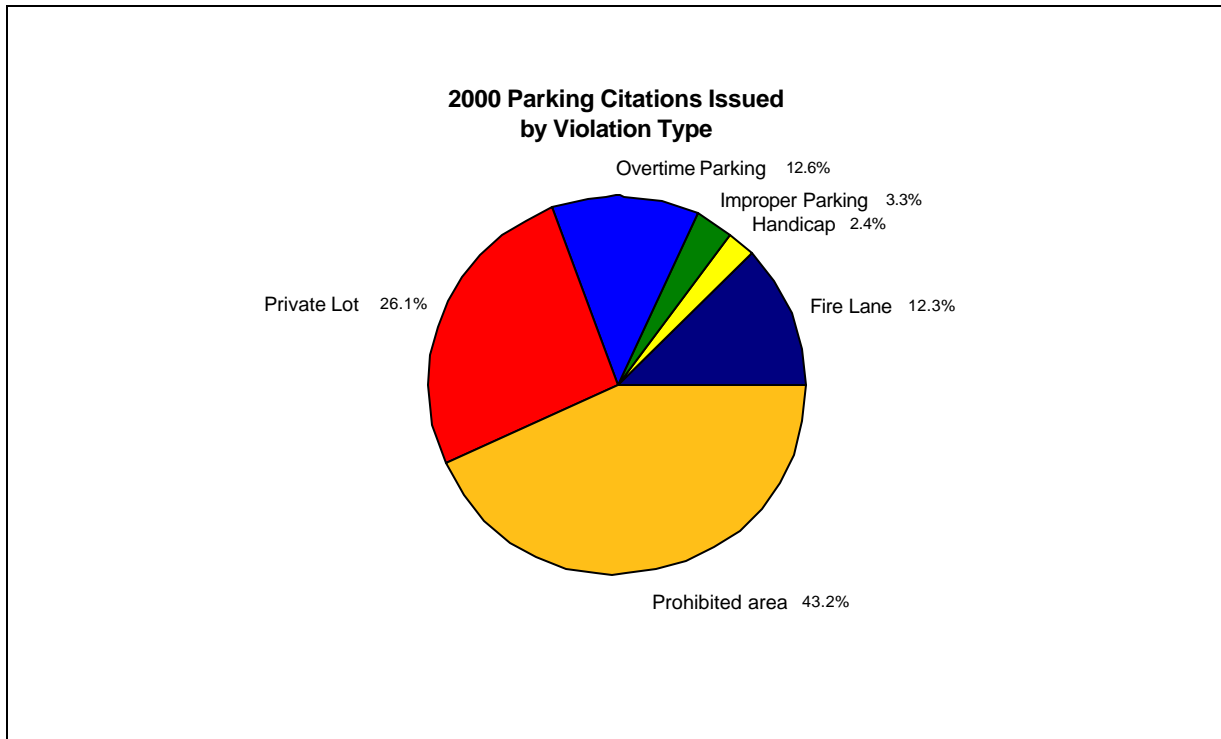
#	Public Streets	#	Private Property
18	Main Street at Sandusky Avenue	30	Hi-Point Village Plaza parking lot
9	800 block North Main Street	12	High School parking lot
9	Detroit at Sandusky Avenue	11	Newell Street Apartments
8	Main Street at Lake Avenue	10	City Building parking lot
7	Augusta at Main Street	8	Siemens parking lot



PARKING COMPLAINTS

In 2000 we responded to 899 parking complaints. Of those complaints, 142 were related to junk or abandoned vehicles; all told, 371 parking citations were issued.

During 2000 we impounded 156 vehicles; 95 of these vehicles were subsequently re-leased to their owners. Salvage disposal or abandonment sales were held for forty-eight vehicles.



XII. INVESTIGATIONS

Investigation Bureau

The Investigations Bureau consists of two officers assigned as detectives and supervised by the Executive Officer. This Bureau is responsible for the investigation of all major crimes and has unique experience and training in conducting death investigations as well as sexual assault, illegal drug and other complex criminal investigations using modern forensic equipment and techniques.

The main purpose of the bureau is to conduct complex investigations and assist the patrol officers with protracted investigations, thereby increasing our effectiveness and the time of officers have available for their duties. A detective responds to process significant crime scenes and coordinates investigative efforts and follow-up with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation as well as other forensic investigative units.

Detectives are also assigned the responsibility of monitoring pawn shops, maintaining property and evidence custody as well as being trained to process crime scene photos in our darkroom. They maintain membership in various state and national organizations to enhance their expertise and have coordinated and assisted in the successful prosecution of many criminal cases.

To compliment the services of our Investigations Bureau, **a crime tips line, 599-TIPS (599-8477)** is maintained for callers to leave information about investigations or to initiate new investigations. This number enables the caller to remain anonymous and allows citizens, who may otherwise be reluctant, to come forward with information. **Callers may also speak directly to or leave messages for investigators by dialing their direct telephone line, 599-3554.**

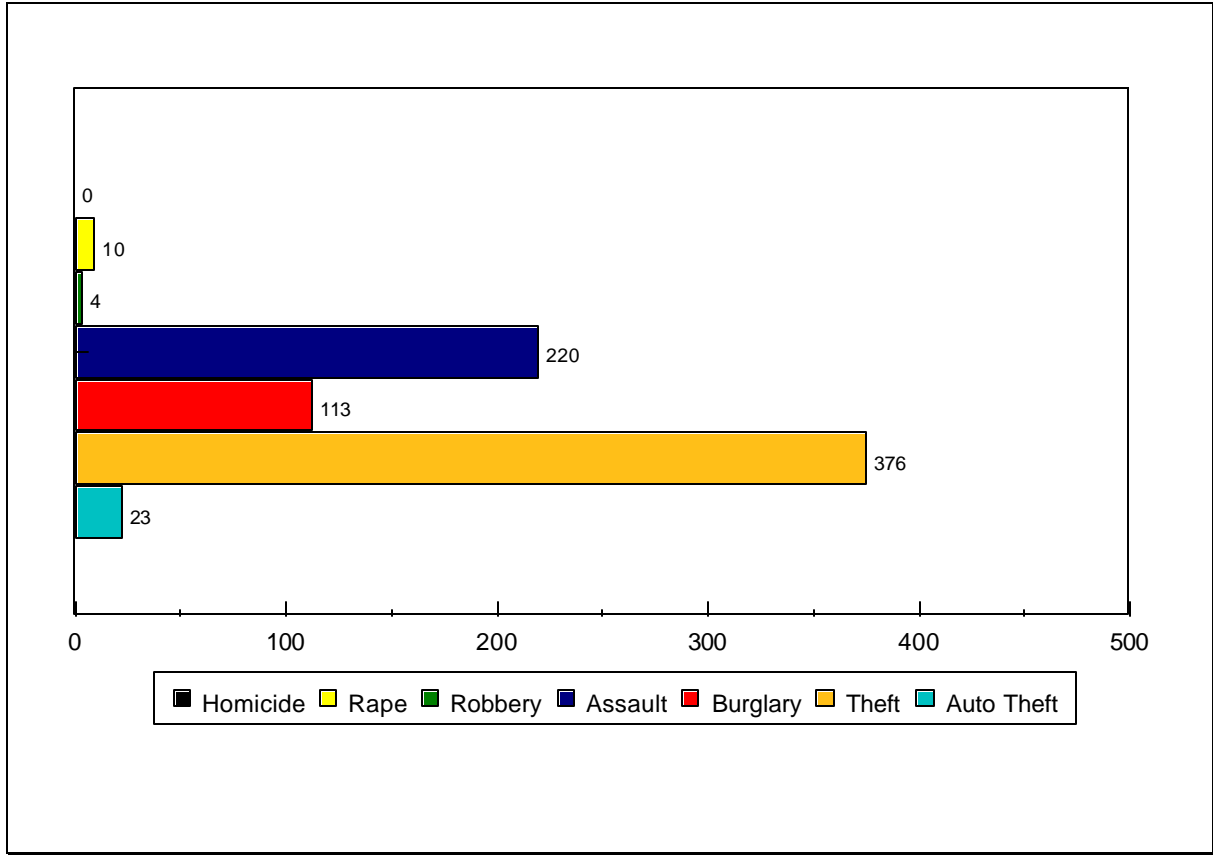
Detectives initiated or provided technical and/or specialized assistance in the investigation of 298 cases during 2000.

XIII. CRIME IN BELLEFONTAINE

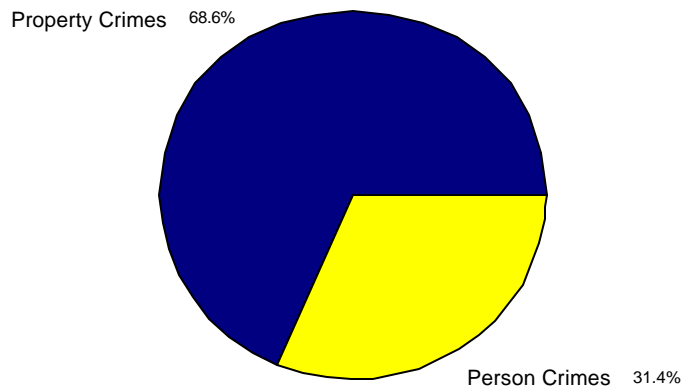
PART I UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS

<u>Criminal Offenses</u>		<u>Total Number</u>
Homicide		0
Rape		10
Robbery		4
Firearm	1	
Knife	1	
Other Weapon	0	
Strong Arm	2	
Assault		220
Firearm	0	
Knife	2	
Other Weapon	3	
Strong Arm	3	
Non Aggravated	212	
Burglary		113
Forcible Entry	94	
Non forcible Entry	9	
Attempt	10	
Larceny - Theft		376
Motor Vehicle Theft		23
Auto	16	
Trucks	1	
Other Vehicles	6	

Uniform Crime Reports 2000 Part 1 Crimes



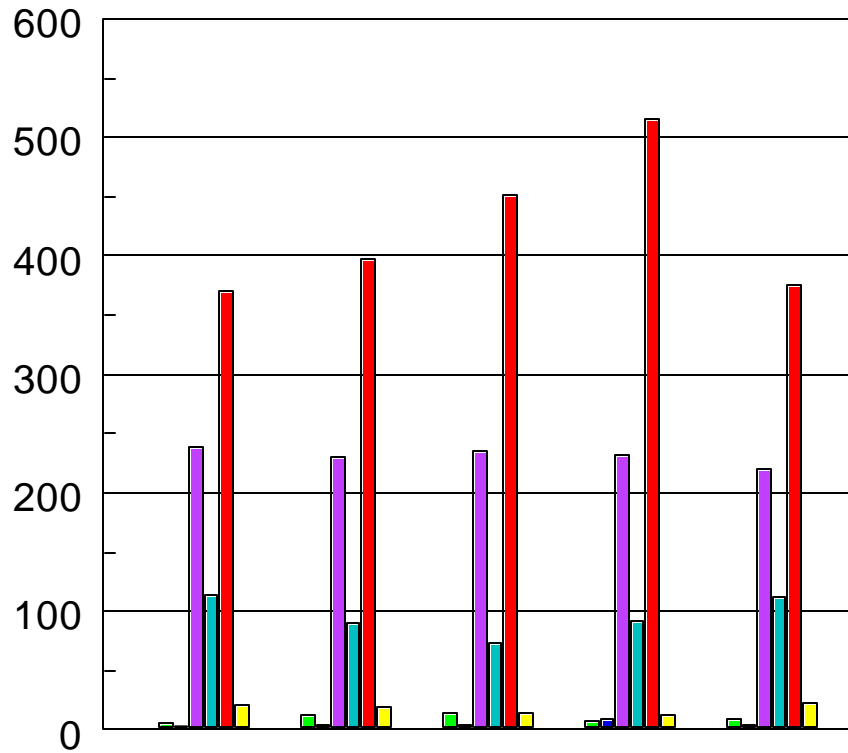
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BELLEFONTAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

UCR PART I CRIMES

1996 thru 2000

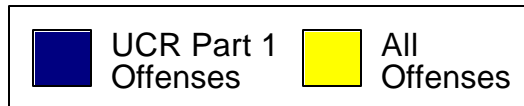
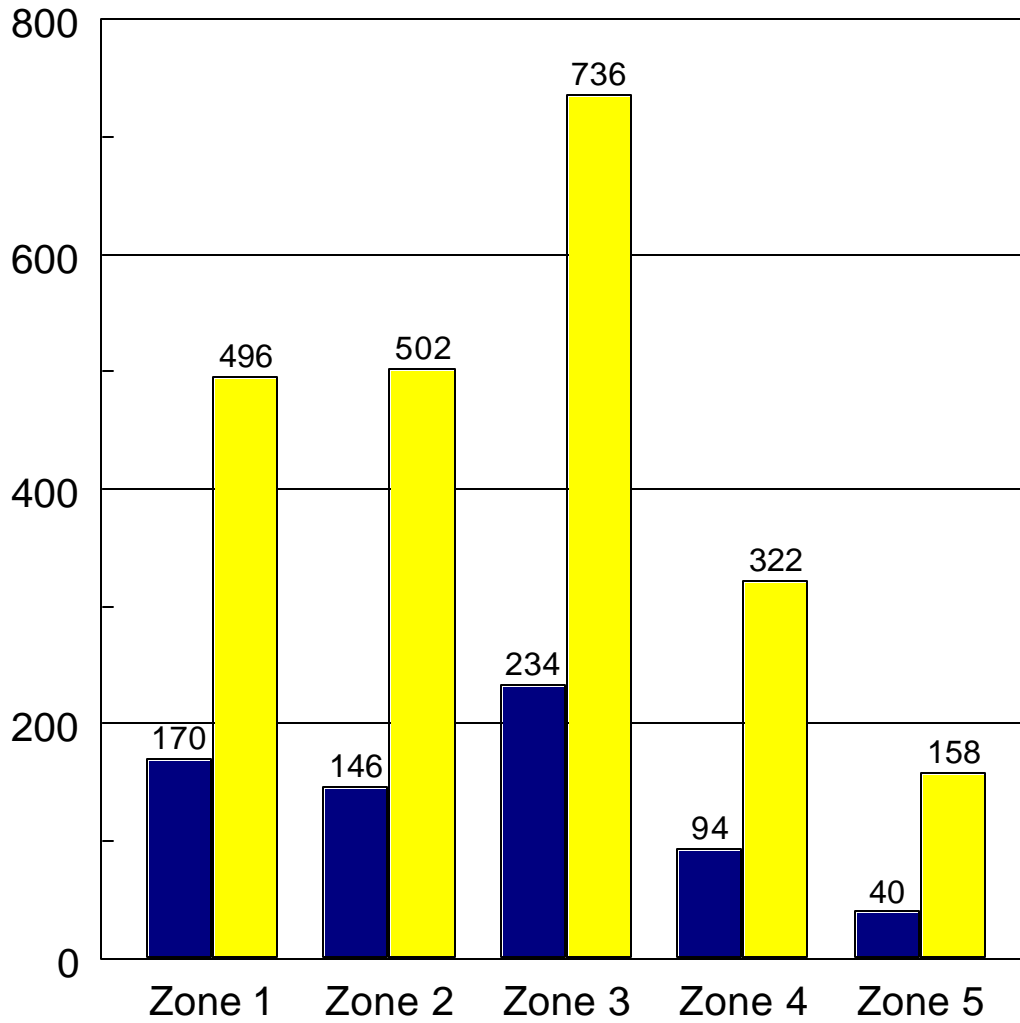


		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
HOMICIDE	■	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE	■	6	12	15	7	10
ROBBERY	■	2	5	5	10	4
ASSAULT	■	238	231	236	232	220
BURGLARY	■	114	91	74	92	113
THEFT	■	371	397	451	515	376
AUTO THEFT	■	21	20	14	12	23

BELLEFONTAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Reporting

2000 Offenses by Area of Occurrence

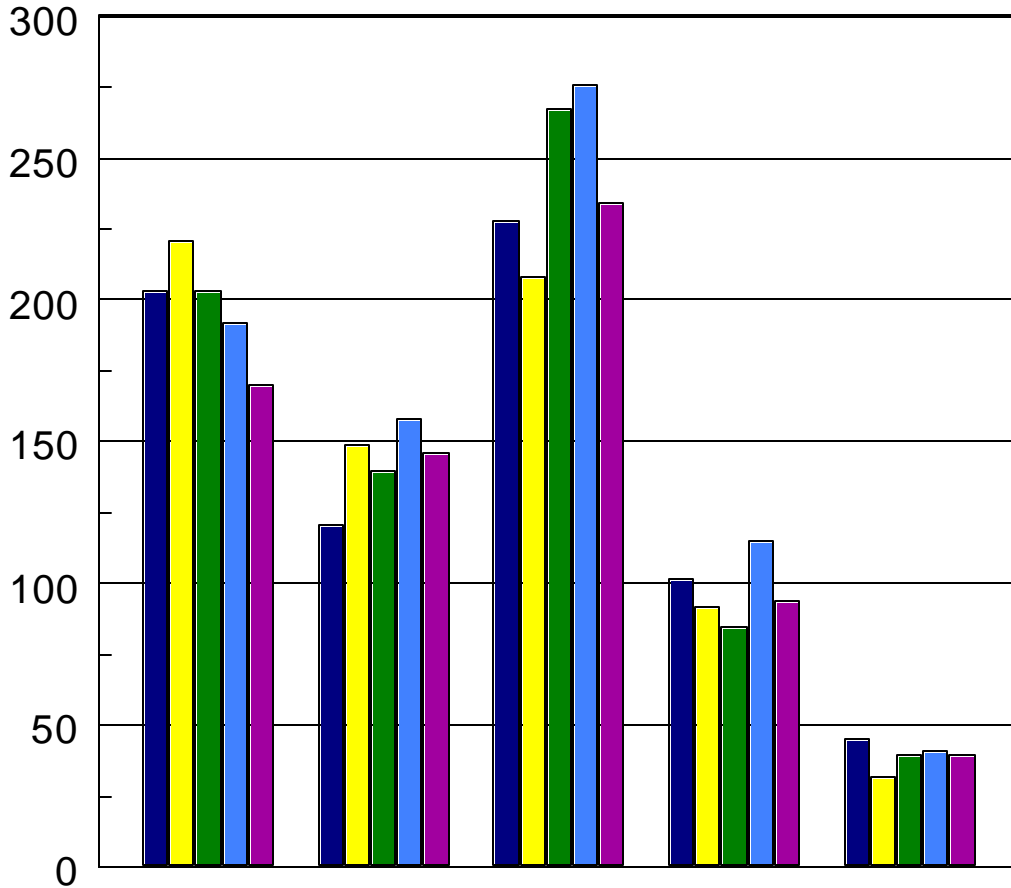


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1996 - 2000 UCR Part 1

Offenses by Area of Occurrence



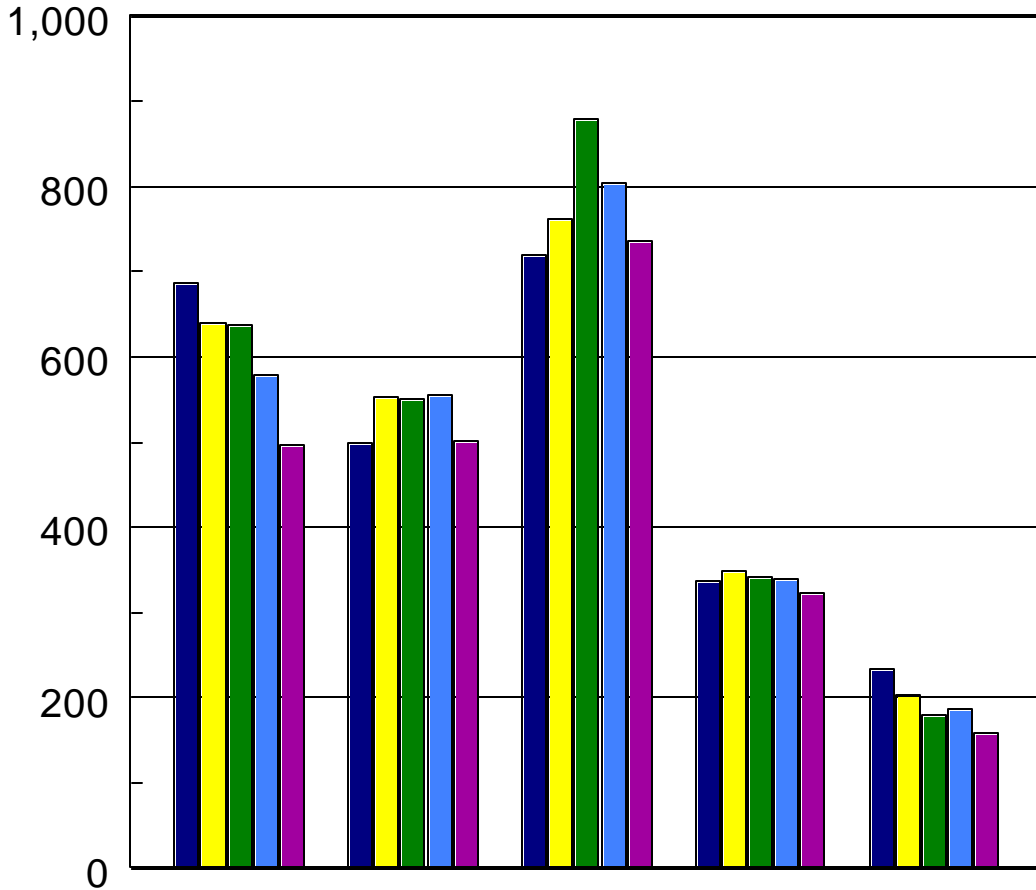
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
1996	203	121	228	102	45
1997	221	149	208	92	32
1998	203	140	267	85	40
1999	192	158	276	115	41
2000	170	146	234	94	40

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1996 - 2000

(All) Offense/Incidents by Area of Occurrence



	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
1996 ■	688	499	721	337	235
1997 ■	641	553	761	349	203
1998 ■	637	550	880	342	181
1999 ■	580	555	804	339	187
2000 ■	496	502	736	322	158

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Thank you for your interest in our annual report. While many employees have contributed, the report could not have been completed without the research and efforts of Ron Birt, Ed Peters, and Cindy Givens.

The Bellefontaine Police Department strives to create and maintain innovative crime reduction efforts that are tailored to community needs. Our personnel, at every level, are charged to actively work toward the goal of improving the quality of life for the members of our community. We do this through problem solving efforts, information gathering, providing timely assistance and counseling to those in need, conducting educational programs targeting community concerns, providing patrol services, conducting in-depth investigations, and responding to calls for service throughout the community.

We are proud of our accomplishments and the successes we achieved in 2000. With the cooperation of our elected and appointed officials, in partnership with our citizens, we look forward to continued success in our work to make this community a safe place to live and work.