

# WADSWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2013 ANNUAL REPORT



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Police Chief Randall Reinke

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120 Maple Street  
Wadsworth, Ohio 44281

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## Roster

| <u>Rank</u>                     | <u>Name</u>           | <u>Date of Hire</u> | <u>Assignment</u> | <u>Badge</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Chief of Police                 | Reinke, Randall M.    | August 12, 1992     | Admin             | 26           |
| Lieutenant                      | Wyrick, Robert D.     | August 28, 1989     | Admin             | 4            |
| Sergeant                        | Dorland, David A.     | January 10, 1994    | 1st               | 11           |
| Sergeant                        | Blubaugh, Melissa K.  | January 10, 1994    | 2nd               | 16           |
| Sergeant                        | Wilcox, James R.      | April 24, 1991      | D.B.              | 12           |
| Sergeant                        | Elchlinger, James S.  | August 27, 1999     | 2nd/3rd           | 30           |
| Sergeant                        | Ballway, Michael J.   | August 17, 1998     | 3rd               | 28           |
| Patrol Officer                  | Spoerke, Peter W.     | September 16, 1996  | 3rd               | 18           |
| Patrol Officer                  | Cindia, Michael T.    | August 17, 1998     | D.B.              | 27           |
| Patrol Officer                  | Cooper, Joshua A.     | August 23, 1999     | 1st               | 29           |
| Detective                       | Sipos, Katie L.       | December 15, 2000   | 1st               | 31           |
| Patrol Officer                  | Walser, James R. II   | January 2, 2001     | 3rd               | 19           |
| Patrol Officer                  | Shannon, Sean P.      | November 14, 2001   | 1st               | 9            |
| Detective                       | Schismenos, Dawn C.   | April 29, 2002      | D.B.              | 33           |
| Patrol Officer                  | Blubaugh, Andrew J.   | January 9, 2003     | 1st               | 37           |
| Patrol Officer                  | Ahern, John A.        | March 31, 2003      | 2nd               | 38           |
| Patrol Officer                  | Patterson, Michael P. | December 8, 2003    | 2nd               | 32           |
| Patrol Officer                  | Dorner, Wendy M.      | July 30, 2001       | 2nd               | 42           |
| Detective                       | Markley, Matthew S.   | November 8, 2004    | D.B.              | 35           |
| Patrol Officer                  | Rose, Joe C.          | February 21, 2006   | 1st               | 39           |
| Patrol Officer                  | Innocenti, Adam P.    | September 2, 2008   | SRO               | 47           |
| Patrol Officer                  | Shonk, Daniel R.      | August 10, 2009     | 3rd               | 3            |
| Patrol Officer                  | Chafin, Daniel L.     | February 1, 2010    | 2nd               | 7            |
| Patrol Officer                  | Studer, Heath E.      | April 26, 2010      | 1st               | 6            |
| Patrol Officer                  | Petit, Seth P.        | February 21, 2011   | 3rd               | 5            |
| Patrol Officer                  | Haas, Kyle A.         | March 21, 2011      | 3rd               | 21           |
| Patrol Officer                  | Allenby, James        | January 2, 2013     | 1st               | 46           |
| Patrol Officer                  | McCune, Curt S.       | January 17, 2013    | 3rd               | 45           |
| Communications Officer          | Dodge, Brian K.       | May 20, 1998        | 1st               | 52           |
| Communications Officer          | Emrick, Wendy R.      | May 26, 1999        | 6p-2a             | 53           |
| Communications Officer          | Banks, Michael P.     | July 5, 1999        | 1st               | 64           |
| Communications Officer          | Covil, Nicole L.      | May 30, 2003        | 3rd               | 55           |
| Communications Officer          | Sonntag, Heidi A.     | February 14, 2005   | 3rd               | 54           |
| Communications Officer          | Brown, Kelsey M.      | December 4, 2006    | 10a-6p            | 57           |
| Communications Officer          | Urdiales, Olivia L.   | March 30, 2009      | 2nd               | 58           |
| Communications Officer          | Neforos, Jenny        | September 19, 2011  | 2nd               | 59           |
| Police Administrative Assistant | Buzard, Kathryn A.    | June 8, 2009        | Admin             |              |
| Auxiliary Patrol Officer        | Canfora, Phillip H.   | June 1, 1987        |                   | 65           |
| Auxiliary Patrol Officer        | Neil, Matthew A.      | January 12, 1997    |                   | 68           |
| Auxiliary Patrol Officer        | King, David E.        | December 31, 2001   |                   | 66           |
| Auxiliary Patrol Officer        | Sobie, Michael A.     | November 9, 2010    |                   | 61           |
| Auxiliary Patrol Officer        | Woolard, Joel F.      | March 21, 2013      |                   | 24           |

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## Personnel

### Department Rank/Structure:

1 Chief of Police, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants, 21 Patrol Officers, 8 Communications Officers, 6 Auxiliary Officers, 1 Civilian Employee

|                                  |    | % of Whole Department | % of Department Full Time |
|----------------------------------|----|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Sworn Full Time Officers         | 28 | 65.1%                 | 75.7%                     |
| Communications Officers          | 8  | 18.6%                 | 21.6%                     |
| Auxiliary Officers               | 6  | 14%                   | NA                        |
| Civilian Employee                | 1  | 2.3%                  | 2.7%                      |
| Sworn Full Time Officers         | 28 | % of Sworn Officers   |                           |
| Admin                            | 2  | 7%                    |                           |
| Supervisors                      | 5  | 18%                   |                           |
| Detectives                       | 2  | 7%                    |                           |
| Patrol                           | 17 | 61%                   |                           |
| Special Assignments<br>(SRO/DTF) | 2  | 7%                    |                           |

2013

Department's Median Seniority is 10 years.

### Department Changes in Personnel:

Following the retirements of four patrol officers in 2012, the Wadsworth Police Department welcomed the addition of two new patrol officers in January 2013.

Officer James Allenby was sworn in on January 2nd, 2013. He then attended the Cleveland Heights Police Academy. Upon completion of the Academy, Officer Allenby began his field training program with WPD on May 20th.

Officer Curt McCune was sworn in on January 17th and began his field training program with WPD on January 28th.

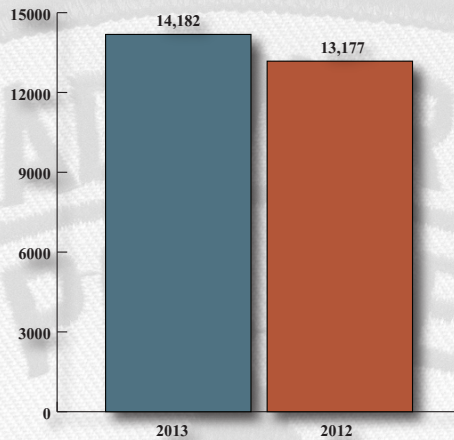
In addition to the two newly hired patrol officers in 2013, recently retired patrol officer Joel Woolard is sworn in as an Auxiliary Patrol Officer on March 21, 2013.



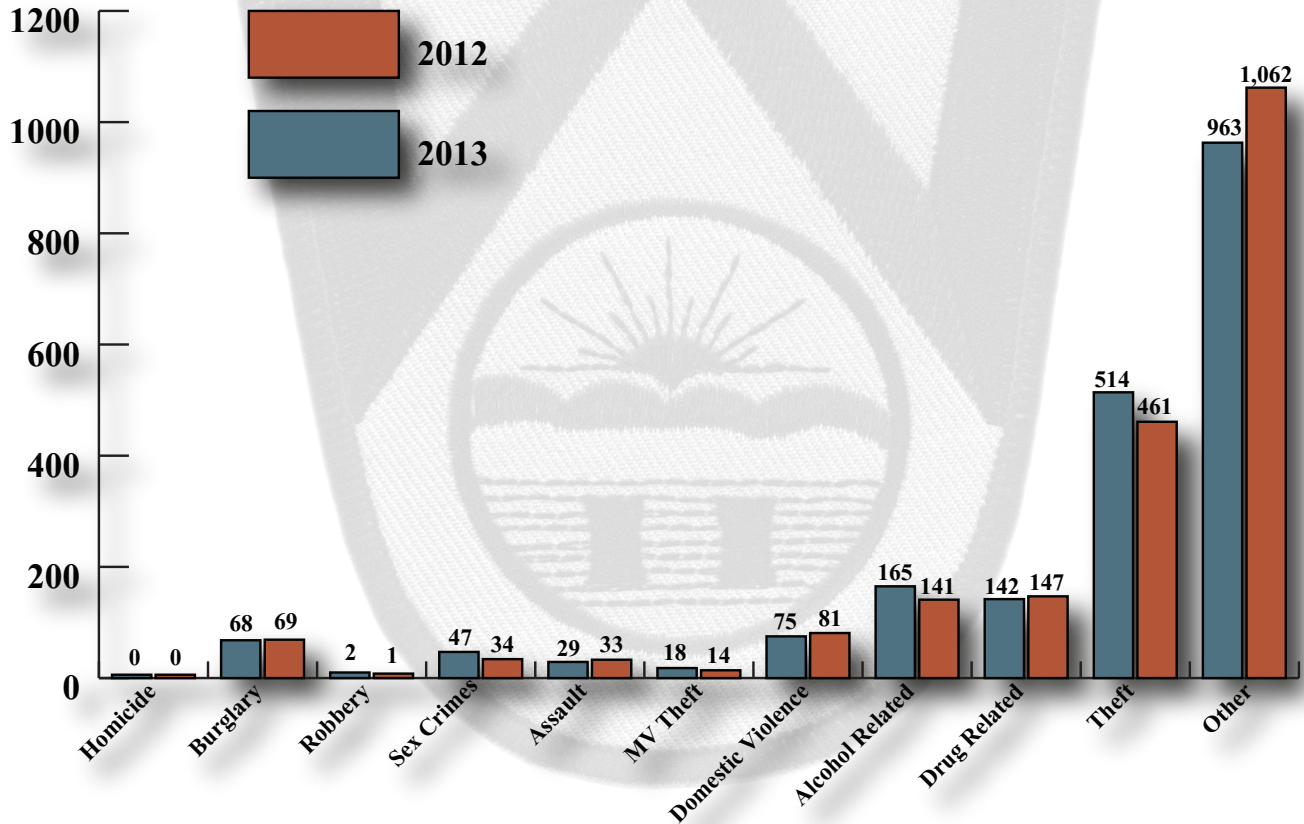
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## 2013 Statistics

### Police Calls For Service



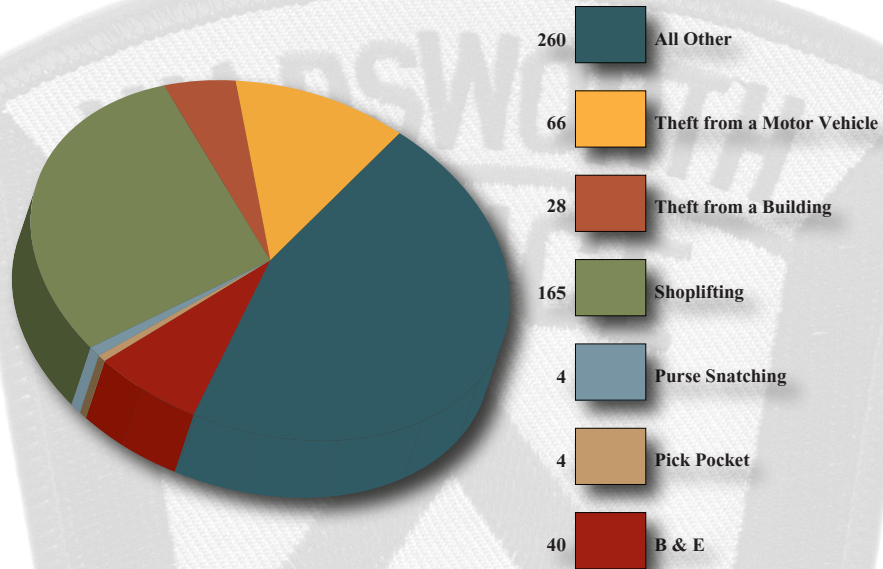
### Class 1/Major Offense Incident Reports Investigated



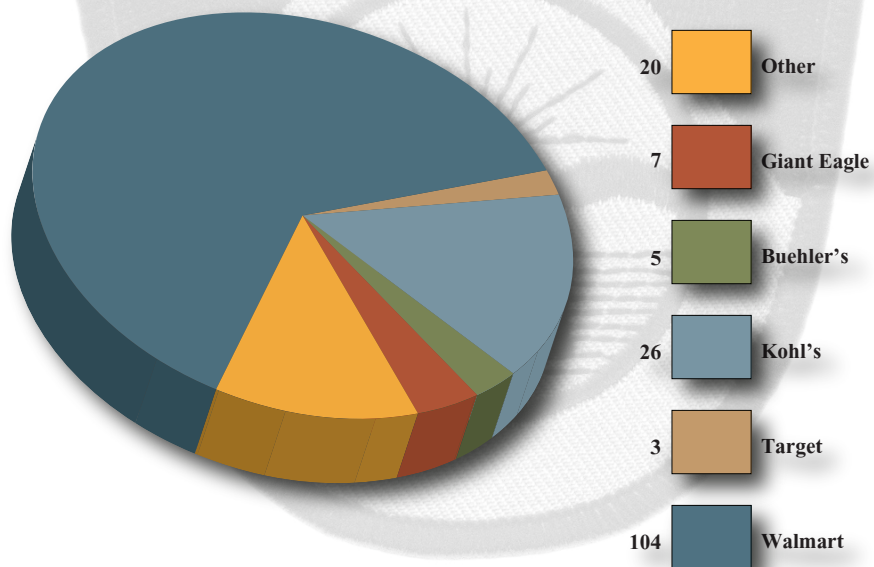
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## 2013 Statistics

### Thefts by Larceny Type in 2013



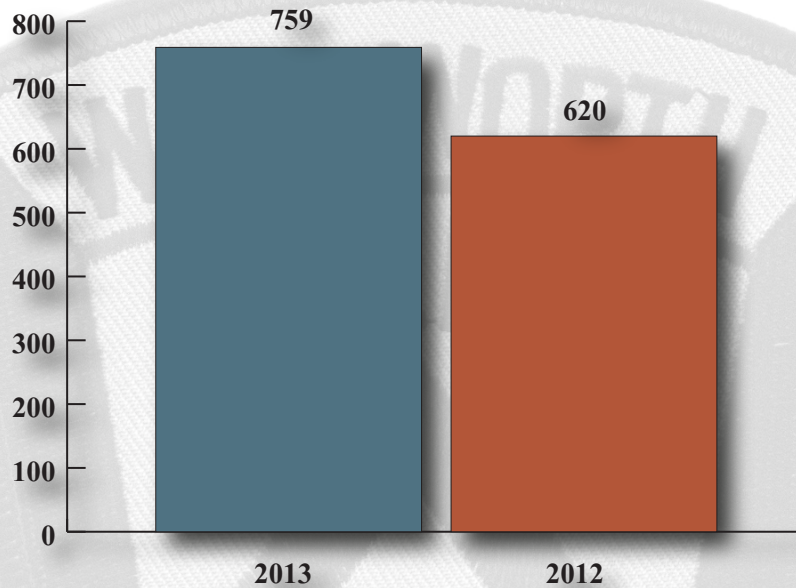
### Thefts by Store



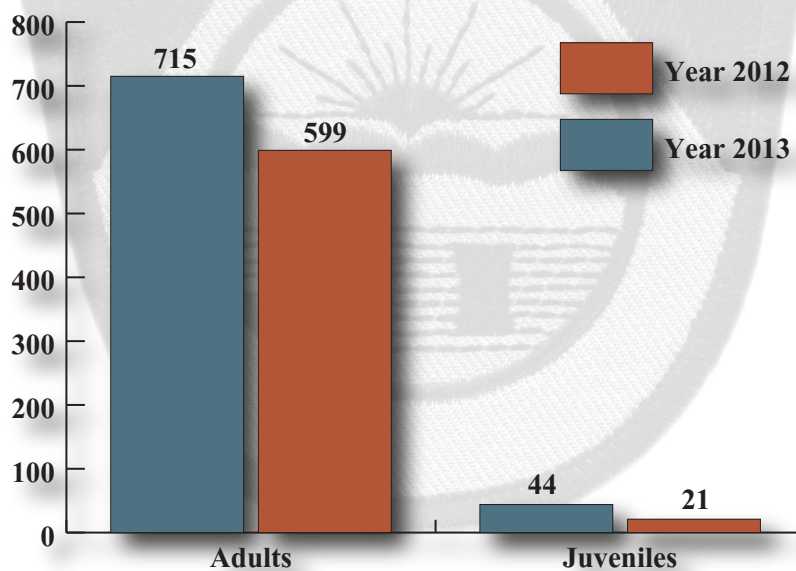
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## 2013 Statistics

### Total Arrests



### Adult vs. Juvenile Arrests

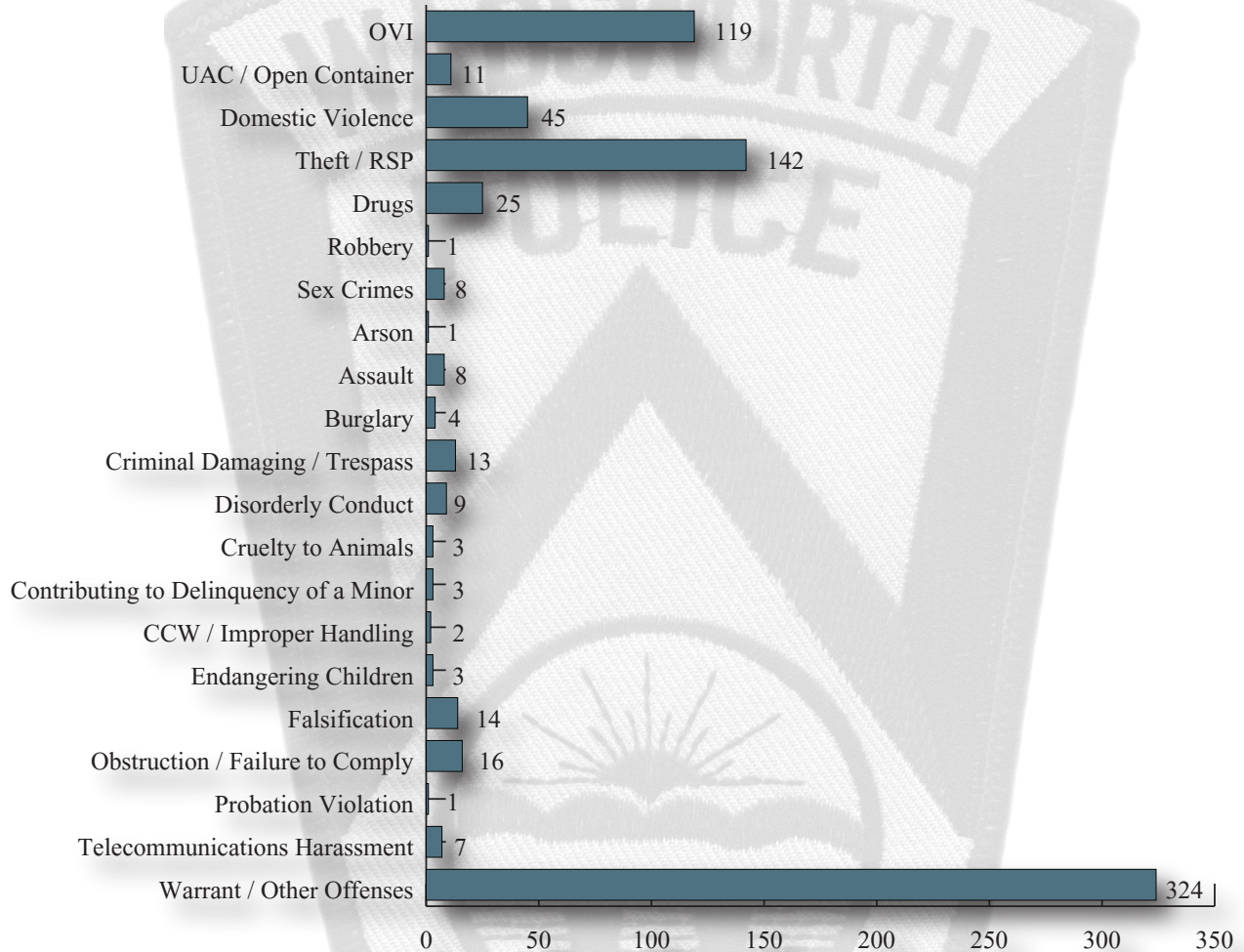




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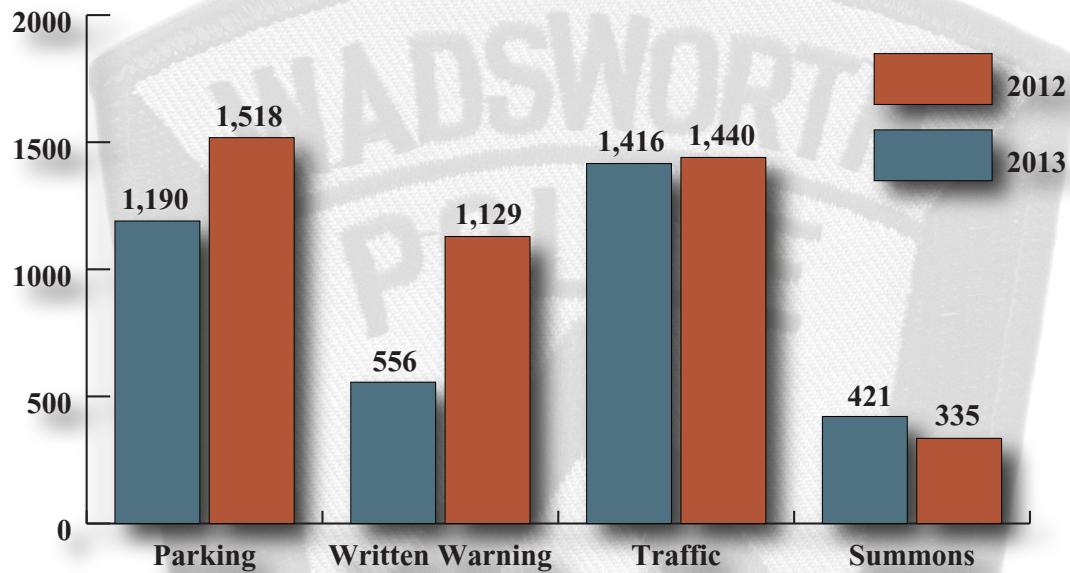
### 2013 Arrests Breakdown by Charge Type



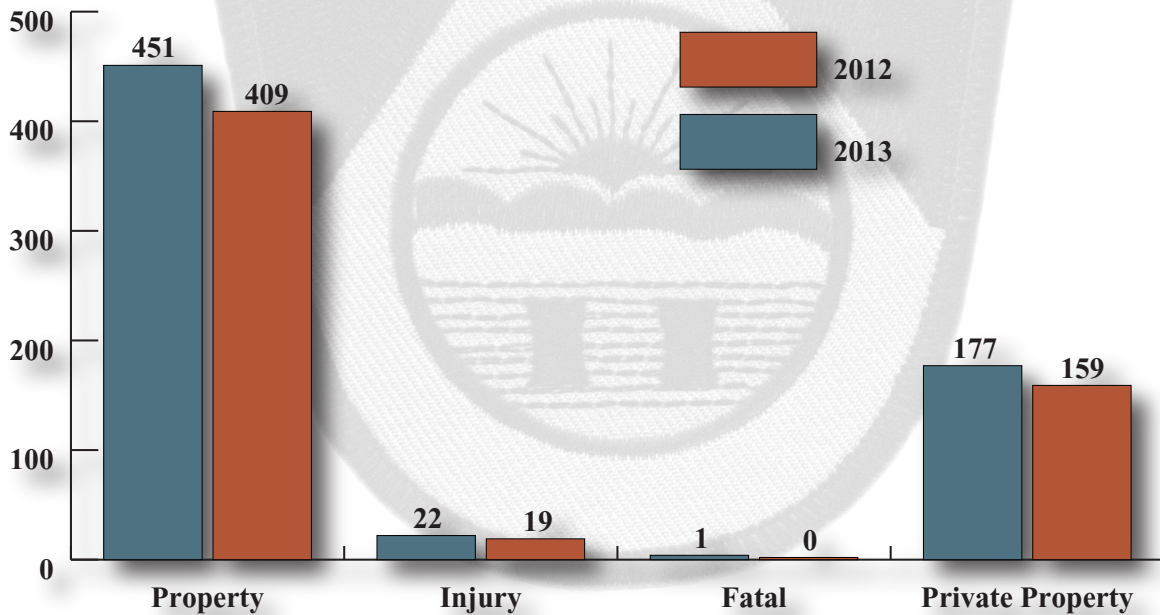
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## 2013 Statistics

### 2013 vs. 2012, Citations Issued



### 2013 vs. 2012, Crash Reports



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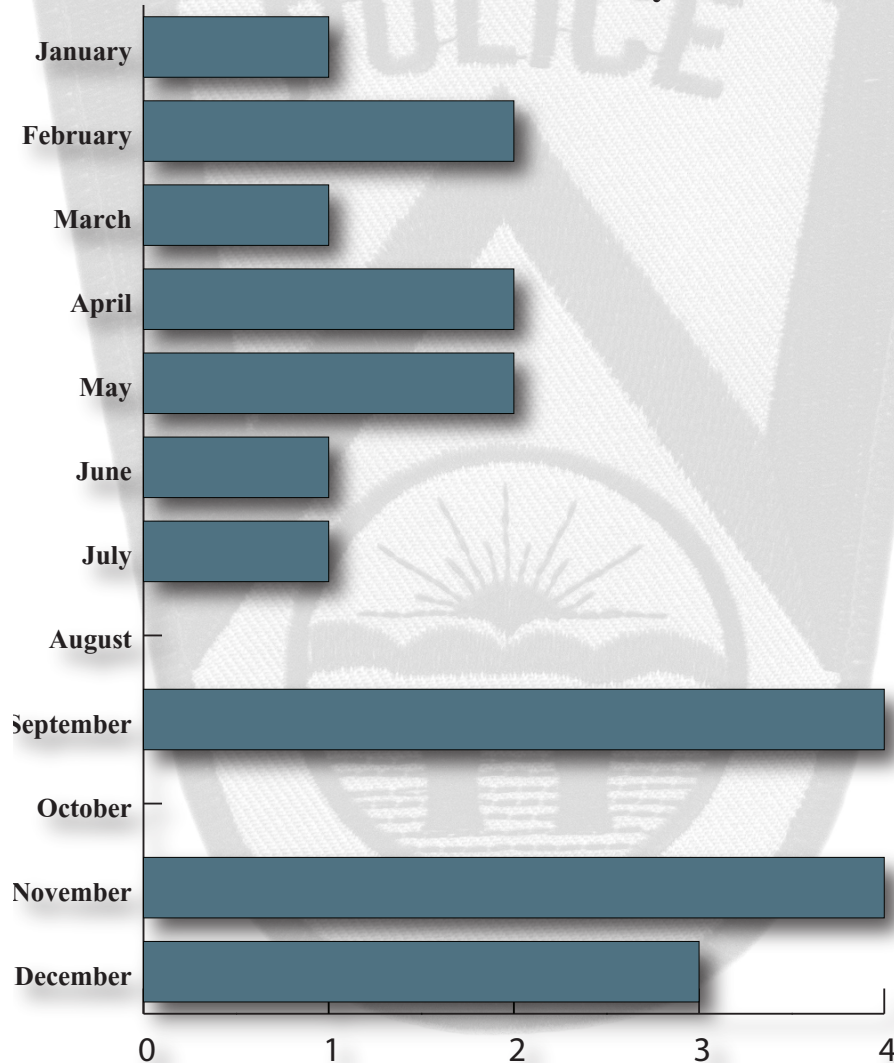
## 2013 Statistics

### Alcohol Related Crash Statistics

Total 2013 Alcohol Related Crashes - 20

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Injury Reported    | 7  |
| No Injury Reported | 13 |

### Alcohol Related Crashes by Month

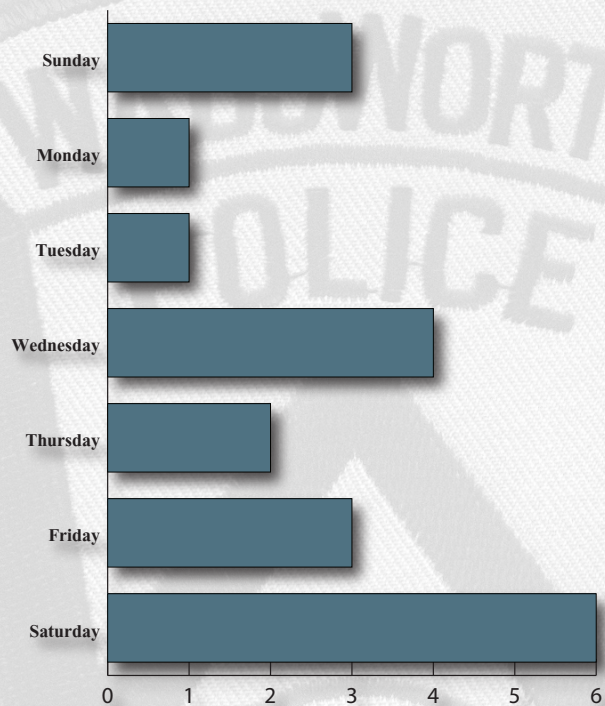




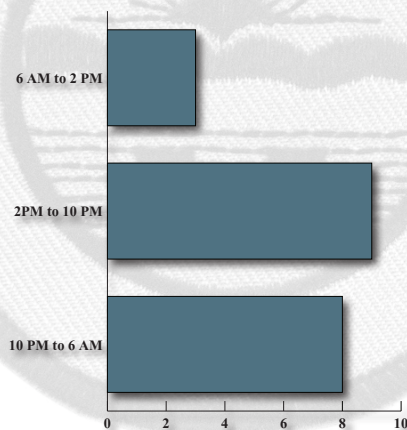
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## 2013 Statistics

### Alcohol Related Crashes by Day



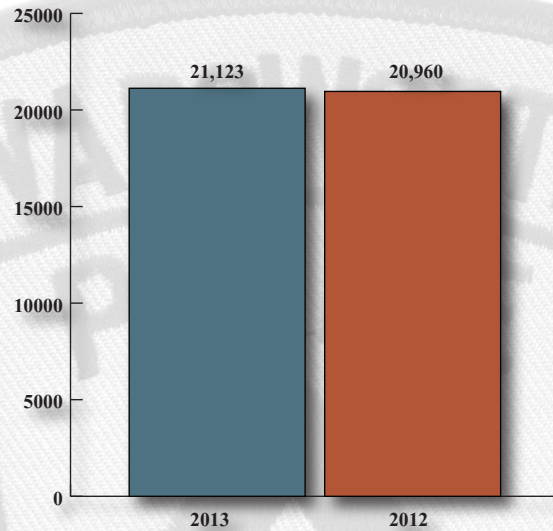
### Alcohol Related Crashes by Shift



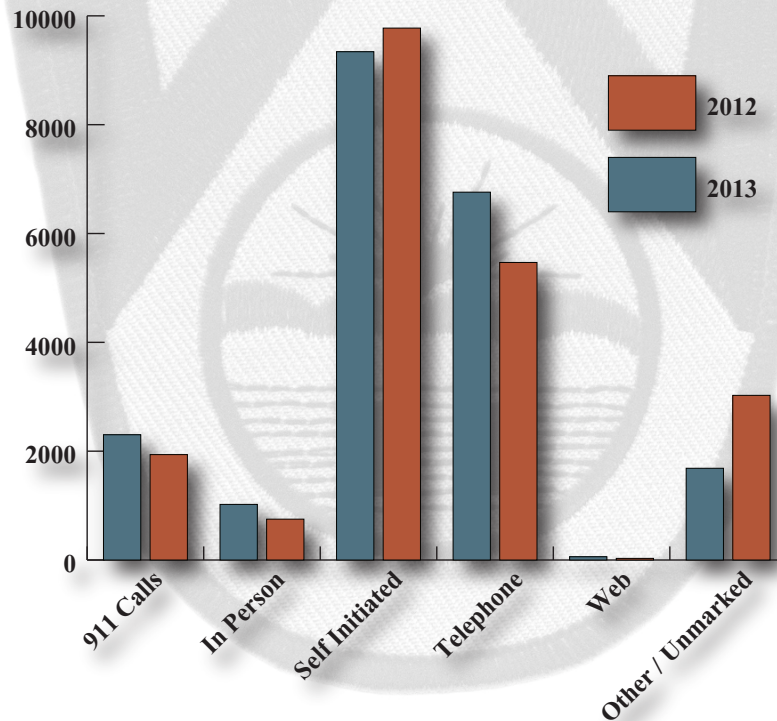
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## 2013 Dispatch Statistics

### Total Calls Received by Dispatch



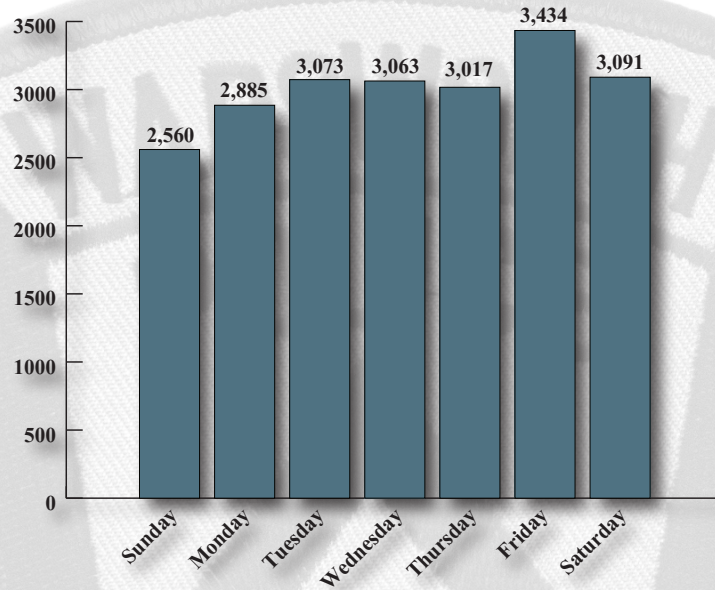
### Calls Breakdown by Method Received



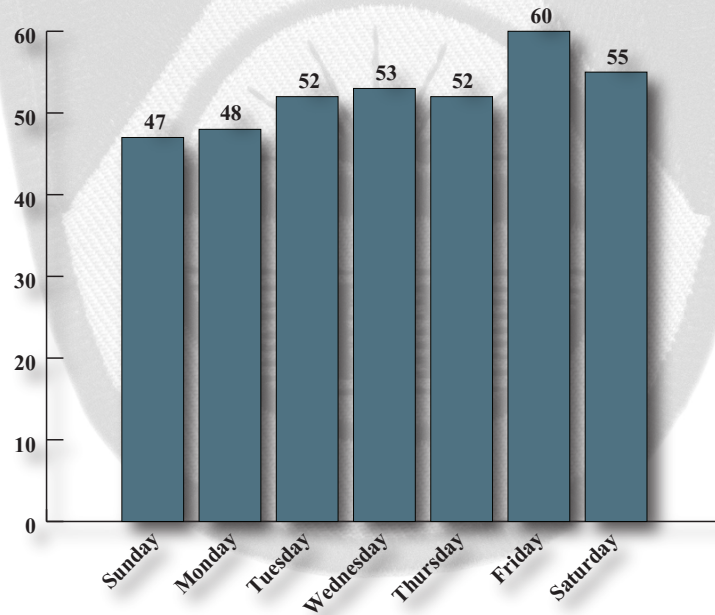
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## 2013 Dispatch Statistics

### 2013 Calls by Day of the Week



### 2013 Average # Calls Per Day of the Week





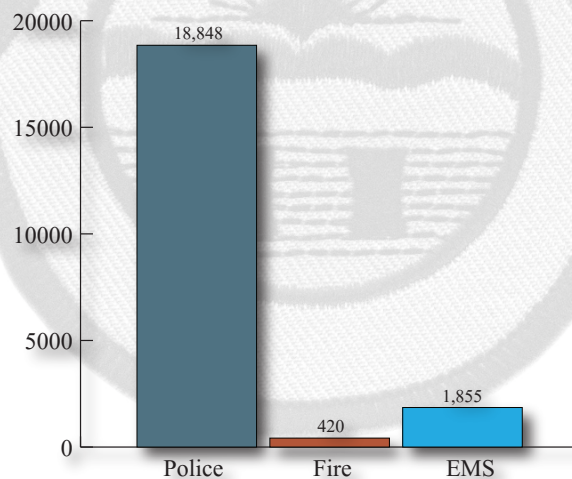
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## 2013 Dispatch Statistics

### 2013 - Breakdown of Calls taken by Dispatch by Call Type

|                               |       |                           |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| Alarm                         | 421   | Alcohol Related           | 331   |
| Assault                       | 55    | Burglary                  | 115   |
| Custody Dispute               | 62    | Domestic                  | 253   |
| Drugs                         | 135   | Fight                     | 36    |
| Gun                           | 55    | Illness/Injury            | 92    |
| Juvenile                      | 358   | Knife                     | 4     |
| Mental Illness                | 37    | Missing Person            | 88    |
| Noise Complaint               | 192   | Overdose                  | 10    |
| Robbery                       | 14    | Security Check            | 572   |
| Sex Offense                   | 64    | Stalking                  | 101   |
| Stolen Vehicle                | 33    | Suspicious Person/Vehicle | 1,174 |
| Telecommunications Harassment | 220   | Theft                     | 739   |
| Traffic Stop                  | 5,110 | Traffic/Parking Complaint | 973   |
| Trespass                      | 100   | Vacation House Check      | 224   |
| Vandalism/Damaging            | 214   | Warrant Service           | 594   |
| Search Warrant                | 7     | Summons                   | 193   |

### 2013 Calls by Service



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## LEADS Data

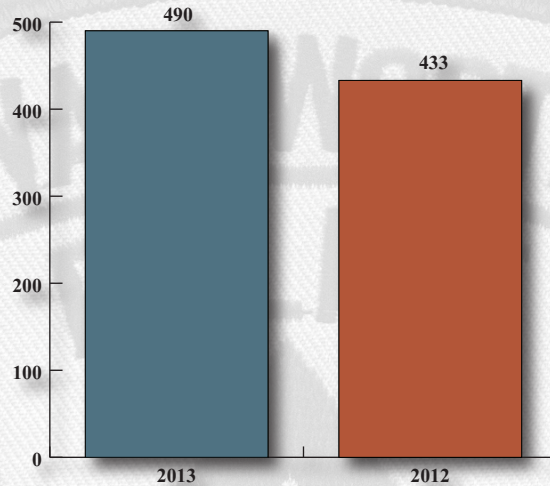
LEADS is the acronym for the Law Enforcement Automated Data System. LEADS is the statewide computerized network which provides computerized data and communications for criminal justice agencies within the state of Ohio. LEADS is administered by the Ohio State Highway Patrol superintendent. LEADS does not include data and files separately collected and maintained by intrastate regional systems or other individual user systems.

| <u>LEADS Totals</u>                        | <u>2013</u> | <u>2012</u> |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Warrants Entered                           | 412         | 362         |
| Missing Persons Entered                    | 30          | 13          |
| Articles Entered                           | 9           | 10          |
| Stolen Vehicle Reports Entered             | 14          | 10          |
| Stolen Vehicle Reports Cleared             | 14          | 8           |
| Criminal History Checks Accessed           | 1,291       | 1,265       |
| Ohio Vehicle Registration Checks           | 9,011       | 9,821       |
| Ohio Operators License Checks              | 13,377      | 13,870      |
| Out of State Vehicle Registration Checks   | 630         | 582         |
| Out of State Operators License Checks      | 660         | 654         |
| Protection Orders Entered                  | 22          | 27          |
| Stolen Plates Entered                      | 8           | 7           |
| Stolen Plates Cleared                      | 3           | 4           |
| Stolen Guns Entered                        | 4           | 3           |
| Stolen Guns Cleared                        | 7           | 2           |
| Hit Confirmations Received                 | 195         | 245         |
| Hit Confirmations Sent                     | 253         | 282         |
|                                            |             |             |
| <u>Mobile LEADS transactions by month:</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2012</u> |
| January                                    | 18,862      | 18,438      |
| February                                   | 16,555      | 19,445      |
| March                                      | 20,152      | 19,008      |
| April                                      | 18,677      | 19,578      |
| May                                        | 16,695      | 15,139      |
| June                                       | 15,206      | 15,423      |
| July                                       | 20,240      | 14,170      |
| August                                     | 19,491      | 14,931      |
| September                                  | 16,294      | 14,559      |
| October                                    | 15,546      | 15,023      |
| November                                   | 15,296      | 15,009      |
| December                                   | 14,561      | 11,890      |
| Total                                      | 207,545     | 192,613     |

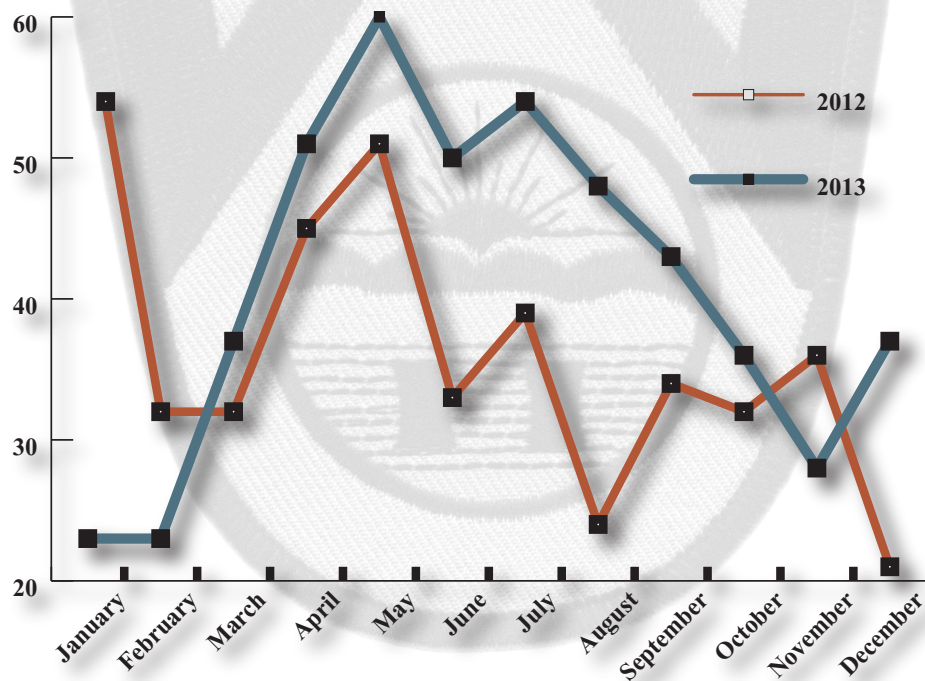
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## Public Records Statistics

### Background Checks Requested / Completed



### Background Checks by Month

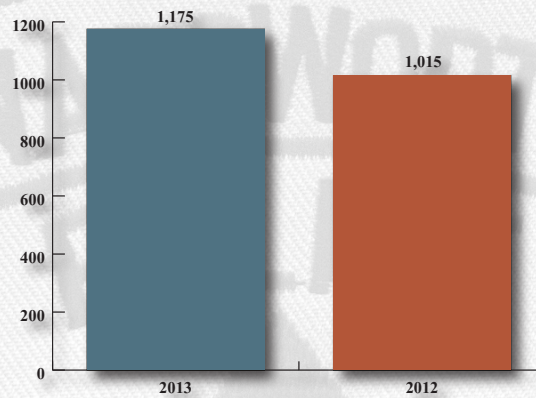




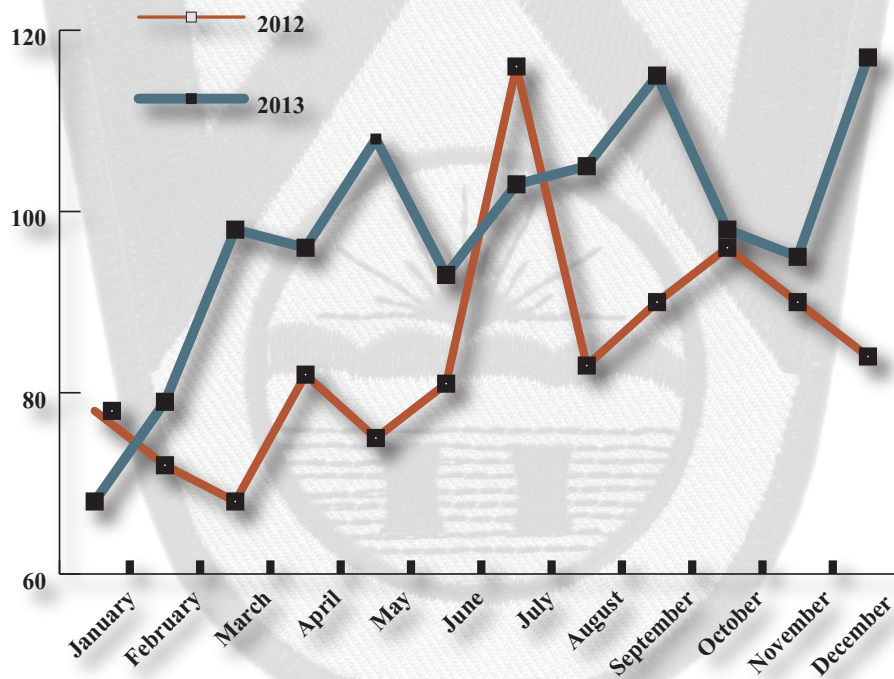
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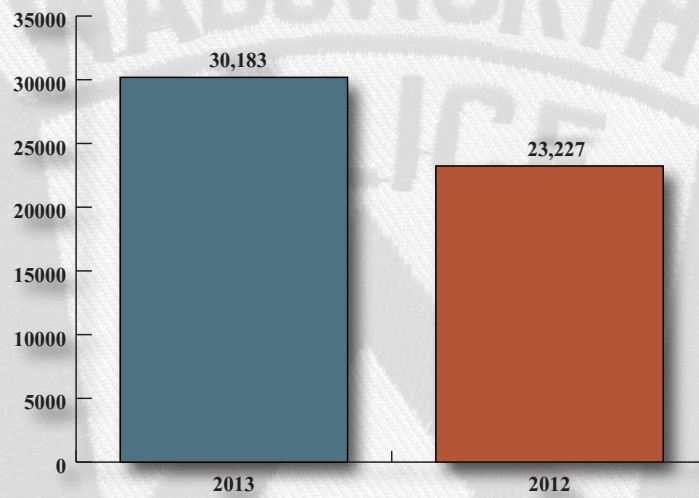


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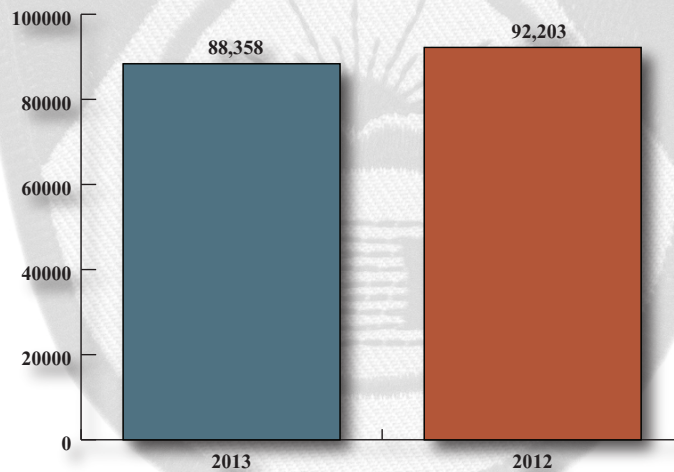
## Public Records Statistics

### Online Accident Reports and Initial Incident Reports

#### Public Records Searches



#### Reports Viewed



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## Public Records Statistics

### Nuisance Letters

**Total Letters Mailed:** 33

2nd Offense: 19

3rd Offense: 9

4th Offense: 5

Cost of Abatement Assessed: 5 @ \$400.00 each

Abatements Excused: 3

Cost to WPD for mailings: \$98.17



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## S.W.A.T.

The Wadsworth Police Department has four officers currently assigned to the twenty-two member Medina County S.W.A.T. Team. The team trained every month throughout 2013. The team was activated three times in 2013:

On January 6, 2013 at approximately 5:07 am the Akron Police Department contacted the Wadsworth Police Department with a request to search for a suspect vehicle that was involved in a double shooting that had occurred earlier in the day in Akron, Ohio. Soon thereafter a Wadsworth patrol officer located the vehicle parked and unattended in the parking lot of the Legacy Inn, 810 High St. Verification was made that the suspect had checked in earlier in the day and the suspect's room was identified and monitored by Wadsworth Patrol officers and deputy sheriffs of the Medina County Sheriff's Office. The S.W.A.T. team was then activated. At approximately 8:21 am the S.W.A.T. team made entry into the suspect's room and arrested him without incident. He was arrested on warrants for Aggravated Murder, Attempted Aggravated Murder and Felonious Assault.

On September 27, 2013 WPD members of the S.W.A.T. team members responded to a residence on Boston Road to assist Medina County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) with the execution of a search warrant. The scene was secured without incident and turned over to the detectives from the MCSO.

On November 22, 2013 WPD members of the S.W.A.T. team assisted the Medina County Drug Task Force (DTF) in securing a residence on Abbeyville Road in Medina. Once the scene was secured it was turned over to the DTF for processing.



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## Juvenile Traffic Diversion Program

In partnership with Medina County Juvenile Judge John Lohn and the Office of Criminal Justice Services, the Juvenile Diversion program was established as a voluntary program that utilizes driving simulators and class room instruction taught by police officers from various police departments in Medina County, including the Wadsworth Police Department. The program is taught on Saturdays at Medina High School for three hours. This program is an alternate to going through the Juvenile Court system and having a juvenile record.

The Juvenile Diversion Program is designed for the first time juvenile traffic offenders and some minor criminal offenses. It has been documented that this program is very successful.

The Wadsworth Police Department referred 20 juveniles to the Juvenile Traffic Diversion Program during 2013, compared to 49 in 2012.

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## Alcohol Compliance Checks

The Wadsworth Police Department in conjunction with the Ohio Investigative Unit (O.I.U.) conducted random compliance checks at various licensed alcohol establishments throughout the city in 2013.

March 29, 2013 – Random Compliance Checks on 24 area establishments, 3 were found in violation.

August 30, 2013 – Approximately 30 employees from local businesses that sell alcohol attend the Alcohol Server Knowledge (ASK) training presented by the Ohio Investigative Unit in an effort to curb sales to under-aged persons.

September 6, 2013 – Random Compliance Checks on 30 area establishments, 7 were found to be in violation.

October 18, 2013 – Random Compliance Checks on 31 establishments, 2 were found in violation.

The Wadsworth Police Department remains committed to keeping alcohol out of the hands of area youth.



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## D.U.M.P.

### Dispose of Unused Medications Properly

In 2013 the Wadsworth Police Department continued its efforts in assisting the public in proper disposal of unused or unwanted medications through the drop box located in City Hall. During the 2013 calendar year, a total of 765 pounds of unwanted medication were collected and turned over to the Medina County Drug Task Force for disposal. This is in comparison to 427 pounds of unwanted medications collected and turned over in 2012.

The Wadsworth Police Department also participated in the National Drug Take Back day by staffing the 'drive thru' lobby from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on April 27, 2013. A total of 86 pounds of unwanted medications were collected. This is in comparison to 65 pounds collected during the 2012 National Drug Take Back day.



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## Bike Patrol

The Wadsworth Police Department currently has 7 officers who have completed bike patrol training. In 2012 the officers were out riding as time and weather permitted. The bike patrol also provided security at a number of events to include:

Blue Tip Parade  
Blue Tip Festival  
Fireworks  
Stache Dash 5K Race  
Bookin' 5K Race  
Craft and Herb Festival  
Memorial Day Parade  
Town Treasure Sale  
Pump and Run 5K Race  
Sidewalk Sale  
Taste of Wadsworth  
Scare on the Square  
Candlelight Walk  
Jingle Bell Jaunt  
Holiday Parade





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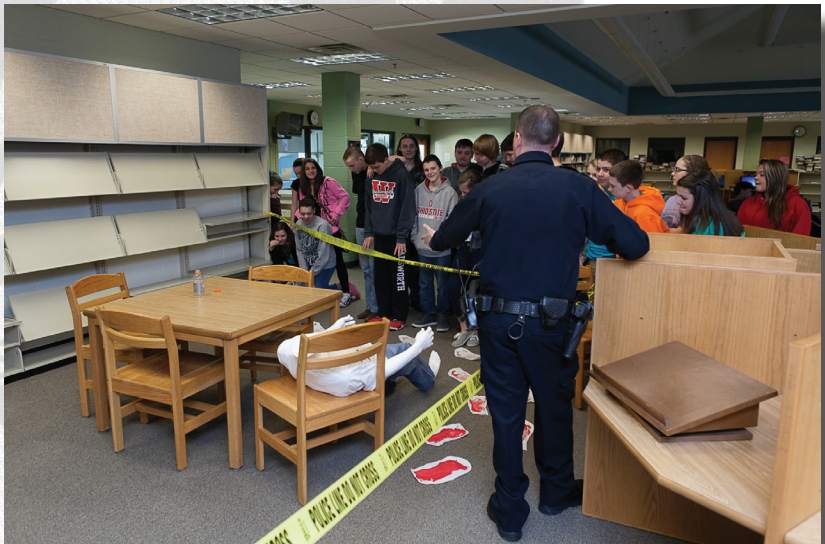
## School Resource Officer

The Wadsworth Police Department is committed to working with the schools in order to enhance school safety and improve community relations. On August 21, 2013 Officer Innocenti began his new assignment as the School Resource Officer (SRO) within the Wadsworth City Schools.

Officer Innocenti is the primary point of contact for the Wadsworth City Schools should they need a police officer. As part of his duties, Officer Innocenti has conducted numerous trainings with the schools to include:

- Safety Town Program
- 3rd Grade Safety Belt Program (to roughly 400 students)
- Safety Forces Camp
- A.L.I.C.E. training
- Fatal Vision Program for 9th Grade Health Classes – using new equipment
- Spoke with 1st Grade/Kindergarten Classes about Community Helpers
- Spoke with High School Classes involving Legal and Traffic Related Issues

He has also monitored the safety and security of all 8 schools, assisted in the “lockdown/evacuation” drills for all 8 schools and handled numerous cases involving drugs, theft, sexual abuse, assaults and warrant arrests.





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## Community Relations

The Wadsworth Police Department is committed to providing safety awareness and education to the community. Throughout the year the WPD hosts and participates in a number of community programs to include:

Safety Town  
3rd Grade Safety Belt Program  
National Night Out  
Shop with a Cop  
Safety Forces Camp  
Students in Government – Wadsworth High School  
Reality Day – Wadsworth Middle School

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Click It or Ticket  
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over  
Medina County OVI Task Force

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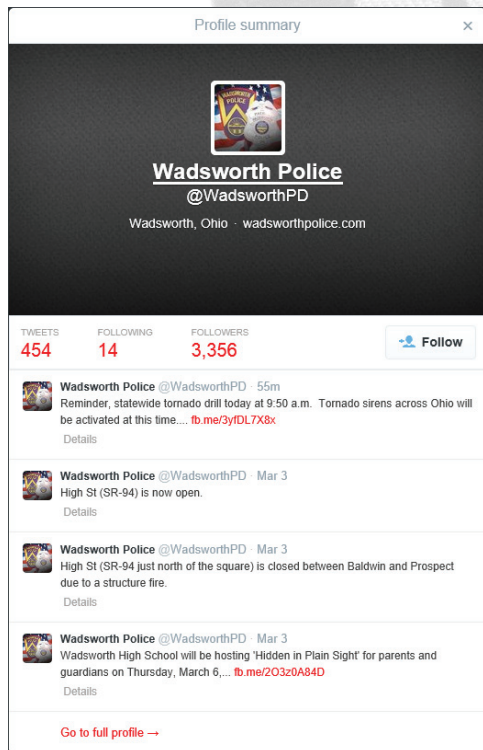
Salvation Army Walk-a-Thon and Family Fun Day event  
Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run  
Peace Officer Memorial event  
Touch-a-Truck event at Key to My Father's House Church  
Fall Festival – Reimer Road Baptist Church Car Show  
Home Depot 'Safety Day'

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## Community Relations

### Public Interaction through Social Media:

With the emergence and increased use of social media the Wadsworth Police Department has created another avenue for public communication through the use of such sites as Facebook and Twitter. WPD is able to update the public on traffic related issues, request assistance in identifying suspects and in general keep the public informed of any major police related incidents.





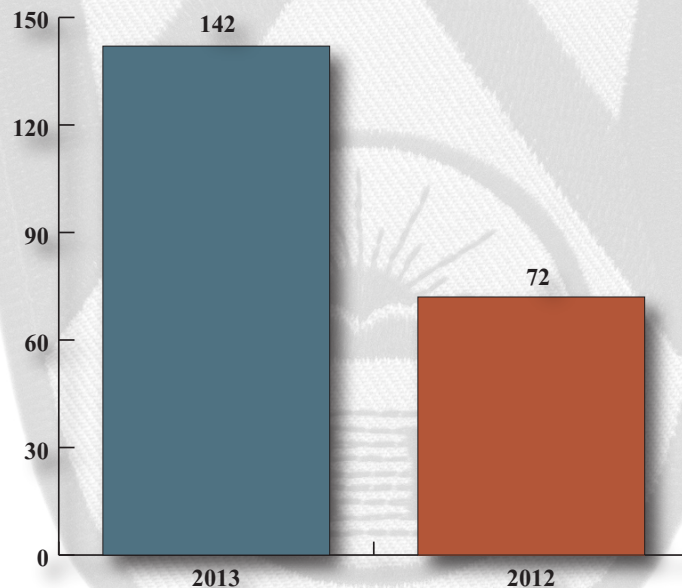
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## Medina County Drug Task Force

In 2013 the Wadsworth Police Department (WPD) and the Medina County Drug Task Force (DTF) continued on with the Memorandum of Understanding between the agencies. As per the agreement the WPD assigned an officer to work with the DTF on a full time basis to conduct drug investigations primarily within the city but to also assist with investigations throughout Medina County. In return the DTF reimburses the city \$40K towards the officer's salary and up to 15K in overtime expenses plus the WPD can share in forfeitures. Additionally the DTF supplies the officer with a car and fuel.

During 2013 the DTF conducted 142 drug related investigations in the city of Wadsworth. These investigations led to 113 people being arrested on 247 criminal charges. An additional 9 defendants facing 11 charges are still pending presentation to the Medina County Prosecutor's Office for 2013 investigations.

### Drug Cases Investigated in the City of Wadsworth





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## Medina County Drug Task Force

### Drugs Seized

| Drug            | 2013           | 2012           |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Marijuana       | 22,834 grams   | 1,656 grams    |
| Cocaine         | -              | .1 gram        |
| Crack           | 6.5 grams      | -              |
| Heroin          | 60.2 grams     | 33.6 grams     |
| LSD             | -              | 10 unit doses  |
| Meth            | 20.3 grams     | 3.6 grams      |
| MDMA            | 4 grams        | 1 gram         |
| Pharmaceuticals | 689 unit doses | 979 unit doses |
| Steroids        | -              | 706 grams      |

### Degree of Criminal Charges

| Charges              | 2013       | 2012       |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Federal Charges      | 0          | 2          |
| 1st Degree Felony    | 0          | 0          |
| 2nd Degree Felony    | 6          | 2          |
| 3rd Degree Felony    | 20         | 18         |
| 4th Degree Felony    | 44         | 6          |
| 5th Degree Felony    | 41         | 32         |
| Misdemeanor Charges* | 134        | 40         |
| Arrest Warrants      | 247        | 103        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>247</b> | <b>103</b> |

\*Note – Of the 134 misdemeanor charges, 130 of these are for pseudoephedrine violations. The number of people charged with pseudoephedrine violations in the city of Wadsworth accounts for 78% of all Medina County pseudoephedrine related arrests.

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## Medina County Drug Task Force

| Crime                            | Charges |      | Defendants |      |
|----------------------------------|---------|------|------------|------|
|                                  | 2013    | 2012 | 2013       | 2012 |
| Trafficking Cocaine              |         |      |            |      |
| Trafficking Crack Cocaine        | 4       |      | 2          |      |
| Trafficking Heroin               | 16      | 6    | 8          | 5    |
| Trafficking LSD                  |         | 1    |            | 1    |
| Trafficking Marijuana            | 25      | 9    | 20         | 7    |
| Trafficking Meth                 | 3       | 1    | 1          | 1    |
| Trafficking MDMA (Ecstasy)       | 4       | 1    | 2          | 1    |
| Trafficking MDPV (Bath Salts)    | 2       | 1    | 2          | 1    |
| Trafficking Psilocybin           | 2       |      | 2          |      |
| Trafficking Rx Drugs             | 35      | 12   | 22         | 6    |
| Possession of Crack Cocaine      | 1       | 1    |            | 1    |
| Possession of Heroin             |         | 2    |            | 2    |
| Possession of Marijuana          | 3       |      | 2 / 1      |      |
| Possession of Meth               | 1       | 3    | 1          | 3    |
| Possession of Rx Drugs           | 1       | 2    | 1          | 2    |
| Possession of Steroids           |         | 2    |            | 2    |
| Pseudoephedrine Violation        | 130     | 35   | 57         | 8    |
| Illegal Assembly of Chemicals    | 5       | 5    | 5          | 4    |
| Manufacturing Meth               | 4       | 2    | 4          | 1    |
| Endangering Children             |         | 2    |            | 2    |
| Deception to Obtain Rx Drugs     | 1       | 7    | 1          | 1    |
| Illegal Possession of Drug Docs. | 1       | 2    | 1          | 1    |
| Permitting Drug Abuse            | 2       | 2    | 2          | 1    |
| Tampering with Evidence          |         | 1    |            | 1    |
| Theft                            | 3       | 4    | 1          | 4    |
| Other Misc. Charges              | 2       |      | 2          |      |

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## Departmental Awards

The Wadsworth Police Department recognized several departmental members for various actions from throughout 2013.

**Communications Officers Mike Banks and Nicole Covil** were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for their day-to-day efforts of administering the department's use of the state-wide Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS). The department's use of the LEADS was audited in October by the State of Ohio and received overwhelming compliance in the numerous areas that were reviewed.



**Sergeant Melissa Blubaugh** also received a Certificate of Appreciation for her year-long efforts to completely overhaul and rewrite the departmental policy manual. She incorporated the department's policies, rules/regulations and jail manual into an organized, professional and easily accessible format.



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## Departmental Awards

**Patrol Officer Dan Chafin** was awarded the Departmental Commendation (Blue) Award for his life-saving efforts that took place on November 16, 2013. He had responded to a call of an elderly male fall victim in which Wadsworth EMS were also responding. His arrival on scene before the rescue squad allowed him to utilize the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and then continue to perform CPR on the subject. The victim was subsequently treated and transported to the hospital by Wadsworth EMS



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## Departmental Awards

**Patrol Officer Heath Studer** was awarded the Departmental Commendation (Gold) Award. On July 10, 2013 the Wadsworth area experienced an historic rainfall, wide spread flooding and was under a tornado warning. He responded to a mutual aid request from the Ohio State Highway Patrol to the area of S. Medina Line Road for a tree that had fallen onto live electrical lines. While there, a passing motorist informed him of a disabled vehicle on Fixler Road, approximately one-half mile west of S. Medina Line Road. Upon his arrival to the area of the disabled vehicle he observed that it was in a low-lying area that had transformed into a large current of water that closely resembled a fast-moving river. The water was approximately 2' deep and 300' wide. The stranded vehicle was located in the middle of these raging waters. He was able to confirm that there were occupants inside of the car, later identified as a mother and her two children. As Officer Studer made the decision to wade through the water he observed two volunteer firefighters in their personal vehicles also begin to approach from the opposite side. They worked together to remove the family and escort them to safety at a great risk to their own personal safety.





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## Officer of the Year

**Patrol Officer Seth Petit** was named the Patrol Officer of the Year for 2013. He was selected to receive this award by a majority of his peers and front-line supervisors. He had previously been named the Officer-of-the-Month in April 2013. He was a top performer in most enforcement categories and is a member of the Medina County OVI Task Force. He was recognized as the Department's top traffic enforcement officer for the past two years by the Medina County Safe Communities organization. He was hired as a Patrol Officer in February 2011 and received his Peace Officer certification from the Buckeye State Police Academy in October 2010. He is currently assigned to third shift patrol but will be transitioning to second shift patrol for 2014.





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## Some Events in 2013

### January:

- 1-2 James Allenby is sworn-in as a Patrol Officer; begins basic training at the Cleveland Heights Police Academy the next day.
- 1-6 Aggravated Murder Suspect David Stoddard is arrested at the Legacy Inn after his vehicle is spotted by Patrol Officer Joe Rose.
- 1-17 Curt McCune is sworn-in as a Patrol Officer; begins field training on January 28.
- 1-28 Patrol Officer Adam Innocenti presents the proposed A.L.I.C.E. training to upper-management of the Wadsworth City Schools.
- 1-30 Five patrol officers are re-sworn as Reserve Deputies by new Sheriff Tom Miller as members of the MCOVITF (Sean Shannon, John Ahern, Michael Patterson, Daniel Shonk and Seth Petit).

### February:

- 2-8 The following personnel are recognized for their contributions by US Marshall Pete Elliot in the arrest of a murder suspect: Detectives Matt Markley and Dawn Schismenos; Patrol Officers Heath Studer and John Ahern; Sergeant Jim Wilcox and Chief Randy Reinke.
- 2-12 Additional patrol personnel are sworn-in as Reserve Deputies by new Sheriff Tom Miller as members of the MCOVITF (Dan Chafin, Adam Innocenti, Joe Rose, James Elchlinger and Michael Ballway).

### March:

- 3-16 The MCOVITF conducts an OVI Checkpoint on Main Street along with saturation patrols throughout the city.
- 3-21 Auxiliary Patrol Officer Joel Woolard is sworn-in.
- 3-28 A.L.I.C.E. training is presented to all of the school personnel. Presenting this program are Patrol Officers Adam Innocenti, Andrew Blubaugh, Dan Chafin, Joe Rose, Heath Studer, Detective Matt Markley and Sergeant James Elchlinger.
- 3-29 Detective Matt Markley and Patrol Officer Dan Shonk partner with the O.I.U. and conduct numerous compliance checks. Twenty-one businesses were in compliance and three were in violation.

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## Some Events in 2013

### April:

- 4-16 National Public Safety Telecommunications Week (April 14-20, 2013) is recognized with a mayoral proclamation. Communications Officer Jenny Neforos represents the department in receipt of this proclamation.
- 4-18 Patrol Officers Katie Sipos and Sean Shannon represent the department at the session of the Wadsworth Municipal Court held at the WHS in which a local defendant was sentenced immediately to jail.
- 4-27 The National Prescription Drug “Take Back Day” is conducted and Auxiliary Patrol Officer Dave King collects approximately 86 pounds of unwanted medications.

### May:

- 5-2 Lieutenant Rob Wyrick participates with other city leaders in the annual Students in Government Day.
- 5-5 The department mourns the loss of retired Patrol Officer Mike Antro at his calling hours.
- 5-11 Auxiliary Patrol Officer Dave Samic represents the department at the annual Salvation Army Walk-a-Thon and Family Fun Day at Memorial Park.
- 5-15 Peace Officer Memorial Day is observed.
- 5-17 Patrol Officer Adam Innocenti participates with other community leaders in Reality Day at the Wadsworth Middle School in which students experience real life responsibilities.
- 5-20 Patrol Officer James Allenby begins the field training program.
- 5-31 Throughout the month of May hundreds of young students tour the WPD.

### June:

- 6-4 Departmental members begin to transition to the new Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm Pistol.
- 6-13 The department received two new 2014 Dodge Chargers for patrol.
- 6-20 Aggravated Arson Suspect Jill Tucker is arrested after a lengthy investigation spearheaded by Detective Matt Markley.
- 6-24 The week-long Wadsworth Safety Forces Camp begins for approximately 150 middle-school aged students.
- 6-24 Various members of the department participate in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run through Medina County.



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## Some Events in 2013

### July:

- 7-1 Partnership with the Medina County Drug Task Force (MCDTF) continues.
- 7-22 Patrol Officer Adam Innocenti participates in the two weeks of Safety Town.

### August:

- 8-6 Department members participate in the National Night Out event.
- 8-8 Chief Randy Reinke attends the Medina County Safe Communities kick-off event for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement campaign (August 16-September 2, 2013).
- 8-17 WPD personnel (Patrol Officers John Ahern and Adam Innocenti, Sergeant Mike Ballway and Auxiliary Patrol Officer Dave King) contribute to the Medina County OVI Task Force's OVI Checkpoint that was operational on northbound High Street from 10:00 pm – 1:00 am. 382 vehicles were checked and 11 were diverted for further checks; one person was arrested for OVI and one person was charged with Drug Abuse for possession of marijuana.
- 8-21 Patrol Officer Adam Innocenti begins his new assignment as the School Resource Officer (SRO) within the Wadsworth City Schools.
- 8-24 Auxiliary Patrol Officer Dave Samic represents the department at the annual Touch-a-Truck event at the Key to My Father's House Church.
- 8-30 Approximately 30 employees from local businesses that sell alcohol attend the Alcohol Server Knowledge (ASK) training presented by the Ohio Investigative Unit in an effort to curb sales to under-aged persons.

### September:

- 9-6 Detective Dawn Schismenos and Patrol Officer Kyle Haas partner with the Ohio Investigative Unit in conducting compliance checks throughout the city. Out of 30 establishments checked, 7 were found to be in violation.
- 9-11 Patriot Day is observed.
- 9-21 Auxiliary Patrol Officer Dave Samic represents the department at the Reimer Road Baptist Church's Car Show.
- 9-27 Patrol Officers Joe Rose and Seth Petit are presented awards by Chief Randy Reinke for their high level of traffic enforcement at the annual Medina County Safe Communities Awards Breakfast.



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## Some Events in 2013

### October:

- 10-5 Auxiliary Patrol Officer Phil Canfora and his canine partner Ozzie represent the department at the annual Safety Days at our local Home Depot.
- 10-6 Auxiliary Patrol Officer Mick Sobie represents the department at the annual Cops for Kids with Autism “Basket Event.”
- 10-7 Communications Officers Mike Banks (TAC) and Nicole Covil (Assistant TAC) represent the department during the LEADS audit conducted by the State of Ohio; a highly compliant score is attained.
- 10-18 Continuing partnership with the OIU results in two violations out of a total of 31 establishments checked.

### November:

- 11-9 The final transitional training and qualification of the new Smith & Wesson M&P firearms is conducted. The entire department has been transitioned over to this new firearm.
- 11-14 Sergeant Mike Ballway is presented with a \$500.00 donation from the Blue Tip Committee for next year’s Safety Forces Camp.

### December:

- 12-7 Various departmental members participate in the annual Shop with a Cop program, spearheaded by Detective Matt Markley.
- 12-13 At the departmental meeting, Chief Randy Reinke presents the 2013 Officer-of-the-Year Award to Patrol Officer Seth Petit. Other personnel receive formal recognition as well.