

# Sandusky Police



# 2005 Annual Report

# A Message from Chief Runner

All City Departments were mandated to reduce budgets 10% for 2005. To accomplish this, several steps were implemented. Programs had to be cut from past levels or eliminated. These included child fingerprinting, CAP - child assault prevention, DARE, Marine Patrol, Operation Gunlock, civilian police academy, numerous tours, and talks by officers.

Staff at the department was reduced by not filling vacancies. Going into 2006 we are down 5 (five) fulltime officers, 1 fulltime dispatcher, 1 part-time dispatcher, 1 part-time records clerk, and 7 reserve officers. Additionally two full-time officers are currently on extended leave due to job related injuries. For budget conservation, the reserve officers had their hours cut in one-half for a large part of 2005. These changes have affected all areas of our operation.

To maintain the current level of services the COP (Community Oriented Policing) officers have been assigned to shifts and the stations closed. The patrol division has been realigned to streamline the command structure. The DARE program had been reduced by one officer and the length of the program reduced. Calls for service have been prioritized during peak periods, resulting in slower responses to lower priority calls at times.

In spite of these reductions, officers have still responded to all calls for service. The total number of such calls has dropped by approximately 700 when compared with 2004. Our average call response time for all calls has remained consistent with past years. The Department has traditionally had excellent response times better than most of our counterparts. We are working hard to maintain this for 2006.

Domestic Violence related arrests remain the largest individual category. Overall total arrests are up slightly along with reported criminal incidents. For a breakdown of activity and arrests, see the charts contained in this report.

The City for 2006 will continue to operate with reduced budgets. For the Police Department, only one of the five-fulltime officer positions will be filled. Civil Service testing is being conducted in January 2006 for this.

We are also looking at every area of operation for efficiency and productivity to improve the Center for Performance Management ratings. This is a system of rating various government functions by the International City Managers Association. This process was started in 2005 and will continue in 2006.

This year will again be a year of change with multiple challenges to face. Each year different demands and projects need to be addressed in addition to those that are always there. We must meet these in the best possible manner, being willing to examine and modify past practices when needed, and be daring enough to try new and/or different approaches.

This will be my last message as Chief, as I will be retiring this May. Sandusky is blessed to have a police department staffed with many fine, dedicated officers. When you look at what is being accomplished, it is the officers who are doing it. While the "chief" is often the focal point, it is the officers themselves and what they do that makes or breaks a department. Support your police officers; they are working to protect you, doing a difficult job knowing they will be criticized no matter what they do. Thankfully there are men and women out there doing it everyday and night.

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## **AVERAGE DAY AT THE SANDUSKY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Citations  
6.95

Parking Tickets  
6.88

Written Warnings  
4.80

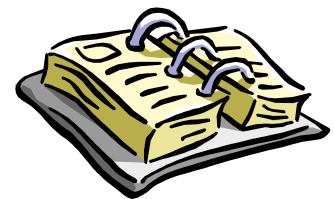
Accidents  
2.24

Adult Arrests  
17.14

Juvenile Arrests  
2.97

Service of Warrants  
7.32

Incident Narratives  
82.46



## **WARRANTS**

Total Warrants  
Processed  
2,570

# General Information

## Department Information

Full Time Officers .....	51
Part Time/Reserve Officers .....	18
Full Time Support Staff .....	10
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>79</b>
Officers For Every 1000 Citizens .....	1.8

## Budget Information

Police Division .....	\$3,360,870.75
Support Division .....	\$687,999.19
Reserve Division .....	\$64,275.78
Marine Patrol .....	\$46,125.47
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$4,159,271.19</b>

## Grant Money Received

Marine Patrol .....	\$25,263.00
Erie County Drug Task Force for DARE .....	\$1,068.00
DARE Grant .....	\$15,649.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$41,980.00</b>

## Donations From Public

To DARE .....	\$2,025.00
General Donations to Police Department .....	\$1,775.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$3,800.00</b>

## Other Revenue Collected

Report Copies .....	\$198.20
Fingerprint cards .....	\$550.00
Service Fee .....	\$10,320.00
Witness Fees .....	\$1,104.00
False Alarm Fees .....	\$4,910.00
BMV / Immobilization / FRA / Non-Compliance .....	\$675.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$17,559.00</b>

# CHANGE IN PERSONNEL



**John W Samko**  
*Resigned on March 10, 2005*



**James G Fitzpatrick Jr**  
*Resigned on August 10, 2005*



**Danny C Harlow**  
*Resigned on December 2, 2005*

# Traffic Enforcement

## Traffic Citations and Arrests

	2003	2004	2005
Child Safety Seat	15	22	23
DUI	179	168	145
DUS	573	400	527
Expired Plates	173	105	136
Failure to Control	164	139	142
Failure to Stop ACD	195	178	156
Failure to Yield ROW	153	158	144
Fictitious Plates	42	32	31
Handicap Parking Violation	6	8	2
Leaving The Scene	53	69	68
No or Expired Drivers License	112	97	96
Other	486	476	406
Reckless Operation	32	34	38
Red Light Violation	124	80	111
Seat Belt Violations	219	117	201
Speed	411	191	247
Stop Sign Violation	96	70	64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>2,344</b>	<b>2,537</b>



## CIVILIAN FINGERPRINTS

In November 2005, BCI & I served noticed that they would no longer accept printed civilian cards. All civilian fingerprints had to be done via Web Check.

Erie County Sheriff's Office has the only Web Check for Erie county.

	2003	2004	2005
Written Warning Issued	1,989	1,103	1,753
Parking Tickets Issued	3,151	2,921	2,513

## Accident Severity Breakdown

	2003	2004	2005
<b>Fatalities</b>	1	1	0
<b>Injury</b>	161	196	177
<b>Property Damage</b>	716	738	641
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>818</b>

Dollar value of Property damage in traffic accidents for the year 2005 is estimated at **\$10,675,400**.

**NOTE:** It is not possible to make calculations of exact costs, they can be approximated. Calculated costs includes wages lost, medical expenses, and overhead costs of insurance and property damage. Pain, suffering, lost time and inconvenience are not included.



## FALSE ALARMS

Year of 2004  
1,044

Year of 2005  
788

# Incident Activity Summary

	2003				2004				2005			
	Reported	Unfounded	Total	Cleared By Arrest	Reported	Unfounded	Total	Cleared By Arrest	Reported	Unfounded	Total	Cleared By Arrest
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Forcible Rape	11	0	11	4	17	1	16	4	8	1	7	4
Robbery	73	47	26	9	61	30	31	14	82	33	49	21
Assault	918	1	917	549	891	1	890	547	928	4	924	569
Breaking & Entering	1,484	1,145	339	47	1,447	1,069	378	60	1,104	717	387	75
Larceny - Theft	1,318	17	1,301	130	1,382	21	1,361	139	1,405	26	1,379	148
Motor Vehicle - Theft	82	11	71	25	85	5	80	25	82	15	67	29
Arson	2	0	2	1	6	0	6	1	3	0	3	3
<b>Total UCR (Part-1)</b>	<b>3,888</b>	<b>1,221</b>	<b>2,667</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>3,889</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>2,762</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>3,613</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>2,817</b>	<b>849</b>
Forgery & Counterfeiting	37	0	37	8	54	1	53	25	45	3	42	19
Fraud	76	0	76	7	113	0	113	13	139	0	139	18
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	8	0	8	8	15	0	15	14	16	0	16	16
Vandalism	5	0	5	2	24	0	24	4	17	0	17	9
Weapons	102	0	102	21	114	3	111	26	120	1	119	20
Prostitution	4	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0
Sex Offenses	69	2	67	21	88	8	80	23	79	8	71	15
Drug Abuse	383	6	377	235	333	7	326	214	302	6	296	214
Gambling	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1
Offenses Against Family	16	0	16	15	22	0	22	13	10	0	10	6
DUI	192	1	191	173	171	0	171	158	154	1	153	137
Liquor Laws	174	0	174	133	135	0	135	117	93	1	92	82
Drunkenness	474	0	474	378	408	0	408	321	433	0	433	336
Disorderly Conduct	3,267	0	3,267	303	3,329	0	3,329	286	3,301	1	3,300	294
Vagrancy	15	0	15	0	13	0	13	1	6	0	6	0
All Other Except Traffic	5,285	1	5,284	1,897	4,810	0	4,810	1,772	5,051	0	5,051	1,891
Curfew & Loitering	72	0	72	56	54	0	54	39	22	0	22	17
Runaways	23	0	23	9	34	0	34	22	34	0	34	22
<b>Total UCR (Part-2)</b>	<b>10,204</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10,194</b>	<b>3,266</b>	<b>9,721</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9,702</b>	<b>3,048</b>	<b>9,824</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9,803</b>	<b>2,097</b>
<b>Calls for Service</b>	<b>22,338</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>22,026</b>		<b>16,869</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>16,734</b>		<b>16,010</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>15,850</b>	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36,430</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>34,887</b>	<b>4,031</b>	<b>30,479</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>29,198</b>	<b>3,838</b>	<b>29,447</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>28,470</b>	<b>3,946</b>

# Criminal Arrest Breakdown

	2003			2004			2005		
	Adult	Juv	Total	Adult	Juv	Total	Adult	Juv	Total
Arson	3	0	3	1	0	1	1	4	5
Assault - Felony	85	28	113	85	25	110	84	23	107
Assault - Misdemeanor	119	59	178	114	45	159	213	34	247
Destruction of Property	86	40	126	115	42	157	128	31	159
Disorderly Conduct	289	16	305	249	107	356	227	100	327
Domestic - Felony	93	0	93	97	1	98	131	1	132
Domestic - Misdemeanor	319	65	384	325	49	374	304	41	345
Domestic - TPO / CPO / SPO	78	0	78	103	0	103	123	0	123
Drugs - Cocaine	235	3	238	203	3	206	247	1	248
Drugs - Herion	14	0	14	14	0	14	6	0	6
Drugs - Marijuana	251	22	273	274	7	281	222	13	235
Drugs - Other	220	19	239	187	5	192	162	7	169
DUI	176	4	180	168	0	168	142	3	145
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	27
Homicide	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	1	7
Intoxication	536	2	538	521	2	523	510	0	510
Juvenile - Child Endangering	60	0	60	74	1	75	52	1	53
Juvenile - Contributing	14	0	14	16	1	17	2	1	3
Juvenile - Curfew	3	153	156	1	85	86	0	76	76
Juvenile - Custody	3	0	3	4	0	4	0	0	0
Juvenile - Unruly Child	3	325	328	0	295	295	0	295	295
Kidnapping	24	1	25	19	0	19	24	0	24
Liquor	105	1	106	83	0	83	80	0	80
Liquor - Under Age	207	77	284	163	61	224	113	44	157
Menacing - Felony	7	0	7	3	0	3	7	0	7
Menacing - Misdemeanor	119	27	146	122	23	145	122	13	135
Offense Against Justice	438	101	539	474	86	560	523	89	612
Other	329	49	378	271	38	309	246	32	278
Sex Offense - Felony	31	7	38	37	8	45	16	14	30
Sex Offense - Misdemeanor	12	3	15	16	3	19	9	2	11
Theft- Burglary	55	37	92	87	29	116	100	6	106
Theft - Forgery	46	0	46	58	2	60	82	0	82
Theft - Other	202	54	256	248	49	297	290	33	323
Theft - Receiving	36	1	37	58	8	66	70	8	78
Theft - Robbery	12	1	13	28	2	30	36	4	40
Theft - Unauthorized Use	8	6	14	13	4	17	19	7	26
Warrant Service	1,648	191	1,839	1,687	162	1,849	1,844	194	2,038
Watercraft	38	0	38	27	5	32	21	3	24
Weapons	47	5	52	58	17	75	67	4	71
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,951</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>7,247</b>	<b>6,004</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>7,169</b>	<b>6,256</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>7,341</b>

# Sandusky Police Roster

Effective December 31, 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Robert E Runner	Chief of Police	Chief of Police	09/07/1975
Gary M Lyons	Assistant Chief of Police	Assistant Chief	12/03/1979
Gary A Frankowski	Captain	Administrative	04/25/1971
Richard N Pace	Captain	Administrative	01/07/1980
Charles W Sams	Captain	Patrol Commander	02/27/1984
Michael J Frank	Lieutenant	Services Bureau	03/17/1980
Max M Jarrett	Lieutenant	Detective Bureau	03/03/1986
Phillip J Frost	Lieutenant	Day Shift	06/12/1988
Michael H Campbell	Lieutenant	Night Shift	11/03/1991
Glenn W Armstrong	Lieutenant	Night Shift	10/27/1991
Christopher L Hofacker	Lieutenant	Day Shift	03/20/1988
Robert E Vanscoy Jr	Sergeant	Night Shift	12/10/1989
William S McPeck Jr	Sergeant	Day Shift	02/04/1990
Melvin D Burns Jr	Sergeant	Day Shift	08/14/1988
Ronald E Snyder	Sergeant	Night Shift	07/30/1989
Donald S Rumbutis	Officer	Services Bureau	05/24/1979
Ronald Susana	Officer	Night Shift	11/03/1980
James C Ommert	Officer	DARE	02/26/1984
Helen A Prosowski	Officer	Detective Bureau	06/02/1985
Mark Volz	Officer	Detective Bureau	02/10/1986
Richard D Alexander Jr	Officer	Mid Shift	02/24/1986
Matthew S Dunn	Officer	Day Shift	06/21/1987
Lonnie R Newell	Officer	School Resource Officer	08/30/1987
Kenneth M Piotrowski	Officer	Detective Bureau	01/18/1989
Richard K Braun	Officer	Day Shift	07/02/1989
Mark W Gillam	Officer	Night Shift	10/01/1989
Major Ruffin III	Officer	Night Shift	11/12/1989
Gary L Wichman	Officer	Night Shift	08/27/1990
David E West	Officer	Night Shift	04/12/1992
Richard Cottrill	Officer	Night Shift	08/14/1992
Christopher Rankins	Officer	Day Shift	10/03/1993
Jonathon J Huffman	Officer	Night Shift	09/17/1994
Kenneth G Nixon	Officer	DARE	05/31/1995
Dana E Newell	Officer	Mid Shift	08/13/1995
Tracy E Brewer	Officer	Day Shift	10/15/1995
Kevin B Youskievicz	Officer	Day Shift	06/11/1996
Jack C Austin	Officer	Day Shift	06/24/1996
Michael E Shock	Officer	Day Shift	10/20/1996
John T Orzech	Officer	Detective Bureau	09/07/1997
Eric G Graybill	Officer	Night Shift	05/03/1998

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Danny J Lewis	Officer	Erie County Drug Task Force	07/12/1998
Robert D Bess	Officer	Night Shift	07/19/1998
Todd M Suarez	Officer	Mid Shift	07/21/1998
Robert Gardin	Officer	Night Shift	09/06/1998
James D Desalle	Officer	Night Shift	09/20/1998
John W Powell	Officer	Mid Shift	09/21/1999
Kenneth Gautschi Jr	Officer	Night Shift	01/03/1999
Erik W Mohr	Officer	Day Shift	05/21/2000
Todd W Smith	Officer	Night Shift	05/24/2001
Kristofer Parsons	Officer	Day Shift	05/23/2002
Dawn A. Allen	Officer	Day Shift	08/01/2002
C Robert Hemmer		Reserve Officer	09/27/1973
James A Gillam		Reserve Officer	04/01/1980
Steven C Brown		Reserve Officer	06/23/1985
James A Wechter		Reserve Officer	02/18/1990
Diarnelle L Nickleson		Reserve Officer	08/11/1992
Patrick M Johnson		Reserve Officer	02/13/1994
Stephen P Maag		Reserve Officer	02/13/1994
Tony Aaron		Reserve Officer	05/12/1996
Robert J Pfanner		Reserve Officer	05/15/1998
Patrick D Conley		Reserve Officer	05/10/1998
Roy Prewitt		Reserve Officer	06/08/1998
Curtis C Muehling		Reserve Officer	02/07/1999
Keith D Bodi		Reserve Officer	05/30/1999
Keith A Capizzi		Reserve Officer	12/26/1999
Victor M Grant		Reserve Officer	08/07/2000
Jason Williams		Reserve Officer	04/26/2001
Mark H Dahlmann		Reserve Officer	01/16/2003
Andrew S Dunn		Reserve Officer	01/30/2003
Sylvan Wahl		Evidence Officer	05/26/1996
Robert Sparks		Parking Enforcement	05/31/2001
Timothy A Meade		Dispatch	08/24/1986
Joseph T Price		Dispatch	10/28/1989
Amy S Theriault		Dispatch	11/02/1997
Felicia L Jones		Dispatch	07/25/1999
Karen L Alexander		Dispatch	08/08/1999
Jennifer Beuck		Dispatch	04/02/2000
Angela Barnett		Dispatch	09/23/2004
Mary E Link		Secretary	11/06/1978
David R Merkle		Records	10/19/1975
Wendy S Chamberlain		Records	07/31/1994