

LIMA POLICE DEPARTMENT



2007 ANNUAL REPORT

With 2006 Comparison Crime Stats



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Dear Reader,

The 2007 calendar year saw the Lima Police Department truly do more, with less. The second year of a city-wide hiring freeze led to a drop in sworn personnel to 76. This is down from 89 in 2004, or the equivalent loss of an entire shift of officers. Despite calls-for-service remaining steady, the overall crime rate dropped slightly. Crimes of violence dropped 6 percent, however an increase of 3 percent in property crimes resulted in an overall drop of just over ½ of 1 percent.

Grants, many in their final months, were used to creatively fund overtime. This overtime permitted our Shift Commanders to target quality-of-life issues in the neighborhoods, such as loud music, intoxication and traffic violations.

We continued to expand our ability to investigate computer crimes, training and equipping one of the state's foremost computer forensic labs. Many of our members received advanced training and furthered their educations in an ongoing effort to provide the community with professional service.

With the hope of a brighter economic outlook and an end to the hiring freeze, it is the goal of the Lima Police Department that we continue to seek out creative methods and partnerships in an effort to make the Lima Community a better place to work and raise families. I hope you find this report a useful tool in reviewing the work of our agency.

**J. Gregory Garlock, CLEE
Chief of Police**



LIMA POLICE DEPARTMENT VISION, MISSION & VALUES STATEMENTS



VISION

The Lima Police Department strives to be an organization:

- ▶ in which all our members recognize their individual leadership roles in adhering to the values we deem to be important, regardless of our rank or position within the department;
- ▶ that is committed to continuous improvement and quality service for our customers, our organization and ourselves, and that serves as the epitome of excellence in professional policing;
- ▶ wherein everyone is treated fairly;
- ▶ in which we value each other, creating an atmosphere that encourages innovation and commitment to advance our vision, mission and values; that is ethical and professional in all we do.

The Lima Police Department's members must be committed to doing the right thing the right way, based on our vision, mission and values. This is where our future begins.

MISSION

The Lima Police Department is committed to excellence. Our mission is to work in partnership with the community to improve the quality of life by creatively solving problems related to crime, the fear of crime, and neighborhood decay and to safeguard the constitutional rights of all.

VALUES

INTEGRITY

To be honest and complete in our dealing with the community and with each other. To be committed to follow the principles set forth in the oath of office and the standards established by the Lima Police Department.

HONOR

To have esteem, respect and reverence for our personal and professional family as well as the citizens and visitors of Lima.

VALOR

To have the courage to do what is right even at personal sacrifice. To have the courage to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. To be brave and persevere in the face of danger. To have the courage to admit when we are wrong.

2007 Lima Police Department Employee Roster

Chief of Police

J. Gregory Garlock

Majors

Kevin Martin
Richard Shade
Anthony Swygart
James Thorburn (retired)

Lieutenants

Matthew Albright
James Baker
Angel Cortes
Chris Protsman

Sergeants

Joseph Chavalia
Ronald Conner
Patrick Coon
Glenn Crawford (retired)
Jason Garlock
Ron Holman
Beverly Leary
Brian Leary
Philip Miller
Craig Stevenson
Paula Strickler

Detectives

Timothy Clark
Phillip Kleman
Scott Leland
Donald Marik
Kent Miller
Joseph Nolan
Steven Stechschulte Jr.

Identification Officers

David Hammond
Kenneth Whitney

Patrol Officers

Gregory Adkins
Jason Birkmeier
John Bishop
Jason Bugh
George Caldwell
Michael Carman

Kevin DeLong
Matthew Douglas
John Dunham Jr.
Johnny Elchert
Damon Engelman
Mark Frysinger
Jason Garlock
David Gillispie
Amy Glanemann
Charles Godfrey
Timothy Goedde
Andrew Green
Paul Guidera
Latimer Gyetvai
Robert Hammell
Nicholas Hart
William Haslett
Curtis Hile
Robert Hillard
G. Todd Jennings
Andrew Johnson
E. Scott Jones
Randal Kohli
Trent Kunkleman
Deana Lauck
Mark Link
Ronald Martin
Ronald Meister Jr.
Eric Mericle II
Thomas Moss II
Tiffany Najmulski
Sean Neidemire
Mark Nichols
David Parker (resigned)
Robert Phillips
Timothy Rader
Kelly Ricker
Robert Sarchet
Justin Schroeder
Lewis Shepherd
Chris Sprouse
Robert Stoodt
Randall Tigner
Billy Thompson Jr.
Frank Vaccaro
David Vastano
Patricia Wogerman

Communications Operators

Donna Binkley
Kimberly Fields
Kimberly Holman
Lori Keith
Genevieve Ladden
Cindi Leach
Missy Page
Jesse Pittman
Nikki Snider
Jessica Vorhees

Corrections Officers

Shane Fisher
Anthony Gladen
Shannon Pugh

Secretary II

Marjorie Glenn

Secretary I

Theresa Del Signore
LeeAnn Shade (retired)

Technology Coordinator

Rebecca DeVelbiss

Clerk Typist

Deb Caprella
Deb Williams

Account Clerk

Melissa Brunner

Community Services Aide

M. Irene Pepple (resigned)
Cassandra Barrows

Vehicle Code Enforcement Officer

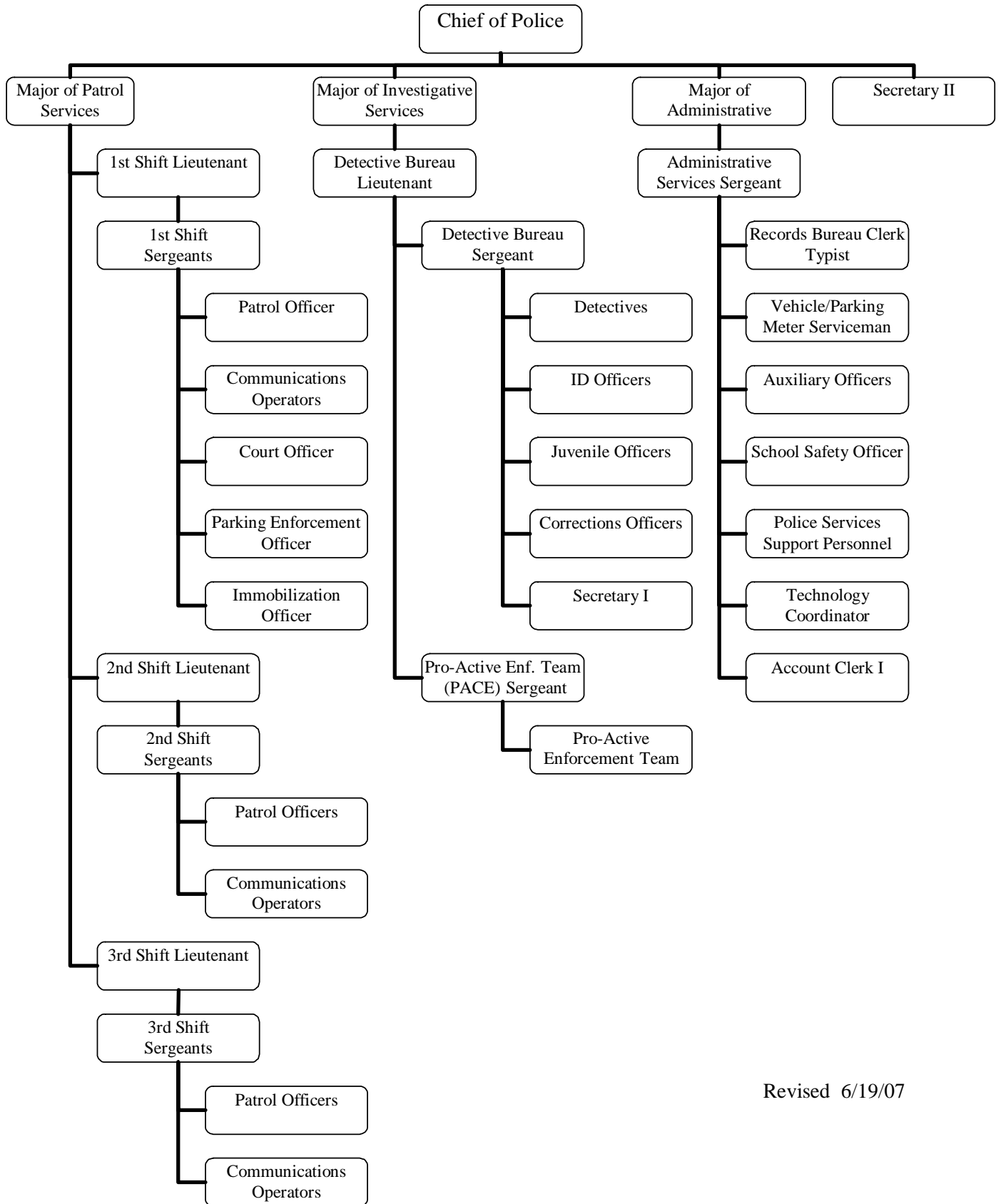
Jeff Jacomet

Meter/Vehicle Maintenance Person

Richard Neu

Parking Enforcement Officers

Loire Taylor



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Employee Recognition- 2007

On May 17th, 2007, the LPD Awards Committee hosted the 11th bi-annual Employee Recognition Banquet at Memorial Hall. The banquet and accompanying awards is a way that the LPD pays respect to dedication and outstanding service of Lima Police Department employees. Awards are presented in five categories:

Distinguished Achievement- members have displayed a high degree of initiative, professionalism, and job proficiency, as well as the ability to manage a sensitive situation.

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| ★ Patrolman Jason Birkmeier | Patrol Officer Amy Glanemann |
| ★ Patrolman Trent Kunkleman | Patrolman Nick Hart |
| ★ Detective Steve Stechsulte | Sergeant Joseph Chavalia |
| ★ Patrolman Curt Hile | Patrolman David Gillispie |

Merit Award- members have performed a duty at some risk to their own safety, have made a critical judgement, followed by action that resulted in the saving of a life.

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| ★ Patrolman Jason Birkmeier | Patrolman Scott Jones |
| ★ Communications Operator Kim Fields | Patrolman Ron Martin |
| ★ Communications Operator Jenny Ladden | Detective Kent Miller |
| ★ Patrolman Tim Goedde | Sergeant Chip Protsman |
| ★ Sergeant Ron Holman | |

Lifesaving Award- members successfully saving a human life by action which may have involved exceptional courage or performance.

- ★ Patrolman Sean Neidemire
- ★ Patrolman Robert Sarchet

Medal of Bravery- honors those members who have shown a high degree of initiative, professionalism and courage in a dangerous situation.

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| ★ Patrolman Jason Birkmeier | Patrolman David Parker |
| ★ Patrolman William Haslett | Sergeant Phil Miller |

Outstanding Employees-

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| ★ Sergeant Joe Chavalia | Patrolman David Gillispie |
| ★ Sergeant Chip Protsman | Patrolman Bob Hammell |
| ★ Sergeant Paula Strickler | Patrolman Bob Sarchet |
| ★ Melissa Brunner | Rebecca Develbiss |
| ★ Debra Williams | |

**2007 M.A.D.D. LPD Officer of the Year
Patrolman Curtis Hile**



Mothers Against Drunk Driving recognized Ptl. Curt Hile for the fourth consecutive year as the LPD officer removing the most impaired drivers from the streets of Lima.

**Iota Phi Theta Alpha Mu
Lima Chapter Police Officer of the Year
Major Kevin Martin**



For the 10th consecutive year, Iota Phi Theta Alpha Mu Lima chapter has given a Police Officer of the Year Award. In 2007, they chose LPD Major Kevin Martin for his dedication, both on and off the job. Martin was chosen for his work in his neighborhood association and missionary work through his church.

PATROL DIVISION

FIRST SHIFT- First Shift saw fluctuations within the shift due to transfers and reassignments, with seven long-term illnesses or injuries. With the loss of two shift personnel, the shift was still able to provide coverage for calls-for-service, (12,100 for the year) conduct some special operations, and take part in special teams training and use. Five changes were made during the year in shift supervision personnel. The shift continued to build on its solid foundation of employees for the betterment of the City of Lima.

Four members of the shift received letters-of-thanks from organizations and families for their participation in Honor Guard duties. Ptl. Johnny Elchert again volunteered his time to interact with Marimor/MRDD at their picnic and parade for safety services providers. He was nominated by the Lima/Allen County Family Abuse Prevention Team for Officer of the Year. Ptl. Bob Hammell received a commendation from the Joint Systems Manufacturing Plant for his assistance in training their Special Response Team. Ptl. Greg Adkins was commended for helping plan and host a Hazardous Device school. The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons chose Ptl. Randy Kohli as recipient of their Community Service Award.

Special operations were conducted targeting prostitution and noise violations, resulting in numerous arrests and citations. Security for the Star Spangled Spectacular, Irish Day Parade, Memorial Day Parade, Labor Day Parade, and the Allen County Fair Parade was planned and supervised by First Shift. Despite all of this, the shift has personnel involved in SWAT, Dive, Honor Guard, Bike Team, Crisis Intervention, Court Watch, Haz-Mat and Bomb Teams. Our officers help to support the other two shifts, PACE and other multi-jurisdictional agencies in special operations such as OVI checkpoints and liquor operations. First Shift continues to strive to be a benchmark of performance and excellent customer service to the community. - Sgt. Patrick Coon

SECOND SHIFT- During 2007 Second Shift had numerous changes in personnel due to promotions, transfers, and resignations. Even though short-handed, this shift performed professionally, responding to the most calls-for-service. (15,313) Officers of Second Shift issued 2,457 citations, made 2,995 arrests and investigated 598 traffic crashes.

Along with responding to calls, this shift planned proactive special operations during the summer months to address problems identified in several neighborhoods. The majority of prostitution-related arrests were made as a result of Second Shift operations. Officers also conducted noise operations and bike patrol targeting areas of complaint from residents.

The ongoing dedication to bettering our greatest resource, our employees, led to extensive training opportunities. Ptl. Vaccaro attended two-weeks of Firearms Instructor training at the Ohio Police Officers Training Academy, and became the range officer for the shift. Ptl. Nick Hart continued to expand his knowledge during weeks of traffic crash investigation school. He is now part of the LPD Crash Team.

Insuring the safety and security of patrons of Square Fair in Downtown Lima was undertaken once again by Second Shift personnel. Many officers and supervisors devoted extra hours to keep the festival running smoothly in a safe, family friendly atmosphere.

The LPD specialty teams are strongly supported by officers from the shift. This young and eager shift provided participants for the SWAT Team, Bomb Team, Bike, K-9, Honor Guard, Crisis Intervention Team and Allen County Court Watch. Second Shift officers also volunteered to assist PACE on numerous operations, as well participating in multi-agency special operations.

- Sgt. Andy Green

THIRD SHIFT- Third Shift also suffered personnel loss during the hiring freeze. Andy Green was promoted from Patrol Officer to Sergeant, resulting in a loss to the shift. Late in the year Patrolman Damon Engelman was activated for military duty and deployed overseas. Third Shift Patrol Officer Sean Neidemire, a certified instructor in Controlled F.O.R.C.E. defensive tactics, held basic D.T. sessions, with the media invited. An example of Third Shift teamwork occurred on February 7th of 2007, when eight shift members apprehended a burglar at a city drive-thru carryout. Third Shift conducted nine special operations targeting curfew violations and problems at downtown liquor establishments. Those operations led to the following results:

Lt. Angel Cortes

4 curfew arrests	19 traffic arrests	34 misdemeanor arrests
3 felony arrests	2 warrant arrests	8 loud music citations
5 impounds	2 summons	5 OVI
2 parking tickets	4 warning tags	

2007 Patrol Division Activity

Category	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Calls for Service	43,205	45,626	46,043	43,422	43,021
Incident Reports	9,212	10,165	9,852	9,486	9,402
Crash Reports	1,908	1,851	1,639	1,423	1,382
Citations Issued	5,763	6,805	6,111	5,310	4,519
Adult Arrests	4,633	5,695	5,362	5,306	5,246
Juvenile Arrests	649	639	749	824	754
Field Contacts	1,884	1,785	1,359	1,328	1,290

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Investigative Services, comprised of the Detective Bureau, Juvenile Bureau, Identifications Bureau, PACE Team and Corrections, saw many changes in personnel in 2007. Major Thorburn retired and his office filled by Major Shade. We also were short one of our two juvenile officers for an extended period of time with Officer Parker being deployed to Iraq. He subsequently retired late in the year.

In the first quarter of the year Sgt. Brian Leary oversaw both the PACE Team and Detective Bureau. The PACE Team was severely understaffed, until the second quarter. At that time Sgt. Protsman became the supervisor, and the team was bolstered with additional personnel taken from the shifts and a very painful decision to temporarily discontinue DARE. November led to Sgt. Protsman being promoted to lieutenant, and Sgt. Leary again took over PACE. Currently the plan is for the Investigative Sergeant's position to be rotated among shift sergeants, exposing them to investigative duties.

2007 resulted in 1,085 cases being assigned to the 7 detectives and 2 juvenile officers. For reference, a typical case requires the investigator to perform the following which can easily exceed 20 hours:

- ★ interview both the witnesses and suspect(s)
- ★ process evidence
- ★ present the evidence to a prosecutor
- ★ attend the preliminary hearing
- ★ Grand Jury
- ★ Defense motions and discovery
- ★ Trial

There were 2 homicides recorded in 2007, but they are in the process of being reclassified. One resulted in a suspect being killed while he was committing a crime and the other was vehicular. One particular case of note was the Luther Ricks case, who, while being robbed killed one of the suspects. During the investigation over \$400 thousand was discovered and turned over to the FBI.

2 highly trained Identifications Officers assisted in over 260 case investigations for the year. These investigators process crime scenes for physical evidence, take photographs, fingerprint arrestees and suspects, compare prints and maintain the department's evidence system. Highlights for the year are:

- 3,137 Evidence and 477 Found Items Logged
- Four property disposals totaling 1,609 items destroyed by court order
- City Auction generated \$29,602 for the city general fund
- AFIS (automated fingerprint identification system) caught up all previous print cards
- 46 cases of latent prints matched to suspects

PACE (ProActive Crime Enforcement)

PACE had numerous personnel changes for the year, both in supervision and team members. Sgt. Leary left, then returned to supervisor it. Sgt. Protsman was promoted out of the team, as was Jason Garlock. Ptl. Andy Johnson transferred from the Allen County Task Force to PACE, and Tim Goedde, Dave Gillispie and Jason Bugh were added to the team from the Uniform Division.

PACE, along with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification initiated an investigation into an upper level drug dealer. The dealer was suspected of distributing large quantities of cocaine in the Lima area. This culminated March 2nd when search warrants were simultaneously served at two locations. Over 150 grams of crack cocaine, 450 grams of powder cocaine, firearms and \$50 thousand were confiscated.

PACE works in conjunction with the FBI, BCI, Metropolitan Housing, Adult Parole Authority, Allen County Prosecutor, and Intensive Probation System. Complaints from residents, businesses and neighborhood associations help to identify suspected crack houses. Surveillance, controlled buys and search warrants are used to eradicate these problem locations.

- 233 cases assigned/ 103 originating with the Uniform Division
- 86 controlled drug buys
- 20 active investigations at report time
- \$15,934 spent in Intelligence Investigative Funds and \$15,510 BCI funds
- 32 people arrested on multiple felony charges
- 67 search warrants served

COMPUTER FORENSIC LAB

The rapid acceleration in technology crimes led to the establishment of the Lima Police Department Computer Forensic Lab. A digital crime scene can span states, or even countries. The waiting period for sending data evidence away to other labs can be six months. This lab analyzes computer, video, cell phone and other cyber crime evidence. In 2007 there were 23 computers examined, 56 cell phones and 15 evidence videos processed. 27 requests were received from other agencies for assistance.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Administrative Services is comprised of the Records Bureau, School Safety Officer, DARE, Fleet Maintenance, Technology, Police Support Personnel and Auxiliary. This division makes all purchases, monitors the budget, schedules and documents training, keeps all records and compiles statistics. Crime Prevention activities originate in this division, currently in the process of acquiring two Community Service Aids.

2007 Records Bureau Activity

Report Requests	Record Checks	Subpoenas/ Court Notices	Warrants/TPO Summons	Totals
6,806	7,654	8,521	2,744	25,725

The LPD Records Bureau employs two Records Clerks, with one vacancy still unfilled. They are open for walk-in business on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Criminal record checks and report copies are also available by email request at LPDrecords@cityhall.lima.oh.us

2007 Grant Expenditures

Grant Title	Value of Overtime and/or Equipment Purchased
Weed and Seed (site 2)	\$N/A
Weed and Seed Grants (site 3)	\$180,512.69
Byrne Memorial Grant	\$45,701.33
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	\$33,573.73
JAG Grant 369	\$46,209.70
JAG 373	\$21,334.62
Total	\$327,332.07

Much of the expended grant funds for the year were utilized to target quality of life issues in areas that LPD received citizen complaints about. Enforcement action taken targeted noise violations, curfew, traffic violations and liquor offenses.

2007 Budget

Frugality would be the word best suited to describe the administration of LPD's 2007 budget. The hiring freeze, accompanied by the use of grants to fund overtime for problem-solving resulted in a reduction in salary expenditures over 2006. Overall expenditures fell over 3% from the previous year, and the department was nearly 9-1/2% under-budget for the year. With virtually no capital budget, total expenditures dropped to numbers nearly even with 2005.

Actual Expenditures by Year

Budget Category	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change from 2006
Salaries	\$4,560,394	\$4,991,694	\$4,928,496	\$5,039,712	\$4,976,047	-1.26%
Fringe Benefits	\$2,009,057	\$2,037,525	\$2,337,235	\$2,502,476	\$2,349,169	-6.13%
Expenses	\$357,049	\$433,961	\$407,386	\$482,794	\$447,662	-7.28%
Capital (equipment)	\$46,262	\$22,474	\$12,063	\$4,357	\$5,850	34.27%
Total Expenditure	\$6,972,762	\$7,485,654	7,685,180	\$8,029,337	\$7,778,728	-3.12%

Budget to Expenditures Comparison

2007 Budget Category	Salaries	Fringe Benefits	Expenses	Capital	Total Budget
Budgeted Amount	\$5,631,173	\$2,434,910	\$522,912	\$5,850	\$8,594,845
Actual Amount Spent	\$4,976,047	\$2,349,169	\$447,662	\$5,850	\$7,778,728
Percent Under Budget	-11.63%	-3.52%	-14.39%	-	-9.49%

CRIME TRENDS

2007 saw overall crime reporting down slightly over ½ of 1% compared to 2006. While property crimes rose, crimes of violence dropped significantly.

UCR Part I Crimes

Part I Offenses	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2006 - 2007 Change
Homicide	2	5	5	9	2	-77.77%
Forcible Rape	74	90	91	55	47	-14.55%
Robbery	108	149	125	109	109	N/C
Aggravated Assault	243	222	275	205	195	-4.88%
Simple Assault	513	509	506	1222*	1150*	-5.89%
Burglary	640	851	840	822	774	-5.84%
Larceny/Theft	1,605	1824	1690	1587	1681	5.92%
Motor Vehicle Theft	145	164	159	151	171	13.25%
Total	3,330	3814	3691	4160	4135	-0.60%

* reflects change to include domestic violence reporting

2007 Calls for Service by Ward

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
1	3,860	10.07
2	1,715	4.47
3	9,136	23.83
4	1,973	5.15
5	6,712	17.51
6	7,232	18.87
7	2,585	6.74
8	5,118	13.35
ALL	38,331	

Optimist Safety City 2007

If a child were to ask for training for their own safety, they may say, “Please don’t just tell me how to be safe- show me and let me practice the things I need to do to be safe.” For years the LPD has taken child safety training seriously under the foundational philosophy TELL ME AND I’LL FORGET. SHOW ME AND I MAY REMEMBER. INVOLVE ME AND I WILL UNDERSTAND.

The LPD in partnership with the Lima Noon Optimist Club and community supporters utilizes the Optimist Safety City complex and radKIDS Personal Empowerment Safety Education Program. Certified radKIDS instructor Officer Dave Vastano works in conjunction with the following community partners: St. Rita’s Neighborhood Nurse Denise Barnes, Jerry Lewis McDonalds Birthday Party Coordinator Deb Vastano, Lima Fire Inspectors Chris Jackson and Warren Pughsley to provide the child safety program. The radKids Program, adopted in 2005, was expanded in 2007.



Safety City hosted 110 field trip classes from schools in Lima, Allen County, and surrounding counties. Over 7,000 children took part in child safety lessons either by visiting Safety City, or with Officer Dave instructing in their schools. Several years of planning for major renovations to the site led to the City of Lima awarding the Lima Noon Optimist Club a 25 year lease for the property. Improvements will include a full size two-story “Survive Alive House”, 86 realistic child-sized buildings, new playground equipment, sidewalks, curbs, streets and other features to enhance child safety training for the Lima area.

The Lima Police Department worked closely with numerous preschools, public and private schools and daycares to insure compliance with Ohio House Bill 422. This mandates all licensed schools to hold lockdown drills, develop safety plans, and provide law enforcement with blueprints. LPD assisted 28 schools develop such plans, and is providing guidance to some non-licensed institutions that wish to voluntarily comply. In an effort to enhance communications, LPD meets monthly with school officials to discuss safety issues. The Lima Police Department takes seriously its commitment to the community we serve, and values our relationship with educational institutions.

SPECIALTY TEAMS

K-9

LPDs K-9 Team consists of Officer John Dunham with K-9 Bren, Scott Jones with Apollo, Chris Sprouse with Bob, and Jason Bugh with Aaron. These K-9 Officers and their partners conducted 103 vehicle sniffs, 23 building searches, over 50 tracks and took part in over 20 demonstrations. They recovered several types of drugs, weapons, and helped to locate missing children and a walkaway from a nursing home. The handlers and dogs attended training with the North American Police Work Dog Association and participated in the 2007 Winter Narcotics Canine Sniff Off in Bedford, Indiana.

SWAT

The LPD SWAT Team conducted 8 hours of in-house training monthly. This training included tactical scenarios and crisis resolution solutions involving advanced firearms, and less-than-lethal weapons. Six team members attended the Ohio Tactical Officers Association annual convention.

Hostage scenarios on school buses was the topic of specialized training conducted at Perry's Auto Wrecking. This training was hosted by the LPD SWAT Team and was attended by surrounding agencies at no cost to them. Feedback from other commanders was very positive. The team assisted the Uniform Division in training front-line personnel on active shooter training.

During 2007 the SWAT Team served 67 search warrants, safely resolved 3 hostage situations, and conducted surveillance at a local school after threats were received of a potential shooter.

Bomb Squad

The LPD Bomb Squad conducted 8 hours of training twice a month. Members provided training for other agencies in explosive recognition and safety considerations. In May we hosted an ATF Post Blast 40 hour class for other safety service personnel.

During the week of October 15th an Amnesty Week was held. Callers turned in hundreds of pounds of ammunition, 75 pounds of fireworks, military ordnance and 30 sticks of dynamite for disposal. The end result is hopefully a safer community.





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