

# 2012 Annual Report



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For information on crimes that occur in Grove City, visit [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com). The data displayed will always be the most current information available. Residents may also register to receive Crime Alerts.

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**THANK YOU** for taking the time to review the activities and accomplishments of the Grove City Division of Police in 2012. These accomplishments would not have been possible without our dedicated employees and the support of Mayor “Ike” Stage, the City Administration and members of City Council.

This report will give you an idea of the challenges our employees face each day with respect to meeting our commitments of combating crime, preserving the peace and regulating traffic. Much of the information in the Annual Report is drawn from several separate detailed reports that are available upon request.

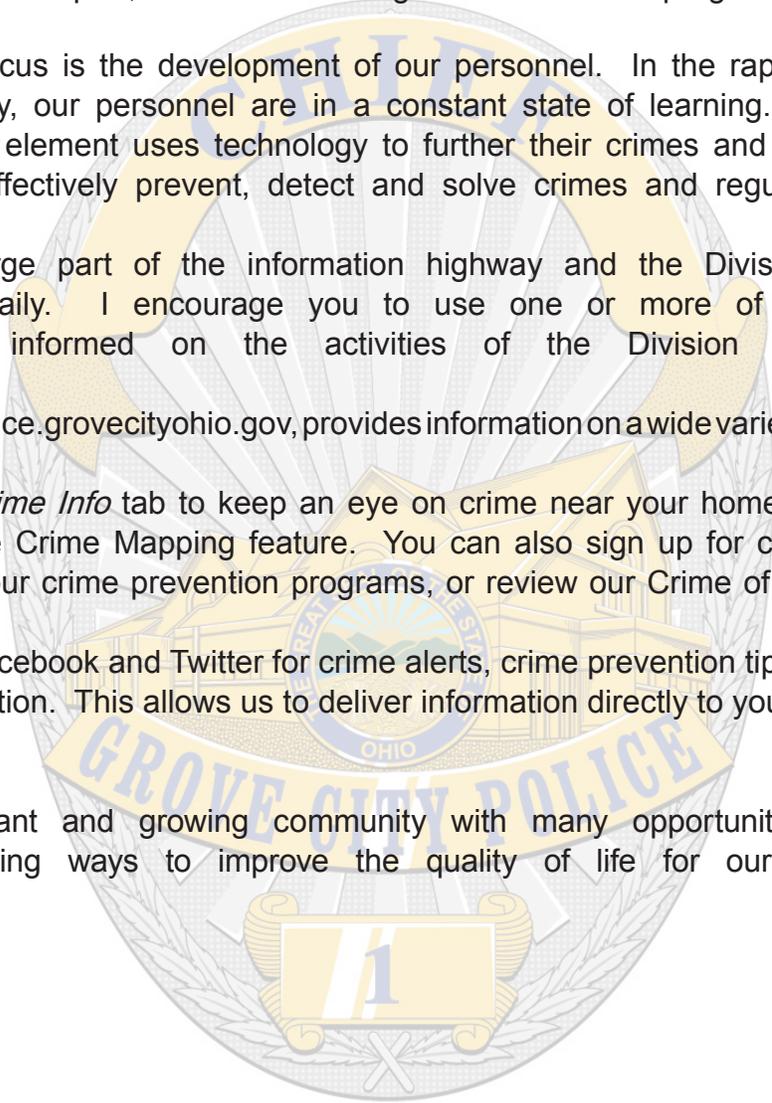
Each year we establish specific goals to meet these challenges and improve our processes and employees. Within this report, we have listed our goals as well as our progress in meeting these goals

A significant area of focus is the development of our personnel. In the rapidly changing world of technology, our personnel are in a constant state of learning. We must learn how the criminal element uses technology to further their crimes and how it can be used to help us effectively prevent, detect and solve crimes and regulate traffic.

Social media is a large part of the information highway and the Division of Police is participating daily. I encourage you to use one or more of our many resources to keep informed on the activities of the Division of Police.

- Our website, [police.grovecityohio.gov](http://police.grovecityohio.gov), provides information on a wide variety of topics;
- Click on the *Crime Info* tab to keep an eye on crime near your home, school or business with the Crime Mapping feature. You can also sign up for crime alerts, consider one of our crime prevention programs, or review our Crime of the Month.
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for crime alerts, crime prevention tips or other important information. This allows us to deliver information directly to you in a very timely manner.

Grove City is a vibrant and growing community with many opportunities ahead. We are always seeking ways to improve the quality of life for our residents.





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*Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor*

November 15, 2013

On behalf of the City of Grove City, it is my privilege to introduce the 2012 Division of Police Annual Report. Our City's mission to "continuously strive to efficiently improve city services, programs and facilities" is the core of our commitment to excellence in public safety. That commitment continues to make Grove City one of the "Best Hometowns" in the country.

This year's report provides a glimpse of the services we provide and the exceptional efforts of the men and women of the Grove City Division of Police. We have one of the finest police divisions in the country and this report spotlights the professional work, innovation and community engagement they provide. Chief Steven Robinette and the executive staff are deeply committed through their leadership to providing quality police services through a partnership with the community, built on accountability and respect. We appreciate the many community programs initiated by our police division to engage residents and neighborhoods making our city safer.

The safety and welfare of our community remains the top priority for members of City Council and me. We truly appreciate the dedication and pride our officers and civilian employees consistently demonstrate.

Sincerely,

Richard L. "Ike" Stage  
Mayor



# Vision, Mission, Values & Commitments

## Our Vision...

The vision of the Grove City Division of Police is to provide a safe and secure community where families and businesses can prosper.

## Our Mission...

The mission of the Grove City Division of Police is to serve and protect all by providing professional law enforcement services in partnership with the community.

## Our Values...

*Integrity* - We adhere to the highest standards of honest, ethical and truthful behavior.

*Teamwork* - We work together within the Division and with the Community for the greater good. No individual or component is more valuable than the whole.

*Respect* - We treat all people with the utmost dignity, courtesy and equality.

*Duty* - We conduct ourselves as Law Enforcement professionals at all times knowing that we have a responsibility not just to the profession but to the community. We conduct our business with a sense of urgency and discipline needed to accomplish the mission.

*Excellence* - We hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of excellence in every facet of our service delivery. We strive to achieve the highest level of professional competency to ensure an organizational culture that facilitates unity and purpose in all of our interactions with the community.

## We Are Committed To...

The protection of life and property,

The prevention and detection of crime,

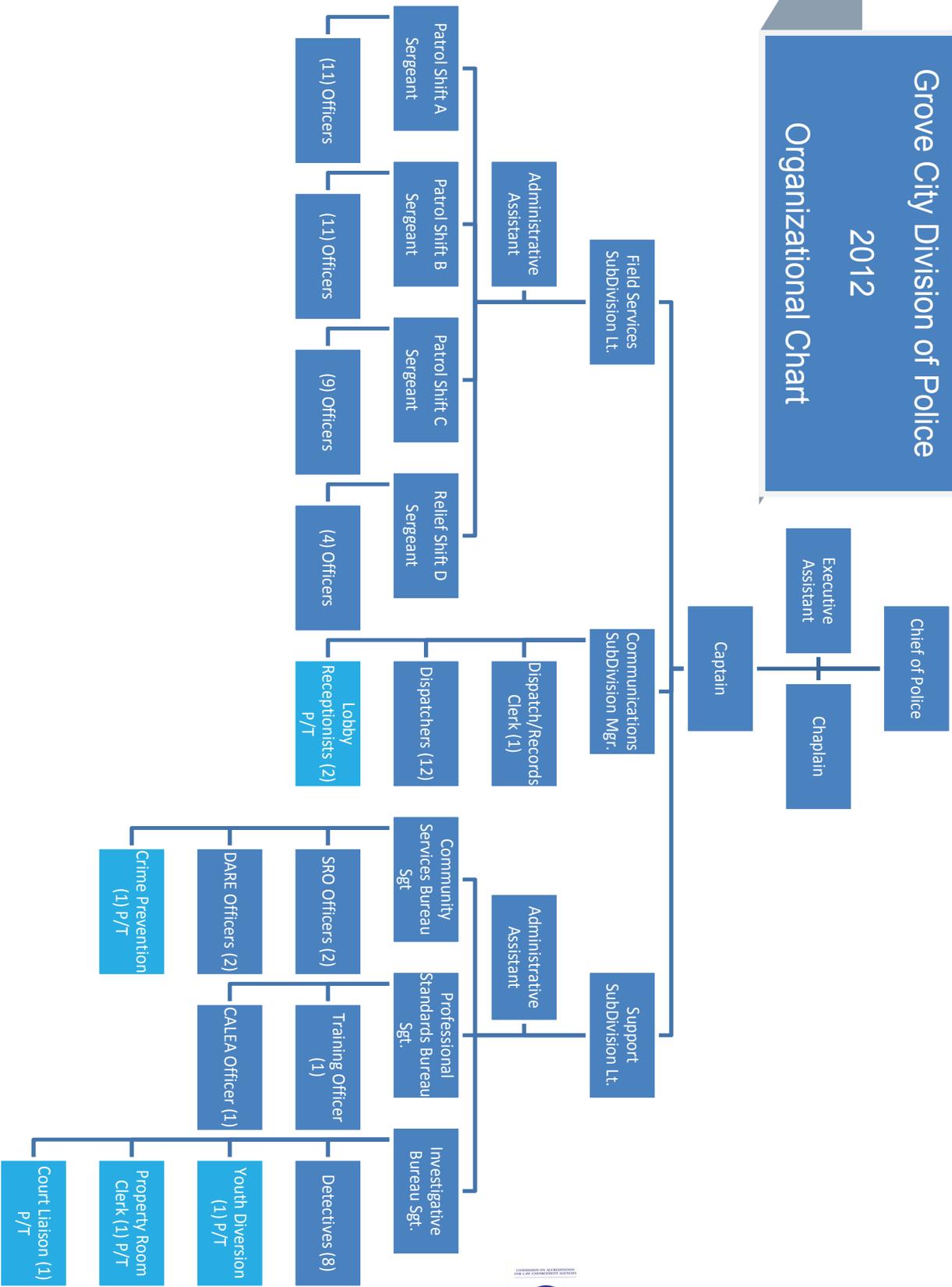
Safe travel on our street and highways,

The maintenance of peace and order, and

The development of our personnel to provide the highest level of law enforcement services.



# Grove City Division of Police 2012 Organizational Chart



# Goals & Objectives Update

To provide direction and unity of purpose, we develop written goals and objectives based upon the agency mission and commitments. Goals are formulated and submitted in October of each year for the following year. Progress is measured quarterly and adjusted as necessary. Below are the goals we established for 2012 and how we met those goals.

## OBJECTIVE 1 – UTILIZE TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY

1.1	Implement Electronic Field Based Reporting	Kelley Davidson
<b>Success</b> = Agency personnel completing, submitting and having approved on-line offense reports by the end of the year.		
Field based reporting (FBR) software and hardware was installed in September 2012 and training occurred for end users in November. The system went live in December 2012. <b>COMPLETED</b>		
1.2	Evaluate the feasibility of cameras in high crime areas	Lt. Brian Davidson
<b>Success</b> = A study completed and submitted by the end of September 2012 that includes costs and evaluation of trial to determine if this technology will be helpful in solving crime.		
A study was conducted and a trial camera was used. Recommendation was made to purchase a camera system in 2013. <b>COMPLETED</b>		
1.3	Study the feasibility of purchasing and deploying an AFIS work station	Lt. Jeff Lawless
<b>Success</b> = Completion and submission of cost benefit analysis report for AFIS work station with recommendations by the end of 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter		
Cost and benefit analysis completed; Submitted as a 2013 budget item <b>COMPLETED</b>		
1.4	Evaluate and purchase a force simulator	Sgt. Rick Hardy
<b>Success</b> = Completed study and evaluation of force simulators with cost and recommendations by the end of 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter		
Study and demonstrations were completed. Approved as a 2013 budget item. <b>COMPLETED</b>		
1.5	Purchase and implement current technology crime and crash scene mapping equipment	Sgt. Doug Olmstead
<b>Success</b> = Purchase and implement crime and crash scene mapping equipment by the end of September, 2012.		
Equipment was ordered and received with training scheduled in 2013. <b>IN PROGRESS</b>		



1.6	Study feasibility of surveillance vehicle	Sgt. Chris White
<b>Success</b> =Completion and submission of cost benefit analysis report for a surveillance vehicle with recommendations by the end of September, 2012.		
Cost and benefit of vehicle does not support purchase at this time. <b>COMPLETED</b>		
1.7	Study feasibility of crisis negotiation vehicle	Lt. Brian Davidson
<b>Success</b> = A study completed and submitted by the end of September, 2012 that includes costs for a crisis negotiation vehicle, equipment needed and expected usefulness.		
After lengthy study, it was determined that, when needed, we can borrow a vehicle from BCI&I. Cost and benefit of vehicle does not support purchase. <b>COMPLETED</b>		
1.8	Study analytic software for future purchase	Capt Jeff Pearson
<b>Success</b> = Evaluation of various analytical software products and proposal containing options to include cost by end of September 2012.		
Evaluation of available applications concluded that a CrimeView product will be purchased in 2013. <b>COMPLETED</b>		

## OBJECTIVE 2 – DEVELOP PERSONNEL

2.1	Have command and select supervisory staff attend a public information course	Sgt. Gary Schrecengost
<b>Success</b> = Capt Pearson, Lt. Lawless, Lt. Davidson and selected supervisors having completed PIO course by end of the year.		
Three individuals attended in August 2012. <b>COMPLETED</b>		
2.2	Increase reserve officer program to three officers	Sgt. Rick Butsko
<b>Success</b> = Recruitment, selection and beginning of field training of at least two new reserve police officers by the end of 2012.		
One reserve officer was hired in 2012, bringing total to two <b>IN PROGRESS</b>		
2.3	Establish CIC supervisor position	Capt Jeff Pearson
<b>Success</b> =Design and implement a comprehensive process to include class specifications, promotional process, evaluation process, work schedule and job expectations for position.		
This position was approved for the 2013 budget <b>COMPLETED</b>		
2.4	Re-instate and utilize agency Chaplain Program	Chief Steve Robinette
<b>Success</b> = The selection, appointment and initial training of at least one chaplain.		
Chaplain Tom Danklefsen was appointed in March 2012, and completed his initial training. He completed 102 volunteer hours in 2012. <b>COMPLETED</b>		



2.5	Develop and implement an Officer in Charge training course.	Lt. Jeff Lawless
<b>Success</b> = Design and implement a course for Patrol Officers that will give them skills needed to act efficiently as an Officer in Charge.		
OIC Training Plan was completed in July with one class completed by the end of September 2012. <b>COMPLETED</b>		
2.6	Expand career development to include command staff	Lt. Jeff Lawless
<b>Success</b> =Develop and implement a career enhancement program which includes command staff. Complete plan by June 2012; implementation by September 2012.		
Plan completed and implemented in September. Will continue to be part of career development plan in the future. <b>COMPLETED</b>		
2.7	Formalize training matrix for ranks and positions with the agency	Capt Jeff Pearson
<b>Success</b> = Develop training plan which identifies training needs on an individual basis as well as annual agency in-service training needs. This plan will also map career paths for officers and training staff to follow.		
Training officer completed matrix for 2013 Training Plan. Allows officers to see what training they have taken and what courses are recommended. <b>COMPLETED</b>		
2.8	Review and Up-date of Field Training Program	Lt. Brian Davidson
<b>Success</b> = Completion of a revised Field Training Plan that is task focused and utilizes scenario evaluation days at the end of each phase to judge competencies. The revised plan and reports will be in electronic format.		
Converted forms to electronic format, and scenarios were developed. At the end of September, we began replacing paper system with electronic plan, which is now in place. <b>COMPLETED</b>		

### OBJECTIVE 3 - INCREASE AGENCY PRESENCE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

3.1	Design and implement a web based user survey instruments	Sgt. Rick Hardy
<b>Success</b> = Design and implement a web based user survey by the end of June		
With the assistance of IT the user survey was distributed on November 1, 2012. <b>COMPLETED</b>		
3.2	Add electronic submissions of house watch request to the web site	Kelley Davidson
<b>Success</b> = Establishment of a form on the city web site to complete and submit a house watch request to CIC. Establish a method of monitoring submissions and entry into CAD for completion.		
After appropriate documents were created, IT completed and put the document into place on the police website. <b>COMPLETED</b>		



3.3	Design and implement police lobby power point presentation to inform public about the agency and its offerings.	Chief Robinette
<b>Success</b> =The installation of monitor in the police lobby that displays a scrolling presentation on the Division of Police and its offerings		
The scrolling power point presentation is in place. The information is changed as needed. <b>COMPLETED</b>		
3.4	Add officer compliment/complaint resource to the agency web site	Sgt Rick Hardy
<b>Success</b> = Design & implement a format for citizens to compliment or lodge a complaint against employees via the web.		
A tab was created on our HOME page to allow compliments or complaints. It has been up and running since October 2012. <b>COMPLETED</b>		
3.5	Increase social media presence utilizing such tools as Facebook, Twitter and GooglePlus	Sgt. Rick Hardy
<b>Success</b> =.Create & Maintain a web presence for the Division of Police via Facebook and Twitter by the end of September 2012.		
During the first quarter of 2012, a GCPD Facebook was completed. By the end of September, both Facebook and Twitter pages were operational. <b>COMPLETED</b>		
3.6	Review and revise agency public relations pamphlets	Sgt. Rick Hardy
<b>Success</b> =Review and publish agency crime prevention pamphlets by end of June.		
The new pamphlets were reviewed and updated and now include the QR Codes for our Facebook and Twitter pages. <b>COMPLETED</b>		
3.7	Revise crime alert format and distribution list	Sgt. Chris White
<b>Success</b> = Creation and implementation of a priority based crime alert format with appropriate distribution lists by end of June, 2012.		
Crime alert distribution lists were completed and an operational order was issued to define utilization. <b>COMPLETED</b>		
3.8	Conduct at least one Citizens Police Academy	Sgt. Rick Hardy
<b>Success</b> =Complete at least one Citizens' Police Academy with start in 2nd quarter		
Class 2 began in March and graduated 12 graduates in May. Class 3 began in September and graduated 12 citizens in November. <b>COMPLETED</b>		



## OBJECTIVE 4 - IMPROVE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

4.1	Design and bid Safety Complex building expansion	Chief Steve Robinette
<p><b>Success</b> = Obtain the designs and estimated costs for the expansion of the Mayor's Court/Police building suitable for bidding or the selection of a design/build team and designs that can be presented to council for funding.</p> <p>After meeting with architects and city officials, this project has been presented. We are working with city administration on renovation plans. <span style="float: right;"><b>IN PROGRESS</b></span></p>		
4.2	Participate in a study of 800 MHz radio system(s) replacement	Kelley Davidson
<p><b>Success</b> =Continued participation in regional study group for selection of consultant to study replacement options for radio system(s) and action on suggestions from group.</p> <p>Studies and discussions continued throughout the year. There are several agencies involved. This will be a continuing project through 2013. <span style="float: right;"><b>IN PROGRESS</b></span></p>		
4.3	Replace and train personnel on next generation E9-1-1 equipment	Kelley Davidson
<p><b>Success</b> =Obtaining funding from 9-1-1 subcommittee, order and install equipment, train personnel and go live on new equipment by end of the year.</p> <p>Equipment was installed and training of users was completed in November 2012. The new system is live. <span style="float: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></span></p>		
4.4	Study options and cost for replacement of prisoner transport van	Lt. Brian Davidson
<p><b>Success</b> = Complete study by end of September which includes remaining life of current transport vehicle, and at least two options to replace vehicle and equipment including costs.</p> <p>After receiving quotes for both a replacement and a larger unit, it was determined that the current van can still be used through 2013. Will consider replacement in 2014 budget year. <span style="float: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></span></p>		
4.5	Equip a second patrol supervisor's vehicle	Lt. Brian Davidson
<p><b>Success</b> =Inventory patrol Sergeant's vehicle and obtain prices to duplicate equipment in a second Sergeant's car. Submit equipment list and prices by end of September for purchase in 2012 or inclusion in 2013 budget.</p> <p>Vehicle and equipment were purchased and installation was completed in June 2012. <span style="float: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></span></p>		



4.6	Develop and implement a replacement schedule for tactical ballistic equipment.	Lt. Brian Davidson
<p><b>Success</b> =Determine useful life of tactical ballistic equipment in vehicles and create replacement schedule. Submit equipment list and prices by end of September 2012 for purchase this year or inclusion in 2013 budget.</p> <p>Replacement schedule was completed and additional items were ordered in 2012.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></p>		
4.7	Install computer workstation in Southwest Blvd. building	Lt. Brian Davidson
<p><b>Success</b> =Installation of working networked computer workstation(s) in the Southwest Blvd. Annex.</p> <p>Workstations were set up but are working slowly. IT will be working on the logistics of this project and the speed of the service.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></p>		
4.8	Build portable walls to support training objectives	Sgt. Chris White
<p><b>Success</b> =Acquisition of materials and assembly of portable walls to be utilized in training by September.</p> <p>Proposal requests were sent out and quotes were submitted. This item has been submitted for inclusion in the 2013 budget.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>IN PROGRESS</b></p>		
4.9	Establish redundant communication link between safety building and transmitter site for 800 HMHz radio	Kelley Davidson
<p><b>Success</b> = Procurement of an agreement between the City and North American Broadcasting Company, FCC License, acquisition and installation of equipment that makes operational a transmission link between the safety building and transmitter site for radio communications.</p> <p>Delays in installation and connectivity have pushed this item to 2013</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>IN PROGRESS</b></p>		
4.10	Improve security at radio transmitter site	Kelley Davidson
<p><b>Success</b> = Segregation and protection of City radio equipment from other equipment at tower site. Enhanced alarms and monitoring (video) at transmitter site.</p> <p>Cameras have been installed and we are waiting on caging. Will complete item in 2013</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>IN PROGRESS</b></p>		



# Annual Awards & Recognitions

The Division of Police recognizes its employees for their excellent work throughout the year. However, annually we host a dinner where all award recipients are formally recognized. The majority of agency awards are voted on by an Awards Committee, but additional awards are earned by completion of a task at some level.

The 2012 Officer of the Year was Officer Kevin Holmstrom. He was honored for his leadership and significant contributions to the Division. He holds several specialized positions within the department and has served as Officer in Charge many times. In addition, Officer Holmstrom represents the Division of Police with community involvement. Holmstrom was honored by NASTA as well as the LIONS Club for his commitment to excellence.

Dispatcher Marcella Bowers was selected as the 2012 Civilian Employee of the Year. Bowers has been with the Division for seven years and has been consistent, reliable and dedicated throughout that time. She is a training officer for new dispatchers and sets an exemplary model for them to follow.

Dispatcher/Records Clerk Laurie Grener was the recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Service Award. Laurie provided significant assistance

to officers and dispatchers with the transition to Field Based Reporting, a new way of submitting reports. Grener developed tip sheets and went above and beyond, in addition to keeping up with the daily routine of records reporting.

Sgt. Rick Hardy was awarded the Blue Shield for his tireless work with the agency social media project. Social media has allowed the Division of Police a significant presence within the community and increased communication with our citizens. The Blue Shield is given solely at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

Two of our dispatchers were awarded the Communications Training Officer Award for their work to review and revise the training plan for new dispatchers. Elizabeth Fahy and Sandra Mathes received this award. They will continue to update and evaluate the training manual as needed.



**The Exceptional Conduct Award** was awarded to agency personnel who worked five or more continuous years without having received a valid citizen complaint or punitive disciplinary action (excluding oral reprimand). Employees received a citation bar and a certificate.

Captain Jeff Pearson	4th Award	Sergeant Rick Butsko	
Officer Cindy Ackison		Dispatcher Tracy Clark	3rd Award
Off. Aaron Grassel	3rd Award	Off. Paul Coleman	2nd Award
Det. Nick Deskins	2nd Award	Off. Paul Duemmel	2nd Award
Disp. Courtney Duncan	2nd Award	Det. Rick Forney	2nd Award
Off. Kevin Holmstrom	2nd Award	Det. Carrie Rose	2nd Award
Det. Matt Ryan	2nd Award	Off. Pat Shaw	2nd Award
Det. Jason Stern	1st Award		

**The Education Citation** was awarded to agency personnel who obtained a degree, from an accredited university or college, after commencing their employment with the agency. The citation may be for an associate degree or an advanced degree. The employee receives a citation bar - if wearing a uniform - and certificate.

Officer Kert Lanam	BS in Criminal Justice
Disp. Courtney Duncan	BA in English

**The Firearms Expert Award** was awarded to officers for outstanding firearms proficiency by achieving 100% on the first attempt on all three weapons systems. The recipients receive a citation bar and matching certificate. One officer is designated as the TOP GUN by completing the top gun course with the highest score, as well as meeting the firearms expert standard.

Det. Jason Stern, TOP GUN	Off. Brent Hall	Off. Michael Weaver
Off. Cindy Ackison	Sgt. Mike Mathews	Det. Matt Ryan
Off. Thomas McCoy	Off. Chris Emmelhainz	Off. Ralph Lillico
Sgt. Rick Butsko		

**The Physical Fitness Award** was awarded to agency personnel who met or exceeded the agency physical fitness standards. Personnel who scored in Level 1 had scores greater than the 50th percentile in 4 of the 5 non-cardio phases and greater than the 40th percentile in the cardio phase. Level 2 awards required scores that were greater than 50 percentile in all phases and an overall score average of 50-89%. Individuals who were in the Level 3, list scored more than 50 percentile in all phases and an overall average score of 90% or greater.

<b>LEVEL III</b>	<b>LEVEL II</b>
Capt. Jeff Pearson	Chief Steve Robinette
Sgt. Chris White	Sgt. Mike Mathews
Off. Aaron Grassel	Off. Andrew Cole
Off. Brent Hall	Off. Jason Davis



<b>LEVEL III</b>	<b>LEVEL II</b>
Off. Kevin Holmstrom	Off. Gallo
Off. Matt Mullins	Off. Brandon Judd
Off. Chris Pfeiffer	Off. Brian Kitko
Det. Carrie Rose	Off. Mike Reber
Det. Matt Ryan	Off. Brittany Smith
Det. Jason Stern	Det. Rick Steller
Off. Michael Weaver	Off. Mark White

**Years of Service Milestones** were recognized by the Division of Police. In 2012, there were thirteen individuals who celebrated milestone anniversaries with the City of Grove City, Division of Police

Captain Jeff Pearson	20 Years of Service
Sgt. Rick Butsko	20 Years of Service
Off. Cindy Ackison	20 Years of Service
Off. Misty Hutchinson	15 Years of Service
Det. Rick Forney	10 Years of Service
Det. Nick Deskins	10 Years of Service
Det. Carrie Rose	10 Years of Service
Off. Paul Duemmel	10 Years of Service
Off. Paul Coleman	10 Years of Service
Off. Kevin Holmstrom	10 Years of Service
Off. Pat Shaw	10 Years of Service
Dispatcher Niki Mathes	10 Years of Service
Gary Browning	5 Years of Service



# Personnel Development

During 2012, two of our members retired to the civilian workplace. Sergeant Craig Harris retired April 27, 2012, and Sergeant Gary Schrecengost retired September 8, 2012. These vacancies allowed current individuals who were interested in personal development and leadership, to take a series of examinations to be considered for promotion.

All of the members of the Division of Police are offered training opportunities for personal and professional improvement. Our tuition reimbursement program encourages those who want to have a formal college degree the opportunity to do so. In 2012, the department had seven individuals who were pursuing either their bachelor's degree or a graduate degree.

Supervisors are offered the specialized training to round out their leadership abilities. Police Executive Leadership College (PELC), Supervisor Training & Education Program (STEP) and Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) are just a few of the advanced training options for sworn personnel. Core Criminal and Master Criminal Investigator are necessary courses for consideration as a detective. By referring to the training matrix, an officer can choose his own path within the Division of Police. There are certain courses that are necessary for each specialized position within the department.

In 2012 two police recruits were hired and placed in field training. This training normally consists of three, four-week phases followed by a week of observation by an evaluator. The evaluator makes a recommendation as to if the recruit needs additional training or is ready to be released to solo patrol duties.

Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and Ohio Police Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) both sponsor courses that keep at least one member of our personnel in training classes nearly every week. The training officer ensures that every officer is current on all required courses, as well as career development. Each officer must qualify with his or her duty and personal firearms annually.

During the calendar year, in-service training days are scheduled for every employee. These days allow personnel to be updated on new laws, new procedures, or new techniques that will be used. Most of the in-house training is held at our training facility located south of the City. Firearms qualifications are held at either a local range or at the Franklin County Sheriff's Range.



# Calls For Service

The Communications Information Center (CIC) provides public assistance and public safety services support 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year. From emergency life-support calls to general information, the staff of 13 communications dispatchers, a records clerk, and 2 part-time receptionists, under the direction of the CIC Manager, serve by taking calls and dispatching safety response personnel for the Grove City Division of Police, and both Jackson and Pleasant Township Fire Departments. The professionally trained staff of 13 dispatchers are educated according to the recommended standards of the National Emergency Number Association and the International Academies of Emergency Dispatchers.

In addition to emergency services communications, the CIC staff maintains the Division of Police Records Department, responding to all public records requests. The staff also greets the public visiting the safety complex and provides assistance for walk-in requests, non-business hour bond posting and vehicle impound releases.

The Communications Information Center is a Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in Franklin County, and answers wireless (cell) 9-1-1 calls for the south-west quadrant of the county. Cell phone calls account for a majority of calls received on 9-1-1.

	Total Number of Phone Calls	9-1-1 Calls	Police/Fire Admin Lines	CAD Call for Service	Public Records Requests
2012	127,412	18,607	108,805	96,348	2,336*
2011	133,972	19,596	133,972	96,293	N/A
2010	118,320	19,774	118,320	101,340	N/A
2009	121,250	19,974	121,250	102,934	N/A

\* We began tracking these requests in 2012



## Crime Prevention Efforts

At the end of 2012, Grove City had 14 active Neighborhood Watch groups. Citizens are encouraged to watch their neighborhoods for anything or anyone that looks out of place. New in 2012 were UV marking pens and black lights, purchased for the purpose of marking and identifying property. These kits have been distributed through businesses and Block Watch groups.

National Night Out, a community block party that is celebrated in neighborhoods all over the United States, drew a significant crowd to the Farmbrook Subdivision in 2012 which gained the subdivision the "Rookie of the Year" status.

Throughout the year, 79 crime alerts were distributed to registered businesses and citizens alike. In addition, crime alerts are posted to our Web, as well as on our Facebook page. Social media has been a new option that has assisted

in identifying suspects and generating investigative leads. Facebook, Twitter and our web site are additional places for our citizenry to check for information and ask questions.

Our Preventive Patrol Reports (PPR) alert citizens and visitors to situations that make them vulnerable to victimization, such as items left in plain view in vehicles, or an open garage door. Residential house watches increased significantly from 2011 as more citizens requested the free service.

There were 14 child ID events with 933 identification cards being distributed. The local Target store sponsored "Shop with a Cop" for children during the Christmas holidays.



Mayor Ike Stage, Command Staff and National Night Out Hosts at the NNO Celebration in Farm Brook Subdivision.



**Table 1: 2008 - 2012 NIBRS Reportable Offenses and  
Corresponding Crime Rates**

Jurisdiction	Grove City Division of Police									
Measures	Number of Offenses					Crime Rate (per 1000)				
Offense Type	Offense Date					2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	*33699	*34027	*34280	*34569	*35708
<b>Crimes Against People</b>										
Aggravated Assault	8	11	12	5	6	0.24	0.33	0.35	0.15	0.17
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	178	196	162	193	189	5.30	5.77	4.74	5.60	5.30
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Fraud	22	14	9	15	18	0.66	0.42	0.27	0.44	0.51
Forcible Fondling	10	11	6	8	9	0.30	0.33	0.18	0.24	0.26
Forcible Rape	15	8	20	8	9	0.45	0.24	0.59	0.24	0.26
Incest	3	2	2	5	0	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.15	0.00
Intimidation	39	33	36	40	49	1.16	0.97	1.06	1.16	1.38
Kidnapping/Abduction	10	9	5	4	10	0.30	0.27	0.15	0.12	0.28
Murder/Non Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03
Pocket Picking	0	2	1	0	2	0.00	0.06	0.03	0.00	0.06
Purse Snatching	1	3	0	0	5	0.03	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.14
Robbery	38	33	26	23	20	1.13	0.97	0.76	0.67	0.56
Simple Assault	206	199	197	209	220	6.13	5.86	5.76	6.06	6.17
Statutory Rape	1	1	3	0	0	0.03	0.03	0.09	0.00	0.00
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>										
All Other Larceny	392	284	290	317	225	11.60	8.36	8.48	9.19	6.31
Arson	11	7	11	14	11	0.33	0.21	0.33	0.41	0.31
Bad Checks	23	15	14	8	12	0.69	0.45	0.41	0.24	0.34
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	576	674	581	462	541	17.10	19.83	16.99	13.40	15.16
Extortion/Blackmail	2	1	0	0	0	0.06	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	36	33	30	35	34	1.08	0.97	0.88	1.02	0.96
Motor Vehicle Theft	67	56	53	37	44	2.00	1.65	1.55	1.08	1.24
Shoplifting	190	236	263	251	312	5.66	6.95	7.69	7.28	8.74
Stolen Property Offenses	18	25	24	28	32	0.54	0.74	0.71	0.82	0.90
Theft from Building	114	97	116	119	170	3.40	2.86	3.40	3.45	4.77
Theft from Coin Operated Machine	2	7	2	2	0	0.06	0.21	0.06	0.06	0.00
Theft from Motor Vehicle	365	560	403	325	424	10.80	16.47	11.79	9.42	11.88
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	33	5	12	10	25	0.99	0.15	0.35	0.29	0.70
Trespass of Real Property	41	23	40	26	38	1.22	0.68	1.17	0.76	1.07
<b>Crimes Against Society</b>										
Counterfeiting/Forgery	68	76	60	72	42	2.03	2.24	1.76	2.09	1.18
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	14	51	62	49	38	0.42	1.5	1.82	1.42	1.07
Disorderly Conduct	38	70	99	105	128	1.13	2.06	2.9	3.05	3.59
Driving Under the Influence	18	207	215	193	270	0.54	6.09	6.29	5.6	7.57
Drug Equipment Violations	77	93	150	157	142	2.30	2.74	4.39	4.55	3.98
Drug/Narcotic Violations	143	180	207	213	229	4.26	5.30	6.06	6.18	6.42
Impersonation	53	69	53	52	76	1.58	2.03	1.55	1.51	2.13
Liquor Law Violations	45	64	73	77	100	1.34	1.89	2.14	2.24	2.81
Pornography/Obscene Material	7	2	2	7	3	0.21	0.06	0.06	0.21	0.09
Prostitution	0	1	0	0	0	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Runaway	79	79	56	81	69	2.36	2.33	1.64	2.35	1.94
Weapon Law Violations	16	14	25	29	17	0.48	0.42	0.73	0.84	0.48
Welfare Fraud	0	0	1	1	2	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>2959</b>	<b>3452</b>	<b>3321</b>	<b>3181</b>	<b>3522</b>					
* Population Statistics from MORPC website										





## Crime in Franklin County Ohio Incident-Based Reporting System (OIBRS)



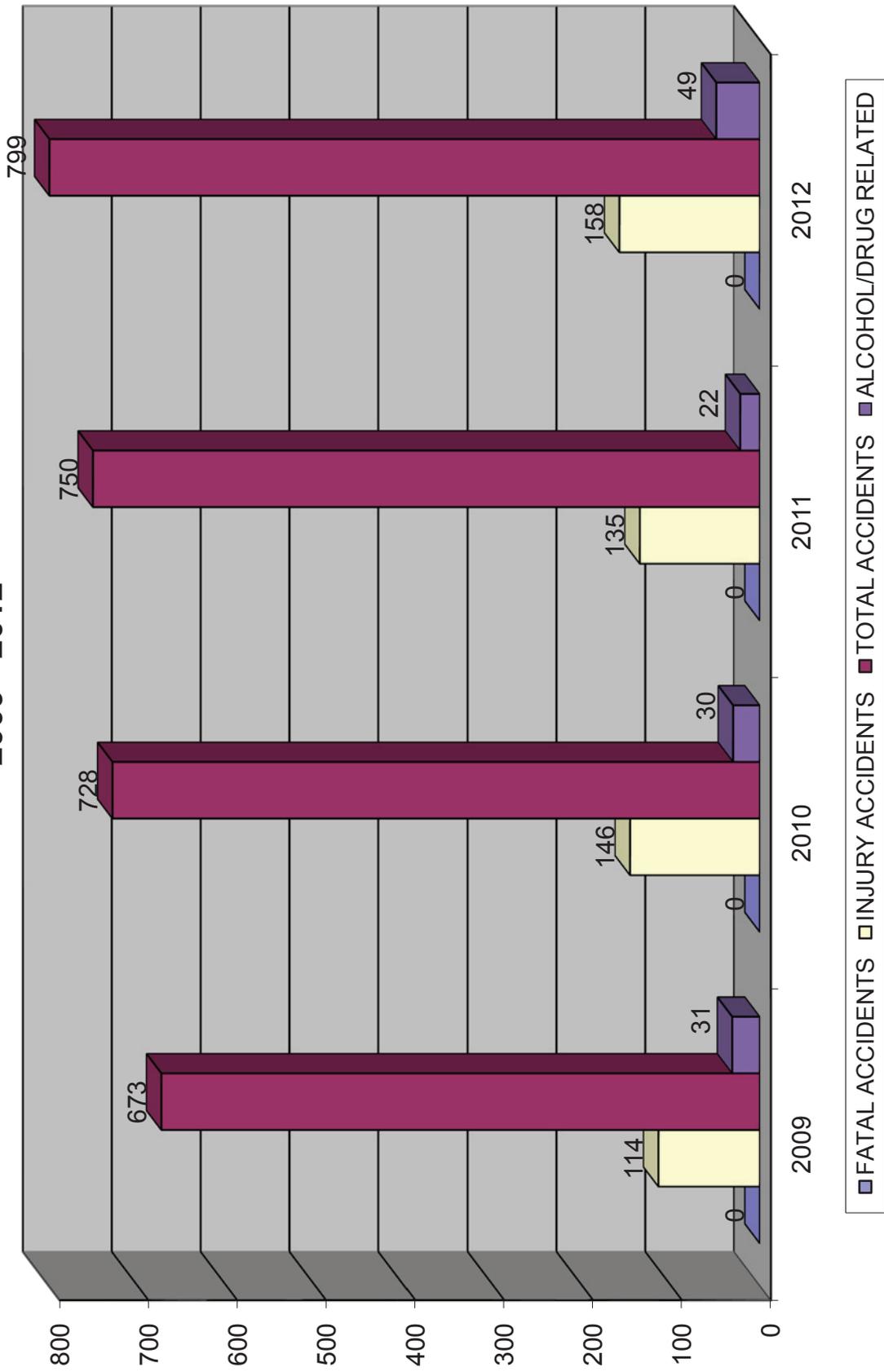
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### Crime in Franklin County

Agency Name	Population	Violent Crime Total	Murder	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Property Crime Total	Burglary/ B&E	Larceny-Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft
Bexley	13,220	20	0	2	12	6	409	136	261	12
Capital University		1	0	1	0	0	40	6	34	0
Columbus	797,384	4,848	75	615	3,053	1,105	44,705	14,877	26,106	3,722
Columbus Airport Authority		1	0	0	0	1	158	4	107	47
Columbus State Community College		1	0	0	1	0	102	0	101	1
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	68,231	138	2	10	65	61	1,512	427	988	97
Gahanna	33,692	29	1	10	8	10	863	127	713	23
Grandview Heights	6,625	1	0	0	1	0	86	15	69	2
Grove City	36,050	42	1	13	20	8	1,379	189	1,148	42
Groveport	5,435	1	0	0	1	0	125	16	106	3
Madison Township (Franklin)	18,270	18	0	0	7	11	312	123	174	15
Minerva Park	1,288	1	0	0	1	0	44	10	34	0
New Albany	7,834	3	0	0	0	3	118	21	96	1
Ohio State University - Columbus		11	0	6	4	1	991	21	963	7
Otterbein University		0	0	0	0	0	35	4	31	0
Perry Township (Franklin)	3,684	0	0	0	0	0	49	9	40	0
Reynoldsburg	36,291	93	2	7	59	25	1,067	179	851	37
Upper Arlington	34,221	13	0	1	8	4	500	69	412	19
Westerville	36,663	21	1	7	11	2	931	107	804	20
Worthington	13,754	5	0	1	2	2	420	118	289	13



# PUBLIC STREET CRASHES 2009 - 2012



# Annual Use of Force

*The following is an excerpt from the 2012 Annual Use of Force Summary. A full copy of the report is available upon request by contacting the Division of Police.*

The primary purpose of the Use of Force review is to determine if there are any relevant trends and subsequent recommendation for 2013. This report is used to formulate tactical strategies, develop defensive tactics and evaluate equipment with a goal of reducing the number of force incidents and injuries that are associated with the same.

The report utilizes 2012 total calls for service (CFS) data of 78,101 which resulted in sixteen (16) use of force reports. Using this information we can determine the frequency of occurrence, levels of force used, precipitating circumstances, demographics and use of force trends.

## FREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE

The table below shows the last four years of CFS and use of force incidents. The frequency of force is based on the number of calls for service and a subset of those contact that resulted in a use of force incident. The average number of incidents reported annually for the past three reporting periods 2010 to 2012 is sixteen (16) force incidents per year. This is up from the previous three year average (2009 - 2011) of 14.

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Force Incidents	10	9	22	16
Calls for Service	82,762	84,090	78,790	78,101
% of Use of Force Incidents	.0001	.0001	.0002	.0002
Number of Arrests	1,685	1,804	1,686	1,831
Rate of Use of Force per Arrest	1:168.5 or .59%	1:200.4 or .50%	1:76.6 or 1.30%	1:114.4 or .87%

The table above reports that Grove City officers used force at a rate of 2.05 times per 10,000 calls for service or citizen contacts. This translates to a rate of use of force of .0205%. Expressed another way, officers **did not** use force 99.98% of the time.

Grove City Officers arrested 1,831 individuals in 2012. This indicates that officers only used force once every 114.4 arrests, and translates to a rate of use of force at .87%. Officers did not use force in 99.13% of all of arrests.

A study conducted by the International Association Chief of Police (IACP) on use of force incidents established an internationally accepted baseline figure for the rate of police use of force at 3.61 for every 10,000 calls for service. Compared to the international average, Grove City has a use of force rate significantly lower than the national averages.



# Annual Use of Force

## LEVELS OF FORCE APPLICATIONS

As part of standardized reporting system, force applications were broken down into the following five application categories: Physical, Chemical, Electronic, Impact, and Firearm. The table below breaks down the force applications as used by officers of the Grove City Division of Police in 2012 as well as a three year comparison. Some incidents reflect more than one force application as an officer had to elevate force application when a tactic or application proved ineffective on an individual to overcome resistance. The force applications include both the primary and secondary officer actions.

	<b>PHYSICAL</b>	<b>CHEMICAL</b>	<b>ELECTRICAL</b>	<b>IMPACT</b>	<b>FIREARM</b>
<b>2012</b>	50	2	1	1	0
<b>2011</b>	35	2	4	0	2
<b>2010</b>	19	2	3	1	0
<b>2009</b>	21	0	3	0	0



The study referenced, *Police Use of Force in America 2001*, can be obtained from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.



# Compliments & Internal Investigations

In order to maintain confidence in the integrity of the agency, we encourage citizens to provide feedback on employee performance. The agency remains committed to accomplishing our mission with respect to the constitutional rights of all citizens, and adhering to our core values.

## COMPLIMENTS

In 2012, the Grove City Division of Police received 72 commendations or thank you notes from our citizens. These were either directed to individual employees or the agency in general. In addition, many complimentary phone calls were received. Everyone is encouraged to send comments either by email, regular mail, phone or web. This year we added the option of leaving a compliment via our web site under the tab of "Comment on Agency Personnel".

## INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS

In 2012, Grove City Division of Police conducted five internal affairs investigations. One investigation was initiated by a citizen complaint and four by agency personnel.

Complaints Were Categorized Generally As:	
Policy Violations	3
Misconduct	2

Internal affairs investigations are cleared with one or more of the following dispositions:

**SUSTAINED** means that there is sufficient evidence to support the allegation.

**NOT SUSTAINED** means that there is NOT sufficient evidence to support the allegation

**EXONERATED** implies that the incident occurred, but was lawful or proper

**UNFOUNDED** indicates that the allegation is false or not factual

**POLICY FAILURE** suggested that a flaw in policy caused the incident.

Complaints Were Resolved as Follows:	
Sustained	4
Not Sustained	1

As a result of these investigations, one employee resigned, one employee received a suspension, one employee received a written reprimand and one employee received an oral reprimand. Four employees underwent remedial training based on the findings of the Investigations.

