

Village of South Charleston Police Department



Year End Report 2013

Statement of Intent

We, the South Charleston Police Department, serve an ever expanding, continuously changing community. Our community is culturally diversified as to race, education, religion, and social economic background, requiring a variety of departmental approaches to community problems. Our police department is deeply concerned for its citizens both collectively and individually. We realize that alternatives to arrest, depending on individual circumstances, are often beneficial.

Our department will maintain an atmosphere of professionalism through extensive officer training, updated operational policy, and open communication with its citizenry.

We strive to maintain an environment in which officers may perform their duties with acceptance, understanding, and approval of the public. The willing participation of all people is desired and encouraged, as well as essential to departmental operations and communications.

The department will avoid secrecy in its operations, always maintaining openness in matters of public interest, preserving the rights of people while realizing certain situations necessitate confidentiality. It is our mission to serve people in a manner befitting human dignity, ever mindful of our legal and moral responsibilities. We assume a leadership role by offering direction in community affairs, by advocating a high degree of personal security, and by unbiased enforcement of the law.

We strive to handle each encounter based on its own merits, thus minimizing the risk of misunderstanding and restriction of individual freedoms.

Personnel

The department began the year with one full time police officer, seven part time police officers, and five auxiliary police officers. Chief Brian Redish was the full time officers, while Officer Ken Larson, Officer Richard Conwell, Officer Michael Evans, Officer Robert Durham, Officer Morgan Eckler, Officer Charles Crislip, and Officer Michael Leavitt were part time officers. Officer John Siders, Officer Gregory Marlow, Officer Andres Monsalve, Officer Sally Good, and Officer Joshua Cox were auxiliary officers. The department began the year with a total of thirteen sworn police officers.

The department ended the year with one full time police officer, six part time police officers, and five auxiliary police officers. Brian Redish was the only full time officers. Officer Ken Larson, Officer Michael Evans, Officer Robert Durham, Officer Morgan Eckler, Officer Gregory Marlow and Officer Matthew Randolph were part time officers. Officer John Siders, Officer Devin Olinger, Officer Robert Repik, Officer Matthew Mitchell and Officer Dustin Stamper were auxiliary officers. The department ended the year with a total of twelve sworn police officers. Most of our changes in staff were officers going to larger departments. Michael Leavitt took a position with London Police, Officer Andres Monsalve was hired by Reynoldsburg Police Department and Officer Joshua Cox went to Sinclair College.

Auxiliary

Auxiliary officers donated almost 2000 hours to the department for the year. Auxiliary officers helped by working details such as Trick or Treat, Christmas in the Village and multiple school functions. Auxiliary officers trained with other police officers, provided security for Mayor's Court, and Council Meetings, while assisting the department with other duties as needed. Auxiliary officers are not compensated and work for experience and training rather than financial gain.

Patrol Vehicles and Mileage

The department's patrol vehicles have held up with minor problems, but the Dodge showed some age. The 2010 Dodge Charger began the year with 68,388 miles and ended the year with over 90,000 miles. The 2006 Ford Crown Victoria began the year with 129,531 miles and ended the year with 137,770 miles. Routine maintenance was performed on both patrol vehicles throughout the year, with that being said both vehicles needed the tires replaced. The Ford also had work done on the AC and the vehicle needed an alignment. The Dodge needed the radiator replaced along with the hoses and thermostat. The Dodge also needed minor engine work in November. For the year, the department drove approximately a total of 31,351 miles patrolling the streets of South Charleston. The department patrolled an average of 2,612.5 miles per month, or 85.8 miles per day.

New Equipment

In November the new vehicle arrived. We purchased a 2014 Chevy Tahoe. The vehicle was out fitted with new equipment by Parr out of Plain City. We purchased this vehicle due to the resale value and the cargo space needed to handle the equipment to successfully do the job. Over the summer we were also able to get five patrol rifles from the state along with a 308 (M14). These weapons were given to us through a government program which incurs no cost to the Village. The Police Department is moving to the front of the building so we have better access to the public and it gives us more space to conduct the day to day operations of the department.

Grants



In October, the department renewed its contract with the Clark County Combined Health District. The department was awarded grant money to fund its participation in the Clark County OVI Task Force. The task force was created to deter and apprehend impaired drivers by implementing sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols throughout Clark County. In addition to the South Charleston Police Department, other agencies that participate in the task force include the Clark County Sheriff's Office, the Springfield Police Division, the Enon Police Department, the Tremont City Police Department, the German Township Police Department, and the Clark County Combined Health District. On average, the South Charleston Police Department has extra officer on duty three or four times per month patrolling for impaired drivers.

