



The Ohio State University Department of Public Safety

Celebrating 120 Years of Service



Welcome!

The year 2009 marks the 120th year in which a security presence has existed at the Ohio State University. From our humble beginning in which there was a single night watchman to a department that now has 53 sworn personnel, 32 security personnel, 9 Dispatchers, 4 Emergency Management and Fire Prevention personnel, 26 administrative and support personnel and 43 student employees, we continue to strive to meet the needs of the University. We are extremely proud of our rich heritage and are indebted to those who have paved the way for The Department of Public Safety to become what it is today. While we look forward to continuing to serve the University and meeting the challenges that lay ahead of us, we also want to take the opportunity to celebrate our history by taking a look back. The information contained herein is our remarkable legacy and it is used as inspiration as we carry out our mission to the University.



This document containing The Department of Public Safety history is an enhanced copy of a previously printed collection. Retired University Police Lieutenant, Elden W. Lawson, created "The Ohio State University Police Department A Pictorial History 1890 to 1992." This document contains his collected work and includes more current information and events that have taken place after his print date. Additional photographs and newspaper clippings are arranged throughout the text as well. Acknowledgment of this new version is found at the back of the document.

Public Safety Directors

DIRECTOR OF SECURITY OPERATIONS:



Marion Curry
1967 to 1970

DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC SAFETY:



Donald G. Hanna
1970 to 1976



Alan J. Miller
1976 to 1983



Charles Gambs
1983 to 1985



James Chisman
1985 to 1989



Leslie Winters
1989 to 1992



John Kleberg
1992 to 2000



Vernon L. Baisden
August 14, 2000 to Present

Chiefs of Police



James L. Beck
1942 to 1955



William L. Parker
1956 to 1964*



Ray O. Starr
1970 to 1972*



Donald G. Hanna
October 16, 1977 to June 16, 1983



Peter J. Herdt
March 19, 1984 to May 25, 1993



Ronald A. Michalec
January 24, 1994 to November 30, 2003



John M. Petry
Acting Chief
November 27, 2003 to May 31, 2005



Vernon L. Baisden
Acting Chief
June 1, 2005 to November 5, 2006

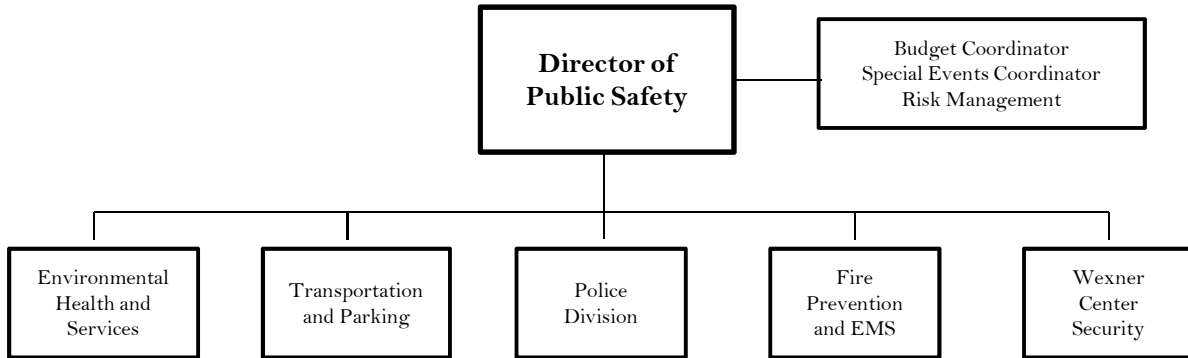


Paul S. Denton
November 6, 2006 to Present

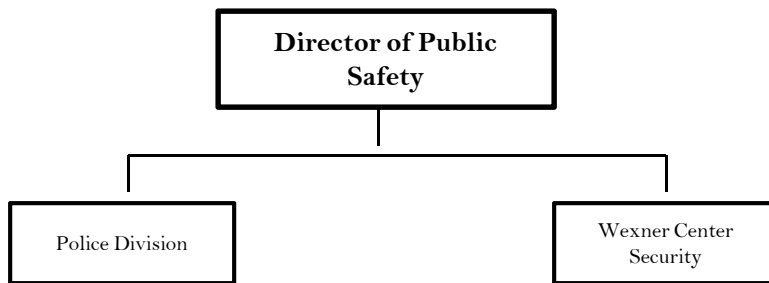
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The Ohio State University Department of Public Safety
Organizational Structure

Before 1990



1990 to 2000



2000 to Present



Campus Security Program To Include Safety Director

By JULIA OSBORNE
8-13-70

A public safety director will be appointed for the University, "hopefully, by Oct. 1," President Fawcett said. Fawcett recommended a public safety director be appointed for the University in his testimony before House Speaker Charles Kurfess' legislative subcommittee last week.

He told the Legislative Committee on Campus Disruptions the director should "improve the leadership, quality and quantity of security service on campus."

The campus safety director should be educated in the field of public safety and probably have at least a master's degree," Fawcett explained.

Interviews Accepted
Gordon B. Carson, vice president for business and finance, is currently accepting recommendations for interviews for the position.

The appointment of the public safety director is part of a campus security plan whose members will have sufficient education to be able to relate to students, Fawcett said. Men on the existing force are being encouraged to continue their education and new recruits are to have at least two years of college.

Michigan State representatives first discussed and suggested the idea of a public safety director to Fawcett, he said.

Fawcett said he will listen to suggestions and student input concerning the appointment.

Ombudsman Formulated
In his testimony to the Kurfess committee, Fawcett also said he was trying to formulate a proposal for a grievance procedure, or an ombudsman, to serve faculty, students and staff.

He does not have "an absolute commitment" to the idea of an ombudsman, he said Monday, since he still wants to carry on further discussions on the idea.

The ombudsman would be an "objective, fair-minded assessor of facts," Fawcett said. Members of the student body, faculty and staff would go to him to get information about problems before the problems "get escalated."

The ombudsman would go to the appropriate source, find the information and return with it to the person who requested it.

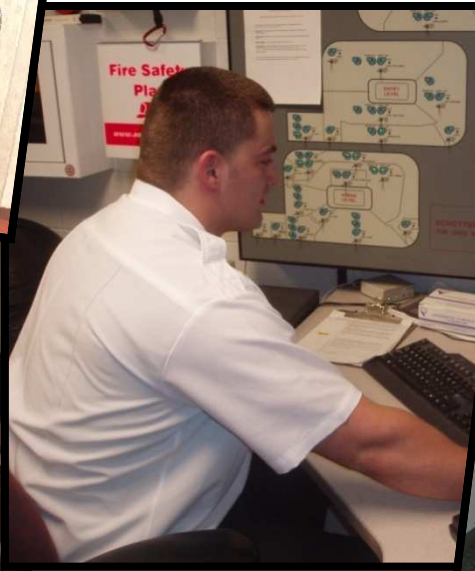
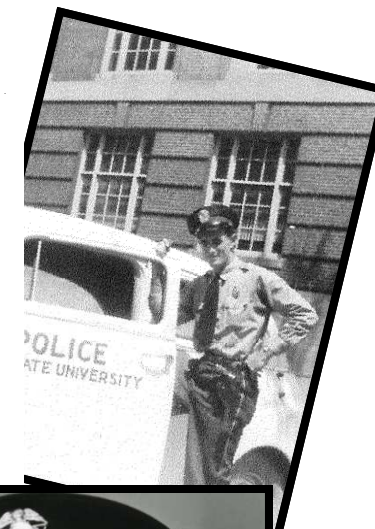
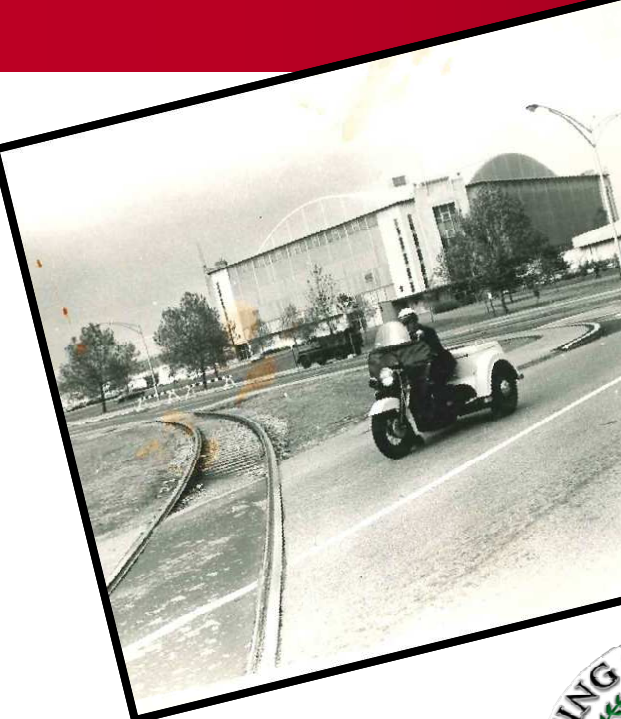
Free Agent
The person hired would work "in a neutral place, as a completely free agent," he said. However, he would have to be someone chosen from within the University, who is extremely knowledgeable about its organization, Fawcett added.

He would generally have to be "one of the best people the University has," Fawcett said.

Voted Down
The committee recommended further review and consideration and the Faculty Council voted not to hire an ombudsman at that time, Fawcett said.

Fawcett said he is going to present this idea now to members of the student body and the faculty, and if they agree, set up plans to implement the hiring of an ombudsman.

This is "one of a number of mechanisms needed" for better campus communication and stronger student identity, Fawcett said.



Department of Public Safety

The Ohio State University Department of Public Safety has not always existed as it does today. Property protection functions began with the establishment of The Ohio State University, but it would be many years before there was an organized police, emergency management and fire prevention force.

On **March 22, 1870**, the General Assembly chartered the University with an “act to Establish and Maintain an Agricultural and Mechanical College in Ohio.”

The first Board of Trustees met on **September 6, 1870** to approve the location of the new College at the Old Neil Farm which was located two miles north of downtown Columbus, Ohio. At that time, the City of Columbus had a population of 35,000.

On **September 17, 1873**, 24 students began their first classes at the new Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College. Later that same year the enrollment increased to 50. The first University President Edward J. Orton, Sr. stated “I did everything from security, janitorial duties, and kept the furnace stoked with coal.”

The institution’s only building, University Hall, was in such a state of incompleteness on the first day of school that the doors had not been hung. The building was not completed until 1874.

William C. McCracken was named engineer in **1886** and was given an additional janitor at \$1.50/day. The additional janitor would be McCracken’s assistant as well as fireman. McCracken served as engineer for 60 years.

Total enrollment of the University in **1888** stood at 401.



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
**THE OHIO AGRICULTURAL AND
MECHANICAL COLLEGE AND
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**



COLUMBUS
MAY 11, 1870, TO JUNE 25, 1890.

9-11-'78

Application was made by Dr. Townshend for a cistern and some repairs to his house, which, after being discussed, it was

ORDERED, That the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) be and is hereby appropriated for this purpose, to be expended under the direction of the Executive Committee, and to be paid from Dr. Townshend's house-rent.

It was also,

ORDERED, That Mr. Thorne, Farm Superintendent, charge Prof. Townshend twelve and one-half cents per head per month for pasturage of sheep on the College farm.

It was

ORDERED, That Mr. Thorne proceed to gather the corn for the University off the ground claimed by Walter L. Turner, for his use.

It was also

ORDERED, That 5,000 letter-heads, at six dollars (\$6) per thousand and 5,000 envelopes, at five dollars (\$5) per thousand, be provided for the use of this Board and the University.

Certain accounts of W. L. Turner were referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Orton asked for an abatement of his house rent, and the subject was deferred to the November meeting.

An application from Professor Tuttle for supplies for Zoological Department was refused.

It was

RESOLVED, That Prof. Lomia be employed for the ensuing school year as teacher of elocution, at the rate of fifty dollars (\$50) per term.

On motion of Mr. Johnston,

RESOLVED, That the janitor of the University buildings be paid a monthly salary of sixty dollars, to be in full payment for his services, and also service of any help required by him in discharge of his duties as heretofore rendered—his term of service to be regulated by the trustees, as they may deem proper or necessary in the interest of the University.

On motion of Mr. Coffrey,

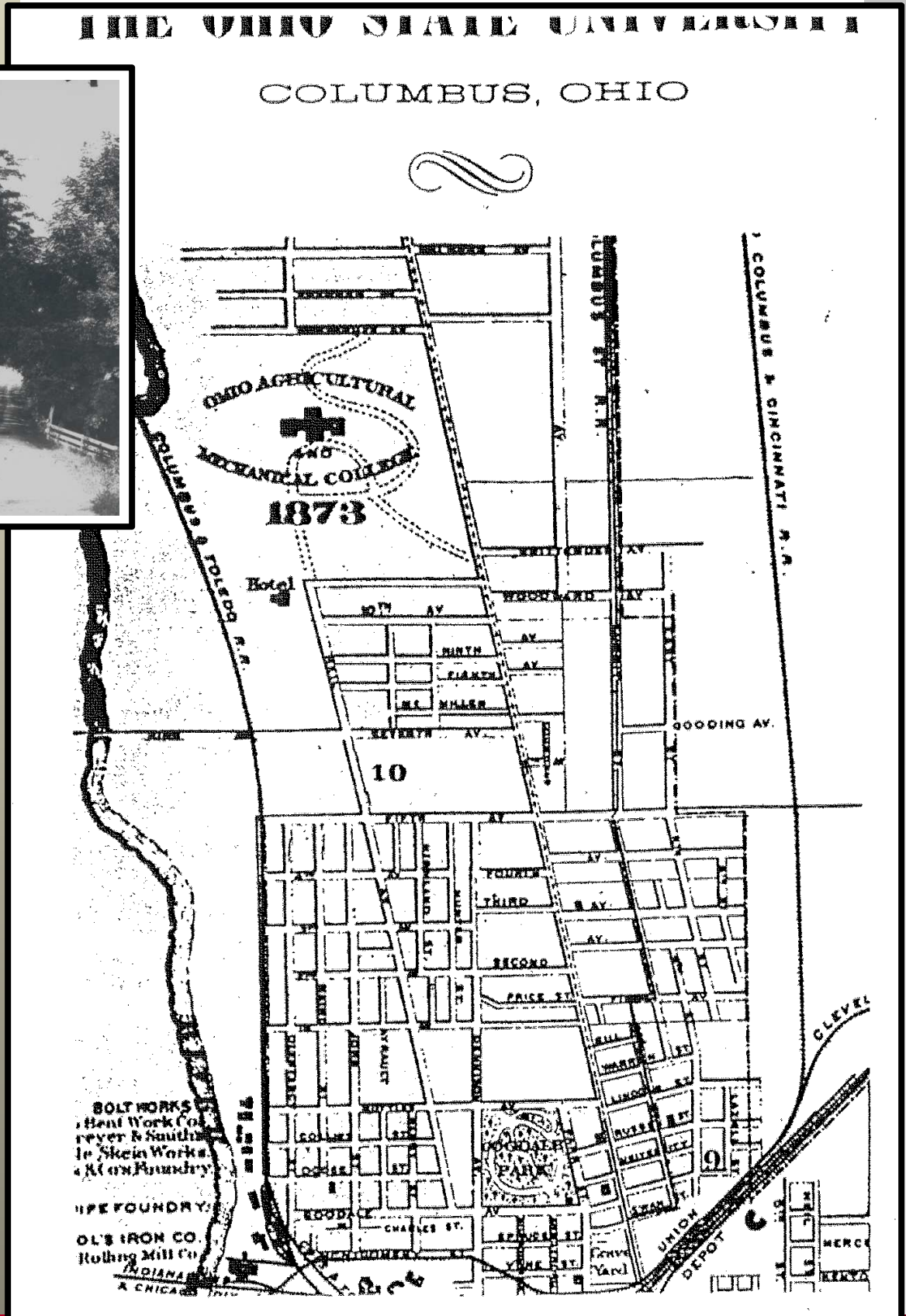
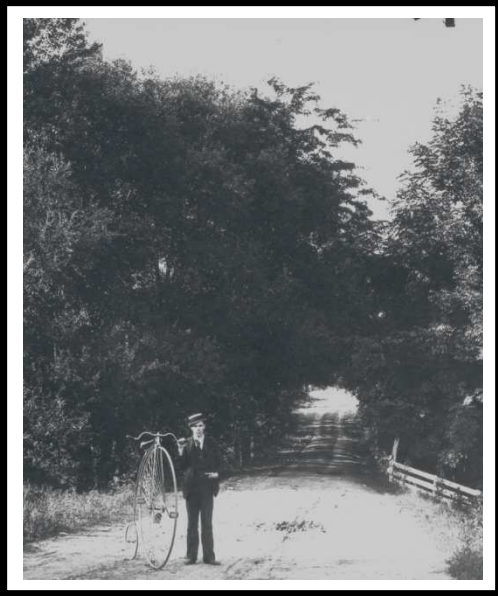
RESOLVED, That the Standing Committee of this Board report to the Board at the next November meeting, a detailed statement of all expenditures of moneys appropriated for their disposal, and that the President of the Faculty report to us at the same time, in detail, all moneys expended by him and the Faculty, and a list of the newspapers in which the University was advertised this year.

On motion, the Board now adjourned to November 6th, eight P. M.

T. J. GODFREY, President.

Columbus, Ohio

In 1871 there was mostly farmland between Columbus and Worthington. An unimproved road that followed a much earlier Indian trail connected the two settlements. Actually this road was a turnpike in the original sense of the word; a gate was opened or a pike was turned admitting the traveler to the road after paying a toll. A tollgate was located at 11th Avenue and North High Street, near the southern boundary of what was to become The Ohio State University.



On **June 18, 1889**, a Night Watchmen's clock was purchased by President William Oxley Thompson. Like other campus organizations, property protection duties were originally assigned to custodians and maintenance men who would clock in at several locations on campus and patrol the buildings.

At the Board of Trustees meeting on **June 23, 1890**, President Thompson recommended that a Night Watchman be appointed at a yearly salary of \$540.00. The first Night Watchman was Benjamin Irwin. An additional Night Watchman was later added. The salary of a Night Watchman was increased to \$600.00 a year in 1895.

By the year 1909, the enrollment at the University was 3,000. The campus soon had five buildings including Brown Hall Annex, which was the original power plant. This is where the Night Watchmen reported for work. With the approval of the Board of Trustees, President Thompson appointed the first Day Police Officer on **August 7, 1909**. The first Day Police Officer was John Ricketts. An additional Night Watchman was also appointed and he was John T. Daniels ("the Buckeye Man"). The salary for both the Day Police Officer and the Night Watchmen increased to \$745.00 a year.

The first method of summoning the Day Police Officer began in **1909**. This was done by three blasts of the Power House whistle. This method of alerting the Police to contact the Power Plant for a service call continued until 1939.

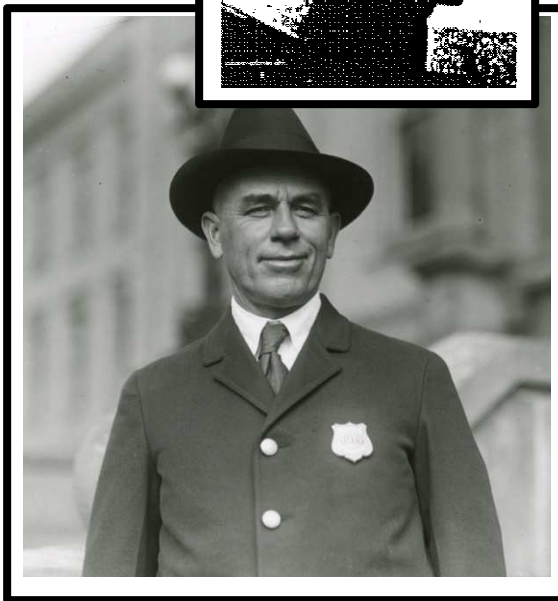
A lot of people have thought that William "Bill" North was the first Police Officer, however, Officer North was not appointed until **January 30, 1911**, after Ricketts had resigned. With the appointment of Officer North, the salary was increased to \$750.00 for the Night Watchmen and Day Police Officer.

In **January 1911**, the Day Policeman force was increased to two Police Officers and the Night Watchman force was increased to four. The University also paid a yearly \$50.00 bond for each Police and Night Watchman on the force in addition to the \$750.00 a year salary. The Police and Night Watchman Office were located in the Physical Plant.

In addition to his duties required by the rules and regulations, Officer North was instructed to feed the squirrels. He was possibly the best known campus Policeman.

On **October 11, 1918**, The Ohio State University closed down for the first time in the history of the University due to the fear of an influenza epidemic. The University was closed for 6 days. The University would close down again in 1970, this time due to riots.

Enrollment at the University continued to grow as did the large crowds at special events, such as football games at the Ohio Field. The Field was located between W. Woodruff Avenue and W. 17th Avenue. The dedication of the present Ohio Stadium was in **1925**. That year on **November 21st**, the largest football crowd attended the OSU vs. Illinois game to see Harold Edward "Red" Grange, "the Illinois Demon" play. 96,000 fans attended that game. Illinois won in the end.



*Top: John Ricketts, first Day Police Officer
Bottom: Day Policeman, William "Bill" North*

unanimous consent of the members present, and may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the entire Board at any meeting; provided written notice of the proposed change or changes be given to the Board through its Chairman at the meeting next immediately preceding.

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Thereupon the Board adjourned to meet August 7th, 6 P.M. at the Neil House.

Attest:—CARL E. STEEB, Secretary, F. E. POMERENE, President.

NEIL HOUSE

Board of Trustees COLUMBUS, OHIO August 7, 1909.

The Board of Trustees met pursuant to adjournment, for the purpose of electing a Treasurer and transacting such other business as might require attention. Present, F. E. Pomereene, Chairman, O. T. Corson, John T. Mack, Walter J. Sears, Guy W. Mallon, and Julius F. Stone.

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The President presented the following recommendations which were agreed to:

1. The Hon. John Jay Adams of Zanesville, Ohio, was elected Dean of the College of Law, at a salary of \$5,000.00; and \$2,000.00 was added to the appropriation for salaries in the College of Law.
2. A Committee, consisting of Dean Adams, Professor G. W. Rightmire and the President, was appointed with power to act in arranging matters in the College of Law for the coming year.
3. The resignation of Mr. Herbert Jackson as Assistant in Industrial Arts was accepted.
4. The following persons were appointed, at salaries as provided in the budget, said appointments to take effect July 1, 1909:

John Ricketts, Day Police	\$ 600
W. F. Mahaffey, Night Watchman	600
John T. Daniels, " "	600
M. S. Harvey, Elevator Man	250
H. E. Truxall, Painter	840

5. Mr. W. W. Whitmer and Thomas Richards were appointed Janitors at a salary of \$45.00 per month each, as provided in the budget; they to be assigned by the President, and said appointments to take effect July 1, 1909.

6. Mr. K. B. Ward was appointed Assistant in Civil Engineering at a salary of \$1,000; and \$450 was added to the appropriation for salaries to meet this appointment.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 16, 1911.

The Board of Trustees met pursuant to the call of the Chairman. Present, O. E. Bradfute, Chairman, John T. Mack, F. E. Pomereene, O. T. Corson, Walter J. Sears, Guy W. Mallon, and Julius F. Stone.

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The minutes of the meetings of December 7, 1910 and January 26, 1911 were read and approved.

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President Thompson presented the following recommendations which were agreed to:

The resignation of Miss Julia Titworth, Assistant Professor of Art, effective June 30, 1911, was accepted.

The resignation of Vittorio Palorsi, Instructor in Romance Languages, effective June 30, 1911, was accepted.

The resignation of M. E. Corotis, Florist, effective February 28, 1911 was accepted, and Mr. Forest B. H. Brown was appointed to succeed Mr. Corotis, services beginning March 1, 1911, at the same salary, namely \$50 per month.

The resignation of Mr. John Ricketts, campus policeman, effective January 30, 1911, was accepted and Mr. William North was appointed campus policeman, services beginning February 15, 1911, at a salary of \$55 per month.

The President reported that John Hendry, groom of the Veterinary Clinic had resigned December 31, 1910, and that Hugh Crooks had been appointed successor, services beginning January 1, 1911, at a salary of \$55 per month.

The appointment of Miss Dora Sauer as Assistant in the department of Physical Education for the first semester was continued for the remainder of the year, at the same salary.

Mr. T. L. Wheeler, of Huntington, Indiana, was appointed Agricultural Extension Editor at a salary of \$1,800.00 per year, service to begin April 1, 1911.

The appointment of Mr. Harry H. Bumgardner, student assistant in the Department of German, was continued for the second semester, with the amount of work doubled and his remuneration also to be doubled, making it \$50 per month.

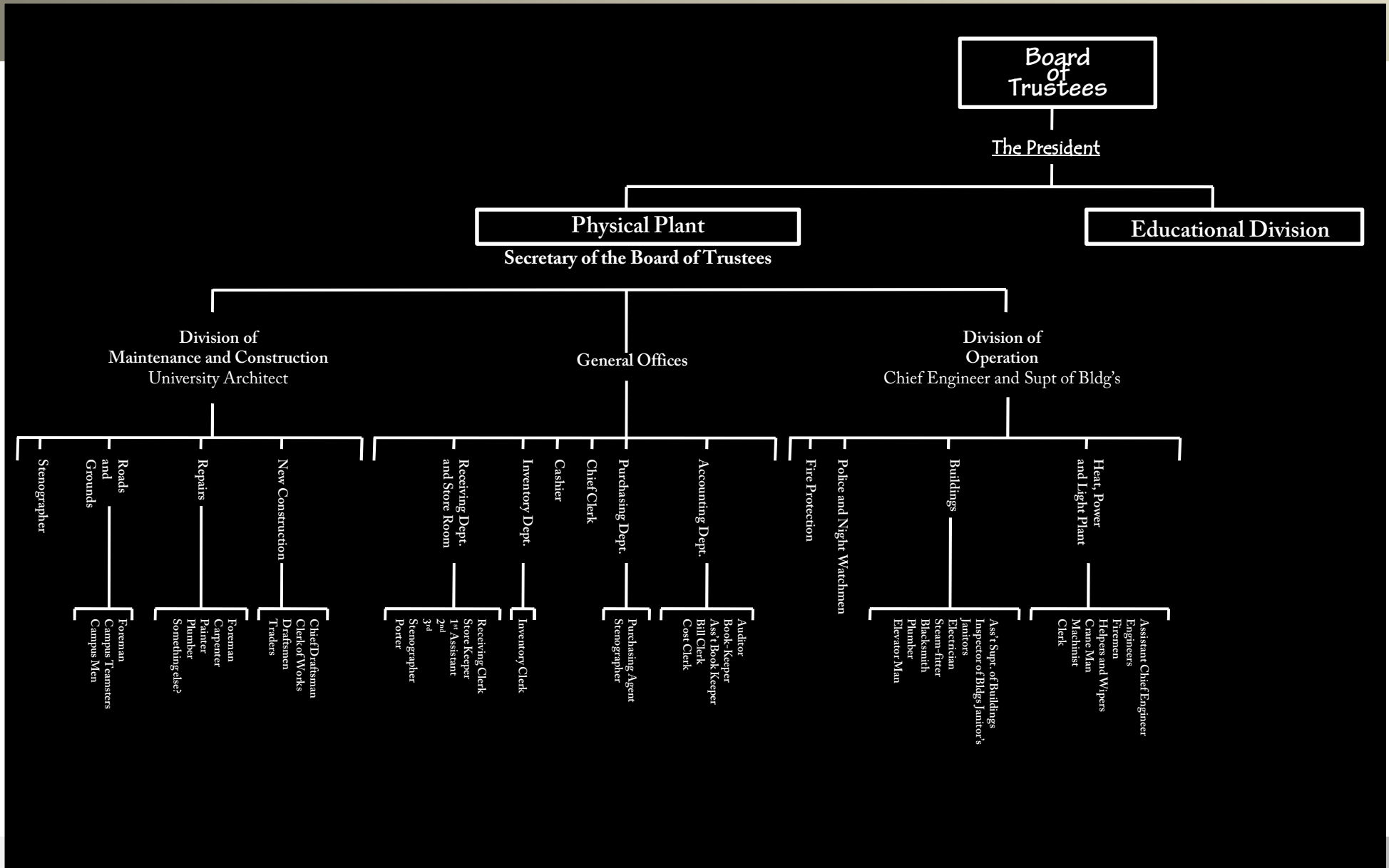
Perry Van Sving was appointed student assistant in laboratory work in the department of Animal Husbandry for four months, beginning February 1, 1911, at \$25.00 per month, said salary to be paid from the department current expense fund.

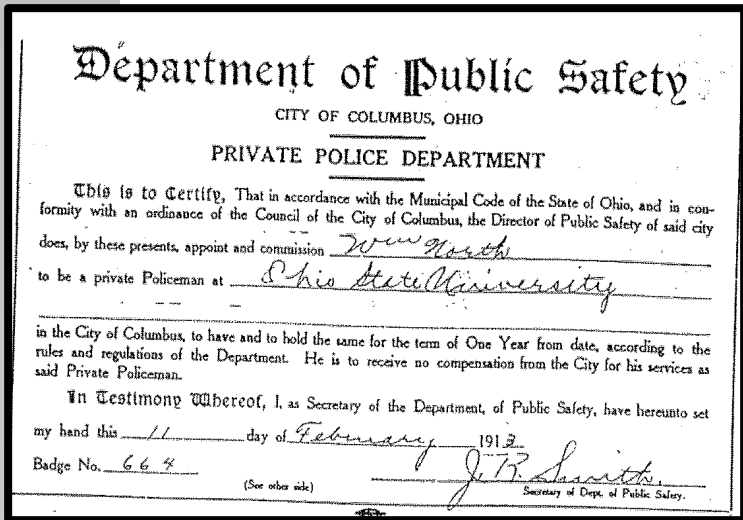
The appointment of R. M. Galloway, student assistant in Industrial Arts for the first semester, was continued for the second semester, at \$30.00 per month.

Left: Board of Trustees Minutes, August 7, 1909 showing the pay salaries of Day Police Officer, John Ricketts; Right: Board of Trustees Minutes, March 16, 1911 showing the resignation of John Ricketts and the appointment of William North as campus policeman.

Board of Trustees

At the April 8, 1912 Board of Trustees meeting, President William Oxley Thompson won the approval for the first University Organization, which encompassed two divisions, the Educational Division and the Physical Plant. The Night Watchmen subdivision was one of four subdivisions that reported to the Superintendent of Buildings at the Physical Plant. At the same time, the first University Organizational Rules and Regulations were issued.





Left: Copy of a certificate issued to William "Bill" North on February 11, 1913. It is believed that Officer North was issued badge number 664 by The Ohio State University

With more and more automobiles being purchased, the parking problems on campus became a real problem, especially at the football games at Ohio Field. Officer North was the forerunner of today's Traffic and Parking Department, a distinction he gained in 1925 when he handed out the first parking citation to "relieve traffic congestion on campus caused by the automobiles."



Left: First gasoline University delivery truck, 1918; Right: Chief Beck adds police cruiser, 1947

As mentioned previously, the first method to summon Police Officers was three blasts of the Power House whistle. This method of summoning Police Officers was replaced by a call box system in 1939. Police Officers would call in from various call boxes on a set schedule and, if needed somewhere, they would be dispatched at that time.

The Department of Police and Night Watchmen changed dramatically on April 1, 1942. James L. Beck was appointed to the Police Department as their first Police Chief and two more Police Officers were added to the force. The authorized strength was now 9, and that included 4 Night Watchmen. A marked Police cruiser was also purchased.

At the end of World War II, a large increase in the enrollment of students and increased traffic caused sharp increases in the number of Officers on the force. As specific areas of need were identified, Police Officers and Night Watchmen were added to the Department. Those men working during this period were deputized as special Police working for The Ohio State University. Police Officers were also authorized to carry their own weapons at that time. Police Officers were carrying .22, .32, and .38 caliber revolvers. The .38 caliber revolver would not become standard issue until 1956.

Ever larger enrollments with attendant traffic problems continued to cause difficulties for the University. Zoned parking areas were designated for faculty, staff, and student parking. Traffic regulations and fines for parking and moving violations were revised.



Harry Goodwin in Police cruiser, 1954

The Ohio State University expanded a lot during the 1940s and 1950s with the acquisition of farm land in the area of Don Scott Field (OSU Airport) between Case Road and Route 161. Also, two 18 hole golf courses on Tremont Road and Kenny Road were developed. The University was now a 3,000 acre campus and still growing in acreage and enrollment.

One Arm Is Never A Handicap For Veteran OSU Policeman

By RALPH HAMMOCK

Mark G. Anders has been a University patrolman for the past 17 years, but one thing separates Anders from 99 per cent of the policemen in the nation. He only has one arm.

The former railroad worker lost his left arm when he fell from a train in 1945 and watched as 73 railroad cars passed between him and his severed arm. Then, after lying on the tracks in shock for over an hour, Anders was taken to the hospital.

Doctors gave him approximately 15 minutes to live because of blood loss, but Anders pulled through on pure will to live, he said.

"I've never thought of the loss of the arm," Anders said, "let alone the thought of being handicapped."

Anders went into the grocery store business and prospered until he owned seven stores in Columbus. "I finally decided to sell the stores and get out of the hectic race," he said. He joined the University police force in 1950.

When he joined the force, it had six patrolmen and one cruiser, which was usually in the shop being repaired.

"There were no physical requirements for joining then," Anders said. "I couldn't do it today," he added, referring to the strict physical requirements now.

Since joining the force, Anders has become a familiar figure around the Men's Physical Education Building, part of his beat.

Referred to as "Andy" by the students, he was chosen

"Man of the Year" in 1967, by the Men's Physical Education Honorary.

Among other honors he has received are a special citation from the University for his work at the Men's Physical Education Building and being chosen captain of the Fraternal Order of Police, Colum-

bus branch, in 1967.

He also was nominated three times (1964-1967) as a representative to the state convention of the Fraternal Order of Police, an honor never before given to a University patrolman.

Anders' personal philosophy of "Do unto others as

you would have them do unto you" has been his guideline.

Always athletic Anders says he has had no special obstacles to overcome because of the loss of his arm.

Handicapped? "It's only when you think you can't do something that you become handicapped," Anders said.



The ghosts, goblins, witches, who are the children of students living in Buckeye Village, receive treats from the Officers of the Ohio State University Police Department every Halloween. Police Officer Erman "Bud" Kysor started this most enjoyable tradition in 1957.

William L. Parker was appointed Chief of Police in 1956 and served until 1964. He increased emphasis on the department's functional responsibilities and brought improvements in the departmental equipment. Also, interest in services rendered and training came to the forefront. By 1959, the campus had 24 hour a day protection. The authorized strength of the Department was now at 23 Police Officers and 10 Night Watchmen. The motorized equipment included 3 marked cruisers, 2 three wheel motor cycles and a tow truck. All of the motorized equipment was radio-equipped with a new two way communication system. The base station was located in the Service Building at 2003 Millikin Road. The marked cruisers also could communicate with the Columbus Police Department and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The Department was moved from under the direction of the Director of Services to the direction of Business and Finance after **1959** but remained in the Service Building. Gordon B. Carson, Vice President of Business and Finance, had a goal. He wanted the Department to be the best suburban Police Department in the county.

Janet Boggess (a civilian), was the first female radio dispatcher who worked in the nerve center for the Police communications systems. By **August 1959**, all Police Officers that patrolled the campus carried the new "Handi Talkie" portable radio. This ranked the University Police Department as one of the best equipped suburban departments in Franklin County.



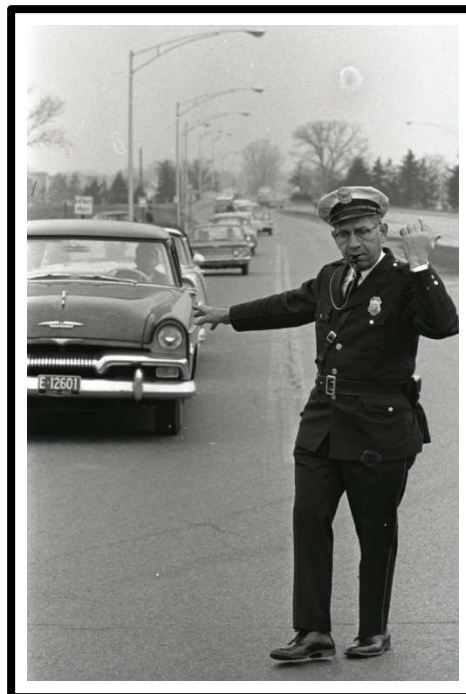
Members of Police Department, 1962

In **1961**, the authorized strength of the Department was increased to 33 Police Officers and 13 Night Watchmen. One of the new officers, Arthur Kelley, was the first black Officer to be appointed to the Department. He was appointed in **September 1961**. Officer Kelley was instrumental in other black applicants applying for the position of Police Officer.

In **July of 1962**, the Ohio State University Police Department hired their first policewomen and, as far as it can be determined, one of the first in any University Police Department in the United States.

This was Norma J. Walker who applied for the job while working for the Columbus Police Department in their traffic division. She did administrative work, relieved the radio dispatcher, worked in investigations, and worked as a patrol officer. Norma won many pistol competitions and bowling trophies in Police sponsored matches all over the Midwest. During her last several years, Norma served as the Academic Liaison Officer for the Department.

A complete reorganization was recommended in **1963** with more emphasis placed on protection, security and safety. A Security Officer was appointed to reorganize, and place under his supervision, the Police, Traffic, Investigation and the Lost and Found Departments. The newly created departments' place in the University organizational structure remained directly under the Office of Business and Finance.



Police Officer directing traffic, 1962

The first formalized training for the Police was conducted from **April 8—24, 1963**. This was not a Police academy type training, but more on public relations, student rights, using a uniform report form, evidence, and lost and found property disposition. Use of the Ohio Motor Vehicle Law and traffic direction was also taught.

The following were the pay scales for this period:

\$4,800 to start; \$5,040 after one year; \$5,280 after two years; \$5,520 after three years; and \$5,760 after four years.

Football games were not the only special events that attracted large groups of people. The Farm Science Review (FSR) was started in 1963 on the farm land west of Don Scott Field. This drew over 100,000 people during a three day period each September. The FSR grew to such an extent that it had to be moved. A 5,000 acre farm in London, Ohio, had been donated to The Ohio State University by Molly Caren. The FSR was moved in 1984 to the Molly Caren Agricultural Center and is still growing.

On **September 25, 1968**, University President Novice G. Fawcett initiated a program to re-evaluate the Ohio State University Police Department.



What may have caused the University to want to upgrade their Police Department?

There was a black student takeover of the Administration Building in **April 1968**. There was also the Lincoln Tower fire in **May 1968** which claimed the lives of two students. Additionally, then there was the illegal employee strike action.

The events that were happening at The Ohio State University campus were going on all over the country; in demonstrations over Vietnam, flower children, and LSD and other drug usage. Campuses that were thought to be tranquil for scholars, cut off from the real world (“ivory towers”), suddenly found themselves entangled in the perils of modern society.

The Ohio State University had Watchmen and poorly trained Law Enforcement personnel to cope with these new problems on campus. A lot of these Officers had not completed high school, had little law enforcement background, and did not have formalized academy training. Their average age was 37.6 years.

Therefore, President Fawcett’s initiated program was to re-evaluate the following areas:

1. Man-Power Needs.
2. Salary Scale.
3. Selection of Personnel.
4. Training of Personnel.
5. Promotion Practices and Procedures.
6. Organizational Structure.

Several organizations were requested to submit recommendations.

Some of the recommendations made are as follows:

1. Increase the Department to 84.
2. To improve the record keeping procedures substantially.
3. Use entrance standards for recruits similar to the Columbus Police Department or State Highway Patrol.
4. Raise salaries to a level comparable to these agencies.
5. Put all recruits through a Police academy.

While the listed recommendations were being studied and put into action, a salary increase was approved by the Board of Trustees. The new pay scales were from \$6,240 to \$7,738 per year. Also, during this period, mandatory Police academy training was legislated by the State of Ohio for all members of Police agencies not academy trained. Since the University had already been planning to do this, they were ready to send their first class of Officers to the first available class in the state.

In **August of 1970**, the State Highway Patrol Academy began training the first class of 25, which consisted of experienced Police Officers as well as new recruits. The Ohio State University Police Department had 16 Police Officers in this class. The average of Police experience in this class was 5 years. This was the first class of this type anywhere in the state. The class graduated on **October 15, 1970**. With the completion of the first academy, the Ohio State University Police Department now had 38 Police Officers and 13 Night Watchmen.

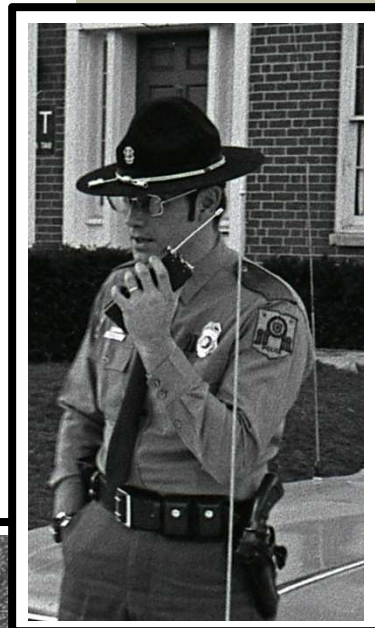


Police Dispatcher, 1968

On **October 1, 1970**, Donald G. Hanna was appointed as the first Public Safety Director for the Ohio State University Police Department. Director Hanna stated, "one of my goals is to increase the department to 75 members by the end of current school year." The educational standard for new officers was raised to two years of college training. Two administrative assistants to Director Hanna were appointed within the first five months. They were David E. Stormer and Gary R. Wilson. The Police Department then became known as the Department of Public Safety.

The commissioned police force had increased to 60 members by **April 9, 1971**. On **June 11, 1971**, the University Policemen acquired a distinctive new look by wearing the new gray and scarlet trim uniform complete with a black "Smokey-bear" hat. This uniform also had new shoulder patches in the shape of the State of Ohio. Inside the border of the patch was the likeness of the University entrance gate at 15th and High Streets above which was the University seal. Directly below the gate was the word, "Police." Prior to the adoption of this uniform, the University Police wore uniforms almost identical to those worn by the Columbus Police Department. Also, the newly issued model 10 Smith & Wesson .38 caliber revolvers were now part of the uniform.

Uniform equipment was not the only thing new in the Department. The communication center saw the addition of a Law Enforcement Automated Data System, (LEADS). Now, in seconds, Police Officers could obtain information concerning traffic and identification on almost anybody in the United States.



New police uniform, 1974



Left: Police Officer by Welcome sign, 1970; Right: View through shattered glass windshield of Police Officers, 1970

University Police

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Launch First Boat

The University Police Department officially took to the water for the first time Wednesday afternoon when it launched a new 16-foot boat on the Olentangy River, according to Henry M. Anderson, assistant business manager of the University.

"The purpose of the craft is primarily to protect the students making use of the river," Anderson said.

"There is increased activity on the river, with a relatively large canoe instruction program, and the boat will be used during this program, and for rescue operations if necessary.

Approved in 1967

Anderson said that the University Board of Trustees, which approved the purchase in July, 1967, felt there was a present and future need for the boat, with the increased activity on the river and the building of the River Union.

The new boat, according to Anderson, is a Sea - Sprite Tri-Hull, equipped with complete rescue facilities, and a 40 horse - power Johnson engine. He explained the engine is fitted with protective covering called a Hall-

Jet propellor, a self-contained propellor, housing which will prevent damage of the blade on objects in the river, and will also prevent a swimmer from swimming into the propellor.

"Although this will cut down on the actual horsepower of the engine, we felt that the apparatus would be a help in rescue operations, so that the swimmer will not panic because of fear of the blades," Anderson said.

Eight Operators

Anderson said that the new craft will be operated by eight trained members of the University police force, who will patrol the river during the canoeing classes. The boat was scheduled to touch water at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday for a canoeing class, and will be used this weekend during the recreational program.

At present, Anderson said that there is no boat house for the new craft, but that the boat can be launched "anywhere the water is right" on the river. He said that the boat will be used primarily between Lane and King avenues, where most of the University water - craft program will be centered.

Police force hires 9 men

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Nine new police officers will be added to the University soon as the result of a funds problem at Kent State University.

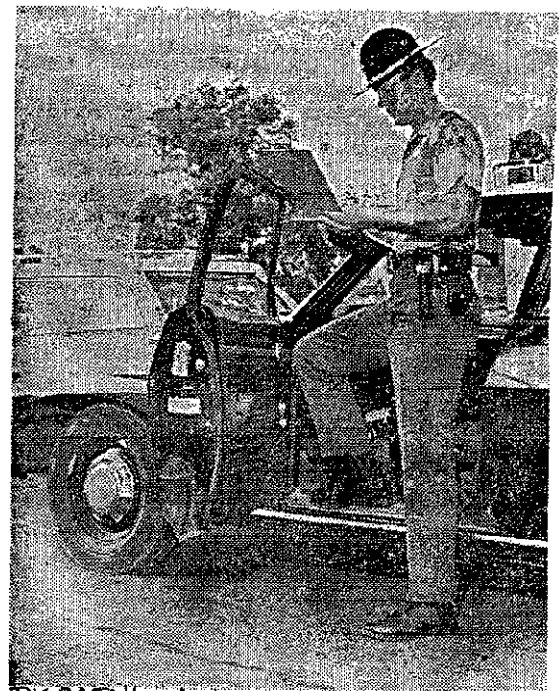
Gary R. Wilson, assistant director of the Department of Public Safety, said the nine enrollees in the Ohio Police Academy were to have been hired by Kent State University when they completed their 10-week training.

Due to some financial problems at Kent State, they were informed they would not be hired, Wilson said.

"Since we were undermanned, and they were already trained, we took them," he said.

"They have gone through two selective processes and we feel they are very qualified. Some of them have college degrees."

The new officers, who arrived Thursday, have begun departmental training, which will take several months. Wilson said that when their training is completed, the police force will consist of 68 men.

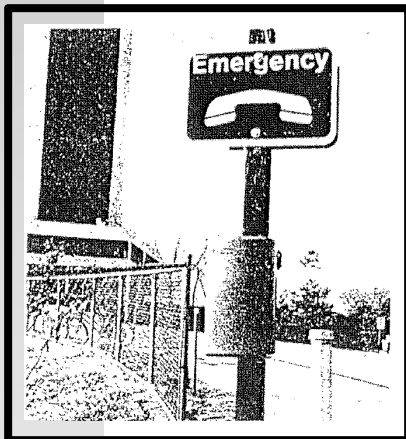


DISPATCH 6-11-71 OSU POLICE SHOW COLORS

Ohio State University Police began appearing in school colors Friday, with gray uniforms trimmed in scarlet. Patrolman Ronald Jornd models the new uniform. "The uniform is for individuality — for a better morale," he said. "It also distinguishes us from other police departments in the area. We wanted to be different." Shoulder patches on the uniform are symbolic of the campus entrance at 15th and High Sts. Old uniforms of OSU police were similar to those worn by Columbus police. (Dispatch Photo).

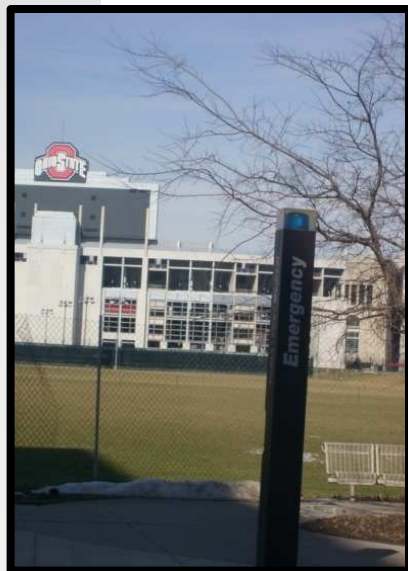
The Department held its first "Open House" on **May 15, 1972**. The exhibition featured displays of equipment used by the campus police and was a complete success as more than 500 persons attended. In fact, it was a much heavier turnout than expected. Among the exhibitions were the breathalyzer, riot equipment, drug testing equipment, and fingerprinting techniques. Also, displays of confiscated narcotics and weapons were included in the program. On display outside the building were the rescue squad, police cruisers, and the newly purchased police patrol boat. The program was such a success that future open house programs were planned. As a direct result of this program, the department took a more active role in the new student orientation program.

The Department of Public Safety had 67 commissioned Officers by the **summer of 1972**. As they were no longer deemed necessary, the Night Watchman force was reduced by retirements, transfers to other departments and then the position was abolished.



During the **summer of 1972**, the first series of direct dial emergency phones were placed on campus. Students needing Police assistance on campus could now contact the Ohio State University Police Department just by lifting a receiver. When the phone was answered at the radio desk, the dispatcher knew the location of the caller, eliminating the callers need to dial and tell his/her location.

In **December 1972**, the average age of a Police Officer was 29.8 years and the average educational level was 2.2 years of college.



Top: 1970s Emergency Phone
Bottom: Emergency Blue Light Phone System in front of Ohio Stadium

OSU police present first open house

By Brian Albrecht

Despite injuries and damages sustained by the campus police during Friday's early morning disturbances, the Ohio State Department of Public Safety presented its first open house from 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The exhibition, which featured displays of equipment used by the campus police, was termed a "complete success," by Frank Titus, the department's community relations officer.

Following last week's disturbances, Titus said, "We were somewhat unsure whether to go ahead with the open house." He explained that damages to police cruisers and the injuries sustained by many officers had "left many officers in a bad mood."

However, Titus said, the decision to proceed with the program was largely based upon the original purpose of the open house, to "open the department to the public."

Titus estimated that more than 500 persons attended the open house, "a much heavier turnout than we expected." He explained that at several points, the department was swamped with visitors, and regular tours had to be abandoned in favor of one long series of exhibitions.

Among exhibitions were the breath analyzer, riot equipment, drug testing equipment and fingerprinting techniques.

Displays of confiscated narcotics and weapons ranging from home-made billy clubs to semiautomatic pistols were also included in the program. Each piece of equipment used by the department, from radio communications to Mace dispensers, was explained by 14 officers assigned to the program.

On display outside the station were the emergency van, several squad cars and the department's patrol boat.

Titus said he was surprised not only by the amount of response to the open house, but also by the kinds of questions the officers encountered. "People have asked very intelligent questions, and many seemed already to have a good knowledge of our equipment."

Titus said that the department plans to hold another open house Autumn Quarter as part of its effort to "take a more active role in student orientation."

The Department's authorized strength was 77 by **March 23, 1973**, with the graduation of the Ohio State University Basic Police School #1. The Department now had 10 new Police Officers including two female recruits and the first Mexican-American, Don Reyna.

The Department now had 3 female Officers, 8 black Officers and one Mexican-American Officer. The starting salary was \$7,800 a year with advancement to \$10,545 after an 18 month period.

University Police Officers were investigating over 4,000 calls for Police services a year. Officers also were needed for over 400 special events a year, including concerts, dances and sporting events. The "Ride-Along" program was started in **1973** to allow any student, faculty or staff member to ride in a University patrol car and observe Police operations on campus. This program was a success, as most students had only seen Police Officers in action on television.

1973 also saw the inception of the Department Personnel Awards program. Awards were issued to Departmental personnel, on an annual basis, in the following categories: Officer of the Year; Valor; Commendation; Merit; and the Police Chief's Distinguished Service Award. The awards program has continued to the present.

Crime was on campus and crime statistics were going up everywhere in the United States. In **November 1973**, a University research assistant was found stabbed to death in her fourth floor Lincoln Tower Office. The victim had been stabbed six times. Officer John Scarville was assigned to witness the autopsy. This case was solved in **December 1973** with the arrest of a suspect who confessed to the slaying. Search warrants found evidence that had been taken from the crime scene. OSU Campus Police requested BCI assistance in processing the scene. BCI Agents Jim Hockenber and William Mark submitted evidence from the crime scene. As a result, Leon Baskin Jr. was indicted and sentenced to life in prison.

During the years of **1973 and 1974**, bicycle theft skyrocketed. University Police used several methods of patrol; including bicycle patrol in plain clothes, foot patrol, and the staking out of targeted bike racks. As a direct result, several arrests were made with the recovery of many stolen bikes.

However, all was not well within the campus Police Department. Complaints appeared to stem from the fact that Officers who were on the force before Director Hanna became Safety Director either could not or did not want to meet the higher standards now in the department. Those already on the force, most of who had never dreamed of attending college, were encouraged to do so in order to improve their education. Those that did choose to attend college were allowed to attend classes as part of their regular shift, and their tuition was paid by the Public Safety Department.

Police dispute Hanna's policies

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By Michael McLeod

Campus police officers charged Donald G. Hanna, Ohio State public safety director, with violating civil service regulations in hiring and promoting policemen, in an informal hearing before the State personnel Board of Review Wednesday morning.

More than half of the University's 77-man police force listened restlessly for two hours while their attorney, Paul Cassidy, questioned Hanna and Lewi C. Stephens, director of staff personnel, about the charges.

When Cassidy asked the officers to voice their individual complaints to the board, they responded by claiming that under Hanna's direction:

- Officers are being pressured into a new program of "investigative agents." If an officer does not transfer to the new program, which requires him to complete 150 quarter hours of college classes "or its equivalent," his chances of promotion are slim, they said;

- Several officers said they have been "promoted" to the rank of sergeant and have assumed additional responsibility, but have not received

sergeant's pay;

- Raymond O. Starr, who holds the title of chief of police, said that as a result of recent reorganizing he now heads a seven-man investigative team instead of performing the actual duties of police chief. A spokesman for the officers said that Starr had been "virtually eliminated from the chain of command."

Earl Ellison, member of the board, emphasized the informal nature of the hearing, but added, "I think the board has gotten some insight into the problems here. The board will continue to look into this matter very thoroughly."

If the board finds that civil service regulations are being violated, it can instruct the Ohio State Department of Public Safety to comply with the statutes in question.

A spokesman for the police officers said that if the recommendations of the board "are not adequate, we will take the matter to court."

During the **summer of 1974**, the University Department of Public Safety changed to the blue blazer uniform. The cost of replacement items for the gray uniform, improved relations in the campus community, and to create a different image were all cited reasons to change the uniform. The idea of changing the uniforms was accepted with mixed feelings by the Police force. Also, during 1974, the Department adopted the Smith & Wesson 9 MM semi-automatic pistol as standard issue. The Department was one of the first in the United States to change from revolvers to semi-automatic pistols.

The Department of Public Safety finally realized their 5 year goal under Director Hanna by moving early in the **fall quarter of 1976** to the old Laundry Building, now renovated for the Department of Public Safety, at 2043 Millikin Road. Separation from the old physical plant as a Police station was finally realized after more than 65 years.

The new facility had space for office/work space, interview rooms, and an arrest processing area. There were also large storage rooms for evidence, uniform and clerical supplies. The facilities included men's and women's shower and locker rooms and a lunch room area.

In **1977**, University Police began using VASCAR (Visual Average Speed Computer and Recorder), to aid Police Officers in combating speed complaints. A Breathalyzer instrument was also purchased to assist in the enforcement of alcohol related offenses.

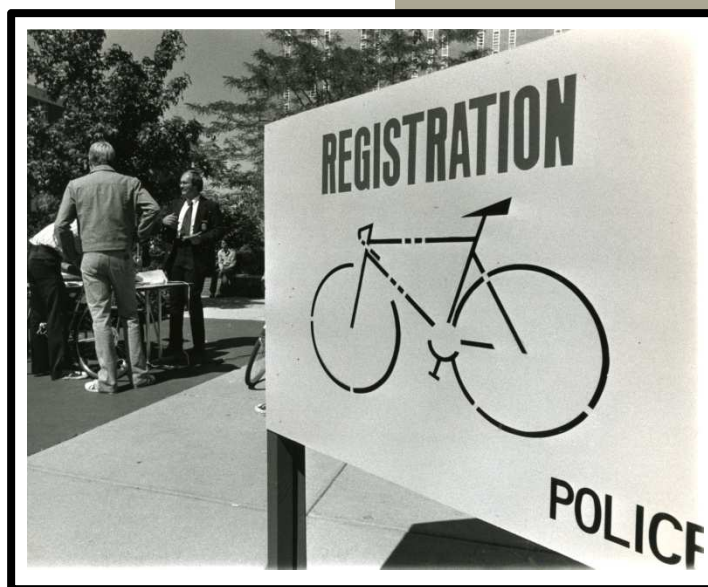
The University had many emergency runs that required the Columbus Fire Department to dispatch a squad. The University Police Department's fleet was expanded by a purchase of a rescue/emergency squad. Prior to this acquisition, sick persons and minor injury cases had been transported to the Student Health Center in Police cruisers. The rescue unit patrolled the campus on a 24 hour a day schedule, manned by two University Police Officers trained in advanced first aid procedures. The Police Department manned the rescue squad until **November 30, 1977** when OSU Fire Safety Department took over rescue services.



Police Dispatchers, Walter DeVeau and Mary Conroy, 1979

Several specialized units were formed, such as the Personnel Protection Team (PPT), Bomb Evaluation Team (BET), Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT), Special Response Team (SRT) and the Crime Scene Team. Members of the Department, after indicating their interest in a team, and upon selection by the Director of Public Safety, would then receive specialized training.

Members of the Personnel Protection Team received their training from the U.S. Secret Service. The PPT is used to protect important visitors to campus, such as Presidential candidates, Presidents of the United States, Heads of the State and/or in any case where a life may be threatened or endangered by crowds. There was a big push to protect the candidates of the 1980 election. Officer Eric Bush attended Secret Service School to gain a better understanding of protection. Those protected include: Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton. This training was made more formalized and expanded in 1981 and has continued as various circumstances arise. Per the Secret Service, "this is a unique program for a university to have, as far as we know, this is the only university to offer such expertise."



Police Open House, 1976

In **March 1978**, House Bill 588 was passed by the Ohio Legislature. This bill gave campus Police Officers in the State of Ohio equal status to all municipal Police Officers.

In **June 1978**, the newly appointed Director of Public Safety, Alan J. Miller, wrote guidelines that, in effect, confined the Ohio State University Police Officers to the campus. This action took away some of the previously enjoyed authority. University Police Officers could no longer pursue outside their jurisdiction. The only exception to this rule was in direct pursuit of a felon.



Because of the new Police guidelines, the fact that the department was now the lowest paid in the Big Ten, and the new Police standards, Officers began what was to be a mass resignation. The University Police Department went from the all time high of 79 commissioned Police Officers in 1974 to a low of 44 commissioned Police Officers in **September 1978**. The authorized strength was lowered to 53.

The Department of Public Safety was now again called the Police Department. Director Hanna became Chief of Police upon the appointment of Director Miller. Chief Hanna's assistants became Deputy Chiefs. The two Deputy Chiefs were Gary R. Wilson and John R. Kleberg, who had previously replaced David E. Stormer. Stormer had resigned to accept a position with the Pennsylvania State University.

The Department finally got some relief in **January 1979**. The Ohio House Judicial Administrative Subcommittee stated that legislation would be submitted to give State University Police Departments added authority in pursuit cases.

Police wages lowest in Big Ten

By Doug Smetzer
18 January 1979

OSU police officers are the lowest paid police officers in the Big Ten and among the lowest paid in the Franklin County area. That may soon change, however.

Madison H. Scott, vice president of personnel services, said his office is introducing a proposal to the Ohio General Assembly that would raise the pay scale of campus police officers. Scott hopes some action might be taken in the current session.

OSU police officers earn a minimum starting salary of \$9,651

which was set by the General Assembly in July 1978.

The only way to raise the OSU police scale is through the state legislature, Scott said.

Many police officers cited low wages as one reason for resigning from the University Police Department. There have been 13 resignations from the department since June 19, 1978.

According to figures of the Office of Personnel Services, Big Ten schools with police minimum starting salaries from highest to lowest are Minnesota, Michigan State, Illinois,

Wisconsin, Northwestern, Purdue, Iowa, the University of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio State.

Due to policies of several of the universities, exact salaries cannot be disclosed for all of them.

Differences in duties and responsibilities of campus police departments could be a reason for differing salaries, Scott said.

OSU Police Chief Donald Hanna said there is no single reason why the OSU Police Department has the lowest paid regular police officers in the Big Ten.

"There are a number of things which must be considered," Hanna said. "The local job market, collective bargaining, budget and the limits of the state civil service could all be possible factors."

For example, Minnesota police, which rank first in the Big Ten police salaries, are unionized. This makes a big difference, Hanna said.

A recent survey of area police departments compiled by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services shows that only the minimum starting salary of \$9,300 for Grove City patrol officers is lower than the OSU police.

"You cannot just compare salaries without looking at a multitude of variables," Scott said. "You must look at a range of things such as different titles, duties and responsibilities of different police departments when comparing salaries."

The OSU police are classified as investigators when determining pay ranges, whereas other police departments use different titles such as patrol officer or deputy, Scott explained.

Investigators are divided into five

major categories according to experience and ability. The pay range varies among categories.

The five major categories are investigator 1, 2, 3, 4 and supervisor. Pay ranges for each of the categories are:

- Investigator 1 — minimum \$9,651 to \$10,982.
- Investigator 2 — minimum \$10,338 to \$12,043.
- Investigator 3 — minimum \$11,960 to \$14,456.
- Investigator 4 — minimum \$13,145 to \$15,891.
- Supervisor — minimum \$15,891 to \$20,155.

All other area police departments included in the survey use either the patrol officer or deputy titles.

Of the police departments surveyed, the Franklin County Sheriff Department paid the highest minimum starting salary of \$14,976.

The other surveyed police departments ranged highest to lowest in minimum starting salaries as follows: Westerville, Gahanna, Whitehall, Worthington, State of Ohio Highway Patrol, Reynoldsburg, Upper Arlington, Hilliard, Columbus, Bexley, OSU and Grove City.

"Each local and city police department is in a different situation when it comes to determining salaries than we (the OSU police) are," Scott said. "Their salaries are recommended through each city council and not the state legislature."

Only the state university police departments' and the State of Ohio Highway Patrol's salaries are determined by the General Assembly, Scott said.

The OSU Police wages were still the lowest in the Big Ten Conference and among the lowest in Franklin County. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office minimum starting salary was \$14,976 compared to \$9,651 for OSU Police Officers. The first labor contract for the University Police Department came into being during August 1979. This did not contain a wage package but would in later contracts to come.

In the summer of 1980, the University Police Department returned to the traditional style Police uniform. This uniform was dark blue in color. The traditional exterior badge, name plate, and whistle were to be worn in plain view. The blazer was retained for the plain clothes dress uniform. The black "Smokey-bear" hat was worn with the new uniform. The hat was later changed to the round midway style, similar to those worn by the Los Angeles Police Department.

In 1980, members from the University Police Department first shot in the Ohio Law Enforcement Olympic Games and won 5 Gold Medals in Trap and Skeet competitions. Since then, members from the department have participated in both the Ohio and the International Law Enforcement Olympic Games in Trap and Skeet, Swimming, and Bowling events. They have won over 75 Gold, 30 Silver, and 10 Bronze medals in these events.

In 1986 the International Games were held in Columbus, Ohio. In 1988, the International Games were held in Sydney, Australia. The University Police Department assisted in obtaining funds for the members to go to Australia to participate in those International Games.

John R. Kleberg is appointed to the Office of Business and Administration as Director of Internal Auditing and resigns his position with the Police Department. Lawrence E. Johnson is appointed as Deputy Chief in 1981.

A new team called the Surveillance Intercept Team (SIT) was organized and supervised by Elden W. Lawson. From September 1981 to August 1985, over 300 cases were cleared with over 100 criminal arrests being made. This kind of track record brought in special surveillance equipment for the Department in the form of a second generation starlight scope, video camera equipment and special alarm systems.

The Special Response Team continued to up-grade their team with more formalized training. They also started sponsoring localized SRT training. The team has also traveled to various states to compete with other Police SRT teams from around the nation.



1980, OSU Police Rabbit



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COLUMBUS, Ohio -- The Ohio State University Police Department and two of its officers have received commendations from the U.S. Secret Service.

The commendations are for assistance with campus visits by President Reagan, former presidents Ford and Carter, and other prominent public figures during the 1984 election year.

In a brief recognition ceremony Jan. 15, John Schmansky, special agent in charge of the Columbus District of the Secret Service, presented a plaque commending the department to Police Chief Peter J. Herdt, and citations for "Outstanding Cooperation in Support of the Protective Responsibilities of the U.S. Secret Service" to Richard P. Harp, coordinator of the department's Personnel Protection Team, and to Lawrence E. Johnson, deputy chief and a member of the protection team.

In addition to the president and former presidents, distinguished visitors during the year included Vice President Bush, Democratic presidential candidates Gary Hart and Jesse Jackson, Senator John Glenn, and U.S. Attorney General-designate Edwin Meese.

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Due to the great number of different kinds of deaths, such as accidental, unexplained, and suicides, death investigations became a specialty at the University Police Department.

One of the more interesting cases concerned the seven unexplained deaths that occurred at The Ohio State University Hospitals during 1983 and 1984. A. Dr. Michael J. Swango was an intern at University Hospitals during this period and was alleged to have caused the unexplained deaths.

University Police Officer Richard P. Harp investigated the Swango case for over a year. Although there was a lot of circumstantial evidence, the prosecutors' office was never able to convict Dr. Swango. Newly appointed Chief Peter Herdt assisted in the investigation shortly after being appointed in 1984.

Dr. Swango had also been indicted in Quincy, Illinois for the non-fatal poisonings of six co-workers. Dr. Swango was later found guilty in this poisoning case and was sentenced to five years in jail in the State of Illinois.

In 1985, after years of using a generic emblem on the Police cruisers, a more traditional shield door marking was adopted. The new shield was designed after the badge worn by the University Police Officers. Officer Scott C. Williams got tired of the old design because it no longer fit the cruiser. The new emblem, besides looking better, reflects light while the old ones did not.

In August of 1985, five officers were promoted to the newly created rank of Captain. These were; Richard P. Harp, John R. Hartsock, John M. Petry, David W. Stelzer, and Robert A. Wood. Deputy Chief Wilson resigned to take a Chief of Police position at the University of Minnesota.

As of **January 23, 1987**, "Ohio State University is the largest 'city' in the state of Ohio," reported OSU Captain David W. Stelzer. Stelzer leads the Special Response Team of the OSU Police. They have prepared by simulating hostage rescue and practice alarm runs with the Nuclear Reactor Laboratory on campus.

On Monday, **August 3, 1987**, OSU's first policewoman, Norma Walker, retired. She served on the police force for 25 years and was the first female officer hired on a Big Ten campus. In 1865, she cleared up 150 theft cases when she caught a woman who had been stealing purses, wallets and jewelry from the women's dormitory.



The OSU team investigating allegations against Dr. Michael J. Swango, review material from seven of the 16 boxes containing confidential information about the investigation. From left, Officer Bruce Anderson, Officer Richard Harp, Police Chief Peter Herdt, and Ohio Medical Board Investigator Charles Eley.

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Dispatch photo by Ray Owens

Not as easy as it looks

Ohio State University Police Officer Rick Amweg makes rappelling down the side of Ohio Stadium look more like a game than part of a rigorous training exercise. Going down the sheer wall is part of a drill for members of the OSU Police Special Response Team. The drill is practiced every month.

A Crime Scene Van was purchased in **1988**. Officer Richard “Butch” Shaffer spent over six months installing paneling, steel shelving and wiring the van. The van has everything a investigator might need at a crime scene, including an auxiliary power source and a work desk.

On **November 17, 1989**, the Wexner Center for the Arts opened. The construction begun two years prior and was constructed to resemble the Armory that burned down in 1948. The operation of the Security Control Center began to monitor the building and its exhibits. The first of many exhibits utilizing the camera and security was the Julia Sher exhibition which ran in the fall and winter of 1989. Also, the start of the first Special Duty outside the Wexner Center and Residence Hall patrols began during this time.

In July of **1990**, Deputy Chief Lawrence E. Johnon resigned to accept a position as Director of Security at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. In January 1991, Ronald C. Michalec was appointed as Deputy Chief.

The first major event requiring participation of the entire security staff was the Wexner Center Gala which was held in **November 1990**. To improve customer service, ProTrac was used to record officer’s location.

Maya Lin, Groundswell, was the second artist in residency at the Wexner Center but her work Groundswell, was the first permanent piece created outside of the building. Extra security enhancements were installed to protect this artwork in the **summer of 1992**.

In **1993**, the Office of Business and Administration awarded 18 employees based on job performance, including Roger Morgan, a Supervisor with the University Police. He was awarded for his actions to successfully disarm a distraught student of a loaded gun.

On **August 27, 1993**, in cooperation with Krieger Ford, Inc. of Columbus, Ford Motor Company provided the Ohio State University’s Crime Watch Escort Service with 2 new Ford Aerostar minivans. “The vans have had a significant impact on the Crime Watch Service, enabling the service to expand the number of escorts provided for the Ohio State community. Ford and Krieger Ford are to be commended for their continuing support of safety efforts at Ohio State,” said James P. Kane Jr., director of Student Organization Services. The Crime Watch Escort Service began in 1986 through the Undergraduate Student Government. All escorts received training from University Police. With the addition of these mobile units, the program has expanded to off-campus locations where thousands of Ohio State students live. During the 1991-92 school year there were 36,000 number of escorts—a dramatic increase compared to the 1990-91 school year of 17,652 number of escorts.

In **May 1993**, the Schottenstein Center/Value City Arena account was added to Security which offered services to other locations on campus. Wexner Security extended beyond the Wexner Center to provide security at the Science and Engineering Library account in the **Fall of 1993**.

Unfortunately in the **Fall of 1993**, the Department of Public Safety was disbanded and was once again called the Ohio State University Police Department. Transportation and Parking, EHS, EMS and Fire Support Service were shuffled out at this time.

Ronald Michalec was named Chief of The Ohio State University Police Department on **January 31, 1994**. Michalec had been deputy chief for three years and had directed the department’s operations for seven months. He came to Ohio State in January 1991 from Hudson, Ohio, where he had been police chief for nearly nine years. Prior to that, he had been police chief of Munroe Falls, Ohio. He earned a Bachelor’s degree in education in 1972 and a master’s degree in technical education in 1980, both from the University of Akron. He also taught criminal justice courses part-time at the University of Akron before he came to Ohio State.

March 4, 1994, Crime on campus continued to decline in 1993 from a near record high total set in 1990. In 1992 there were 1,888 incidents reported compared to 1,790 incidents in 1993. This resulted in a 5.19% decrease.

OFFENSE	1990	1991	1992	1993
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Arson	8	12	11	8
Rape	1	3	6	1
Robbery	8	16	11	11
Assault	73	69	84	71
Burglary	425	422	263	311
Theft	1533	1484	1476	1355
Motor Vehicle Theft	45	41	37	33
TOTAL	2093	2047	1888	1790

On **June 28, 1994**, the Office of Business and Administration held its seventh annual Business and Administration Staff Recognition Program. Forty-one staff members received awards including: Kenneth Howard, clerical specialist for the University Police; Marc Mattmiller, law enforcement officer with the University Police; and John Petry, police manager and captain for the University Police. Howard was responsible for submitting old arrest dispositions and fingerprint cards in order to determine which arrest records needed to be completed. Officer Mattmiller started the Department's Like It/Lock It refrigerator magnet program to raise awareness of the need to lock up personal and university property. Captain Petry was recognized for assisting the deputy chief in addition to performing his own duties during the vacancy created by the departure of the police chief.

Reducing the Risk Program was initiated in **January 1995**, with a custom database for recording and tracking University Assets not normally recorded for insurance purposes.

In the **Spring of 1995**, President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore visited the Wexner Center and were escorted by the Personal Protection Unit.

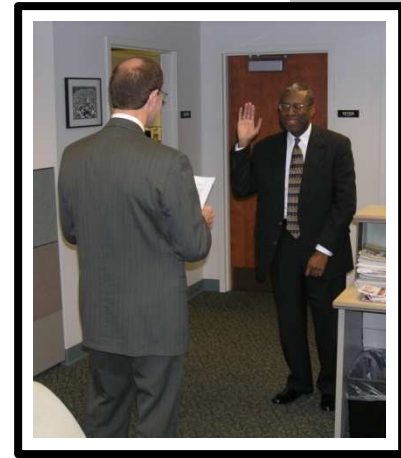
In **June 1996**, an ID Center is created to service Physical Facilities. This was used to branch out and cover other University Departments and their needs.

Tragically, on **February 10, 1997**, OSU Officer Michael Blankenship was shot and killed in the line of duty after he and another officer responded to a theft call at Wexner Center. A few days later the suspect, Mark Edgerton committed suicide and was later confirmed to be the shooter through blood tests. On **May 15, 1998**, the National Police Officer Recognition Day, Blankenship's name was added to the Police Officer Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. This tragedy has increased awareness to the dangers of police work. "Within the first three months after the shooting, we saw a heightened level of sensitivity in the sense that officers were very, very cautious and aware of the potential for something to go wrong," said OSU Police Chief Ron Michalec. "Officers were requesting back-up, and rightly so, on calls that normally they would have handled on their own." The new headquarters for the Ohio State University Police was dedicated to Officer Blankenship on **September 18, 1997**. The former headquarters on Millikin Road was torn down to make way for an extension of a neighboring parking garage.

On **August 14, 2000**, the Department of Public Safety was once again restored with the hiring of Vernon Baisden as Director of Public Safety. The rebuilding of the department expanded into emergency management, police, security and communications. Also, the Wexner Center Security becomes University Security Services and moves to Blankenship Hall which includes administrative offices and the creation of the central monitoring center.

In **October 2002**, Security expanded to include the first off-site monitoring of Bass Island Lighthouse. This included fire and security alarms. Also, the University Security Services becomes the University Security and Fire Prevention Services in 1993 and begins Lenel conversion with the Wexner Center and Blankenship Hall.

A fire on an off campus house killed 5 students in **April 2003**. Arson was suspected and Robert Lucky was charged in the deaths. A month later, OSU Fire Prevention is created and begins to offer fire prevention training to off campus housing. This eventually leads to the creation of the Smoke Out Program designed for Greek Sororities and Fraternities.



Swearing in of Vernon Baisden

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Suspect charged in arson deaths



Robert Lucky Patterson, 20, allegedly was in the neighborhood stealing car radios the night of the E. 17th Avenue arson, police said.



JANEY D. DEKAMP | DISPATCH

A sign outside a burned-out 64 E. 17th Ave. remains as a tribute to the five college students who were killed during the April 13 fire. Columbus police yesterday charged Robert Lucky Patterson of Columbus with aggravated arson and aggravated murder.

Man, 20, set OSU campus-area fire after fight behind house, police say

By Jodi Nirode and Tim Doulin
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

What started out as a night of ripping stereos out of cars ended with the deaths of five college students in a rooming-house fire, police say.

And the motive seems to boil down to a fight.

Yesterday, Columbus police filed aggravated murder charges against Robert Lucky Patterson — their main suspect since five days after the students were killed in the April 13 fire near Ohio State University.

Police said the 20-year-old Patterson made his living fencing stolen stereos and allegedly was plying his trade that night in the neighborhood around the rooming house at 64 E. 17th Ave.

Patterson got into an

argument that night in a parking lot behind the rooming house, witnesses told police. It was unknown with whom he argued or why.

Regardless, police said, Patterson came back about 4 a.m. and set a couch on fire on the front porch.

The fire consumed the old building. Six people escaped and firefighters rescued three more. But five people didn't make it out: OSU students Alan Schlessman and Kyle Raulin, both 21; and Ohio University sorority sisters Christine Wilson, 18, Andrea Dennis, 20, and Erin DeMarco, 19.

Patterson agreed to come downtown with police yesterday when they approached him at his

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Suspect lived nearby

Robert L. Patterson lived at 2406 N. 4th St. at the time he allegedly set the fire at 64 E. 17th Ave. that killed five college students.



Family members struggle every day after fire | A4

Patterson had poor childhood, past police run-ins, officials say

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THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

According to court records, Robert Lucky Patterson's middle name didn't apply to him as a child growing up in central Ohio.

It didn't seem to stick as a 20-year-old man, either.

Family problems were evident in Franklin County Juvenile Court records. In 1982, when Patterson would have been about 10, he and his brother, Ronald, were taken from their parents.

The parents abused alcohol and had separated, according to the court records. Ronald Patterson completed counseling in 1993 and other court-ordered requirements and the boys were returned to him.

Neither the father nor the brother could be found last night for comment. Columbus police

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Franklin County officials warned OSU of a possible Delaware Dam overflow in **December 2005**. Before it was able to cause damage, the water quickly receded, preventing flooding on campus. This "flood that wasn't," prompted the Department to hire an Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Coordinator in **January 2006**.

The Division of Emergency Management and Fire Prevention was created in October 2007 and performed its first Buckeye Alert System test on **January 15, 2008**. This test is designed to allow the public to be informed of potential emergencies. 8,758 students, 2,497 staff, 2,134 faculty, and 292 others registered and participated in the first test.

Meanwhile, many accounts were added to Security including: Blackwell Inn Alarm Account on July 3, 2005, Bio Research Tower Alarm Account on September 17, 2007, and Schoenbaum Family Center Alarm Account on October 8, 2007.

June 7, 2007, the Department broke ground for the new substation. The Moody Hall Complex is named after Bill Hall and former Columbus mayor Thomas Moody. This coalition combines the Ohio State University Department of Public Safety and the Columbus Police Department. This building opened in the fall of 2008.



June 2007, Ground breaking ceremony for new Joint Policing Center



Chief Denton, breaking ground for new Policing Center



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Policing Center, 2008



Ohio State University Police Officer Scott Holbert with Columbus Police Officers



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Ohio State, City of Columbus, community members break ground on new Neighborhood Policing Center *Building to honor former Columbus Mayor Tom Moody and the late Ohio State administrator Bill Hall*

COLUMBUS – Ground was broken today (6/7) on construction of new Neighborhood Policing Center in the University District, the result of a joint commitment between The Ohio

State University and the city of Columbus to strengthen neighborhood safety and community ties. University President Karen A. Holbrook, Mayor Michael B. Coleman, City Council members Michael C. Mentel and Andy Ginther, and public safety officials joined area residents and community leaders in the ceremony.

“This policing center brings together law enforcement agencies and community organizations in an innovative and unique way to increase safety and visibility of police officers in the University and Weinland Park area,” said Mayor Coleman.

Located at 248 E. 11th Ave. between Summit and North Fourth streets, the \$4.4 million, 13,500 square-foot facility will serve as the new Columbus police substation for Precinct 4 and will include permanent office space for University Police, Community Crime Patrol and a Neighborhood Pride Center. Meeting rooms will also be provided for residents and community organizations. Construction is scheduled for completion in summer 2008. Ohio State and the city will share equally in the cost.

“Today’s groundbreaking brings us one step closer toward realizing one of the most important partnerships between the university and the city,” Holbrook said. “The start of construction is a major step toward securing an increased police presence in this community for our students and longtime residents.”

Columbus police officers in Precinct 4 will continue to work out of the current substation located at 2636 Deming Ave., through the construction period. Columbus Fire Station No. 13 will remain at the adjacent Arcadia Avenue location.

Mayor Coleman announced that the building will be named to honor the legacy of two people whose concern for the community and the university has been unparalleled – Tom Moody, the 44th mayor of Columbus from 1972-84 and Bill Hall who amassed a 28-year career at the university. Hall served as vice president for student affairs at the time of his death in 2005.

Richard A. Hollingsworth, vice president for student affairs, added that the policing center will be complemented by a number of existing safety programs and services provided by the university, including a student escort service, residential weekday and late-night transportation services, and the Community Ambassadors Program.

“Bill Hall worked diligently to build stronger relationships between the university and other groups concerned about safety in the University District, particularly the officers of the Columbus Division of Police,” Hollingsworth said.

“He was a strong advocate for students and respected by all for his dedication and integrity. Including his name on this policing center is a fitting tribute to his memory and legacy of service.”

Mayor Coleman noted other University-area initiatives, including the investment of more than \$953,000 in city funds to install streetlights between 12th and 19th avenues this fall. Adding street lighting in neighborhoods was a priority set by the city in partnership with leaders from

Ohio State Undergraduate Student Government.

“These combined efforts, including the unique alliance between University Police and the Columbus Police Department, will have a significant impact on the quality of life for residents of this community,” Holbrook said.

Robert Caldwell, president of the Weinland Park Civic Association, added that the policing center will launch a new era in community relations between the Columbus Police Department and area residents.

“The additional neighborhood support services that will be provided through the policing center will allow residents to take a collaborative role in building a community that is safe and productive for families, schools and businesses,” Caldwell said.

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Department of Public Safety 2008 New Hires

Chief Denton, Ron Balsler and Vernon Baisden pictured with new hires of 2008.



Left to right: Paul Denton, John Wasko, Steve Laman, Andrea Anderson, Garrett Pugh, Cassandra Shaffer, Matt Larsen, Kevin Huff, Matt Wolfzorn, Shannon Benedik, Eileen Jewett, Samiera Saliba, Melissa Mayhan, Donna Smith, Su Au Arnold, Suellen Ault, Ron Balsler, Chris Volpe, Vernon Baisden

Not pictured: Aaron Bingaman, William Boggs, Michael Brown, Dustin Mowery, Regina Shoopman, Rick Williams

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City police partnership targets off-campus crime

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The Ohio State Police Department is taking its patrol off campus.

The department's Joint Patrol program partners an officer from OSU Police with an officer from the Columbus Division of Police and puts them in the same cruiser. With the power of both police departments behind them, the officers can legally cross the jurisdictional boundary between campus and Columbus.

The program, still in its pilot phase, is designed

JOINT PATROL PILOT PROGRAM: FIRST SESSION STATS

CONTACT	3,992	Student contact
	759	Non-student contact
	212	Other student
	104	Fraternity/sorority contact
LEGAL ACTION		
	184	Alcohol warnings
	138	Traffic stops
	92	OSU Police assists
	85	Misdemeanor arrests
	72	Alcohol violations
	8	Felony arrests
OTHER		
	52	Courtesy transports
	8	Community meetings
	4	Referrals to Student Judicial

NOTABLE ARRESTS

- 12-13-08: Arrested a suspicious male breaking into a detached garage on East Lane Avenue
- 11-20-08: Arrested three males for cutting into vehicles on West Seventh Avenue
- 11-13-08: Arrested two males for robbery (OSU Student victims)
- 10-11-08: Arrested a male that attempted to break in a house on East 14th Avenue
- 10-17-08: Assisted with the arrest of three males for robbery (Student victim)

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to reduce crime in off-campus areas with heavy student populations. In the first three months of the patrol, the officers made eight felony arrests and 85 misdemeanor arrests.

"We've arrested robbery suspects people breaking into cars, we've had a lot of good arrests," said Officer Scott Holbert, the OSU officer on the Joint Patrol.

Holbert and his partner, Officer Brett Yates of Columbus Police, say their goal is to crack down on outside crime that seeps into student neighborhoods.

"We're looking for the guys that are preying on our students," Holbert said. "We don't arrest very many students at all."

But when students do cause trouble off campus, police have a new weapon: the Code of Student Conduct. When the officers don't feel the need to arrest a student, or a student is being disorderly without breaking the law, they can send the student to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs — the enforcer of the code of conduct.

All students are held to the rules of the code while on campus, and students off campus are subject to its

penalties if they damage the property of someone in the university community, endanger any member of the university community, or take part in any activity that leads to a police report.

Before the Joint Patrol, the Office of Student Judicial Affairs had little way of knowing what happened off campus. OSU Police sends Judicial Affairs daily reports of campus crimes, but Columbus Police only periodically sends reports from off campus. "But because of the joint policing, they are able to refer those more regularly to me," said Andrea Goldblum, director of Student Judicial Affairs.

Students who get sent to Judicial Affairs and are found guilty of violating the code of conduct could face expulsion — and police say that's a good motivation to behave.

"If you run down the street and punch somebody in the head, we may arrest for you simple assault, which is a first degree misdemeanor. You may go to court, do three days in jail, pay a \$500 fine," said Sgt. Rick Hogue of Columbus Police.

But if a student is expelled: "That's \$8,000 down the drain and, from

what I understand, you can't go to another state-supported school for a year."

Goldblum said most of the students who get sent to her have proved themselves to be a danger to themselves or others. "If somebody's just having a party, there's not obvious underage drinking, there's not fights that are resulting from it, I don't usually know about those," she said.

Despite the power they wield, the officers on the Joint Patrol are trying to change the perception that cops are the bad guys. In addition to traditional patrol work, the officers have worked on developing a relationship with the off-campus student community. They attend fraternity and sorority meetings to teach crime prevention programs, and they regularly contact students simply to talk.

"Both the officers go so out of their way to build relationships with the students off campus, so it's not just that their out arresting people, they're out meeting people, they're out advising people, being a resource," Goldblum said.

Since the program began in mid-

September, the Joint Patrol officers have borrowed cruisers from both of the police departments, but they will soon be patrolling in a customized, specially marked 2008 Dodge Durango.

The new cruiser is a gift from the Undergraduate Student Government, which paid \$20,000 for the car. The Office of Business and Finance paid for the rest.

"The nice thing about this project is that the equipment is the only big cost," said Peter Koltak, president of USC.

OSU Police Chief Paul Denton said the new car should arrive in four to six weeks.

The pilot run of the Joint Patrol will end in mid-March, but both police departments are trying to make it a permanent partnership. If they succeed, the joint patrol will be stationed at the Moody-Hall Neighborhood Policing Center on 11th Avenue, a joint police station. Both Holbert and Yates say they would want to stay on the patrol.

"It's been nothing but positive," Yates said.

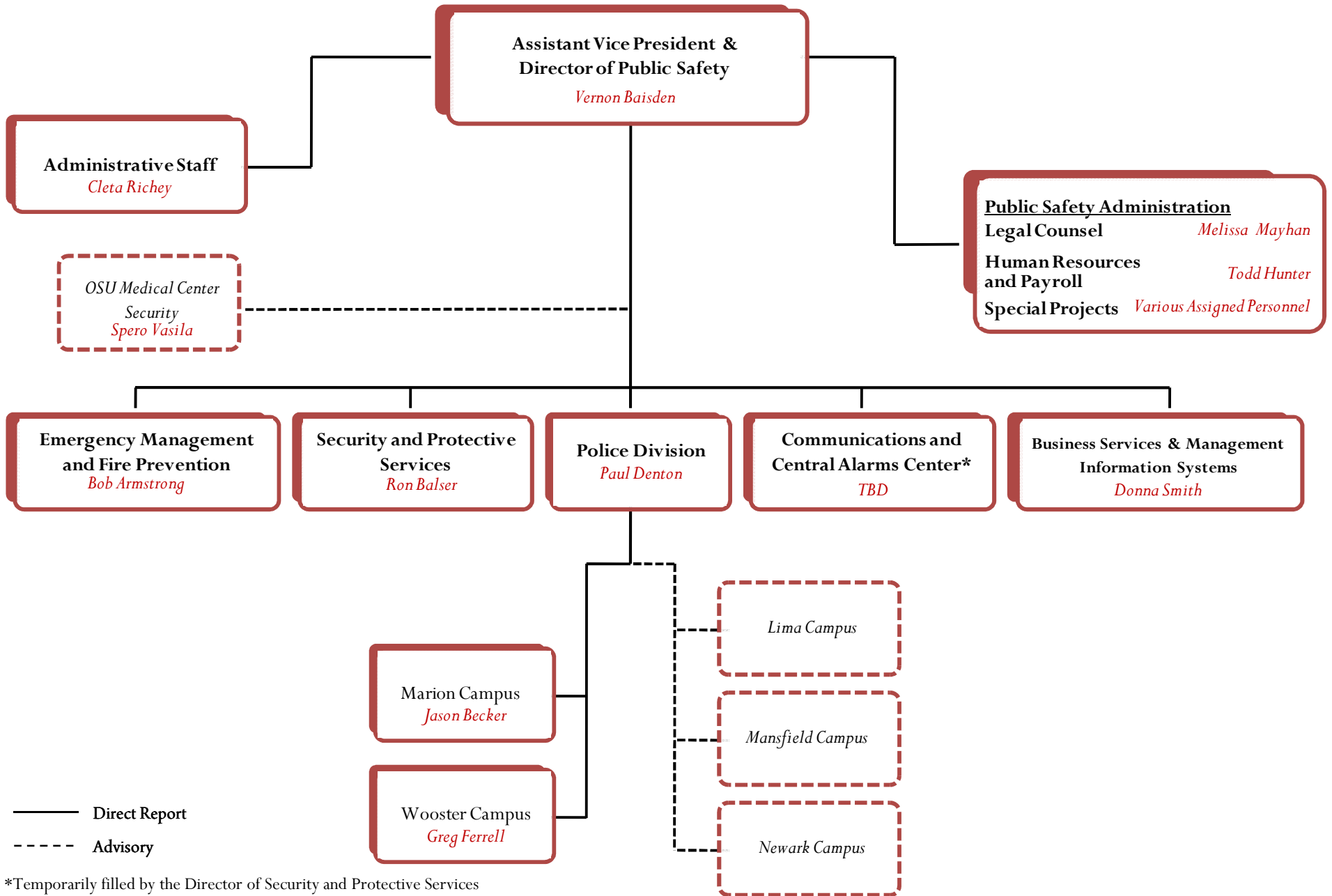
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The Ohio State University On Campus Crimes Reported to University Police

OFFENSE	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Murder/Manslaughter	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rape & Attempt	1	1	4	2	0	4	1	3	6	1	6	3	3	5
Robbery	30	12	12	13	19	23	8	16	11	11	9	13	13	9
Assault-Aggravated*	-	-	-	-	-	39	27	31	40	21	20	13	9	14
Assault-Simple	62	67	65	56	36	28	46	38	27	50	47	36	44	45
Burglary	428	364	394	381	324	404	425	422	263	311	287	228	266	269
Larceny/Theft	1549	1483	1444	1474	1357	1359	1533	1484	1476	1355	1257	1359	1343	1221
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	18	13	10	44	24	45	41	37	33	34	29	35	35
Arson	5	1	5	11	5	1	8	12	11	8	11	9	10	12
TOTAL UCR Part 1 Crime	2093	1948	1938	1947	1785	1882	2093	2047	1871	1790	1871	1690	1723	1611
All Other Offenses	587	499	612	534	626	635	777	814	688	652	596	634	524	490
Total Reported Crime	2680	2445	2550	2481	2411	2517	2870	2861	2559	2442	2267	2324	2247	2101

*Summary Records prior to 1989 do not differentiate assaults according to amount of injury

OFFENSE	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 (a)	2006 (a)	2007 (a)
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape & Attempt	5	2	14	3	12	12	18	66	53	29
Robbery	9	16	6	11	17	9	11	10	6	11
Assault-Aggravated	21	29	18	8	6	23	0	0	0	0
Burglary	217	180	95	150	198	189	291	297	329	212
Motor Vehicle Theft	30	39	35	24	16	14	41	27	19	17
Arson	8	1	8	7	78	35	10	6	4	17



Blankenship Hall

(a) The category of Rape and Attempt includes offenses of Rape, Sexual Battery, Gross Sexual Imposition, Sexual Imposition, and Unlawful Sexual Contact with a Minor. Statistics for years prior to 2005 include only offenses reported to the Ohio State University police or municipal Police. Statistics from 2005-2007 include offenses reported to university or municipal police departments as well as other campus security authorities such as the Office Student of Judicial Affairs, the Office of Residence, and the Sexual Violence Education and Support Program (SVES). These incidents may not have been reported to, or independently verified by university or municipal police departments as having occurred; however, lack of verification does not necessarily reflect on the report's veracity. Statistics of offenses actually reported to the Ohio State University Police during the years 2005-2007 for the category of Rape and Attempt are as follows: 24 in 2005, 13 in 2006, and 21 in 2007. For more information, please see the annual Clery Act Report, which can be found at http://www.ps.ohio-state.edu/police/campus_safety/pdfs/clery_report.pdf

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