



Cincinnati Police Department
STAFF NOTES

January 15, 2008

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief

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1. DONATED TIME FOR CLERK 2 MAXINE BAKER

Maxine Baker, Clerk 2, Records Section, has exhausted all of her sick and vacation balances due to health issues. Any Department member wishing to voluntarily donate time for Ms. Baker should submit a Form 25S to their district/section/unit commander, listing Maxine Baker's name, section, the kind of time, and the number of hours being donated. Sick time may not be donated. The donor's rank and signature must appear on the Form 25S.

2. THANK YOU LETTERS

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes are letters of appreciation and praise written to the Police Chief for the professionalism displayed by our Department and specifically the following officers:

Lieutenant Colonel Cindy Combs
Sergeant William Nastold
Police Specialist Linda Day
Police Officer Michael Smith
Police Officer Bryan Dettmer
Police Officer Jason Rees

Lieutenant Arthur Frey
Police Specialist Richard Gross
Police Officer Douglas Neack
Police Officer Alan Lester
Police Officer Frank Schulz

Dear Chief,

I am writing to you today with regards to a certain officer that came to our aid during a traffic accident that occurred on the Brent Spence Bridge. My husband Dennis and I were heading downtown on our way to work typical morning, but unfortunately for us, we were bullied by a utility truck and scared nearly half to death by the accident. The entire driver side of our vehicle was demolished. The driver fled the scene until he realized that we were going to follow him with a blowout, and finally he stopped at the cross-hatch section of 5th street exit on 75 North, w/o a valid tag to his vehicle. Needless to say my husband and I were not in the best mental shape, who could be after an accident like that on the bridge.

Shortly after the accident Officer Dettmer appeared on to the scene of our accident and calmed all of our fears while taking time and effort, with both parties of the accident. This letter is to commend Officer Dettmer on his conduct, expertise and professionalism while handling the situation. I have the utmost respect for Officer Dettmer and the job and service he provides the City of Cincinnati. Further, the other driver of the utility truck challenged the tickets he received and we had to go to court over this on Monday. The outcome of the trial was in our favor, and Officer Dettmer's testimony, truly helped. I do wish though that he had not had to take so much time to do this. It is a travesty that these officers are tied to the courthouse until these cases can be heard. I am not trying to blast the system, I just witnessed the frustration of other officers, playing the waiting game that day and I felt bad for them.,

Finally, again, I as well as my husband would like to give praise to Officer Dettmer that day, he was a true Professional.

Sincerely,

Nancy G. Gruen
Dennis G. Gruen

Andy Linnig
6266 Mernic Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45248
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November 15, 2007

Sgt. Nastold
Sergeant.
Cincinnati Police Department
3295 Erie Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45208

Dear Sgt. Nastold:

As you know, I am a Criminal Justice student at the University of Cincinnati, and have spent the past ten weeks interning with district two of the Cincinnati Police Department for my field placement Internship.

I would like to take this time to thank you, and your staff for the opportunity to work alongside and observe you and your fellow officers. It was a unique experience seeing the challenges addressing the police and law enforcement in general.

Despite recent changes going on at district two you and your officers exhibited a great level of professionalism toward me; you all also kept in mind that I was there for learning and did your best to teach me what you could in such a short period of time. I'm pleased that I was placed with district two and not only did I learn a lot in my short time there but I enjoyed it as well.

Please accept my thanks and appreciation for allowing students this educational and rewarding experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy Linnig". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".



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December 22, 2007

Cincinnati Lt. Col. Cindy Combs
Cincinnati Police Department
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Cincinnati, OH 45214

RE: OIBRS Certification

Dear Lt. Col. Cindy Combs:

The Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) would like to thank you for your efforts in contributing data towards the Ohio Incident-Based Reporting System (OIBRS). The data you submit continues to be used for detailed research on crime trends in Ohio.

This has been an exciting year for OIBRS. The OIBRS program continues to grow with more and more agencies reporting their crime statistics electronically to OCJS. Over 450 law enforcement agencies have submitted their OIBRS data to OCJS.

To show our appreciation for your involvement in the OIBRS program, enclosed is a certification document recognizing your agency as OIBRS-certified. Thank you for your continued participation in the OIBRS program.

If you need to contact our office regarding OIBRS, please contact Jim Luebbbers at (614) 644-6797 or luebbbers@ocjs.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Karhlton F. Moore
Executive Director
Office of Criminal Justice Services

Mission Statement

"to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio's motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available."





December 29, 2007

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.
Cincinnati Police Department
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Dear Chief Streicher:


I am pleased to inform you that Cincinnati Police Officer Jason Rees has been selected to receive the Hamilton County Police Association's Robert Hovater Award for Valor. Officer Rees will be honored at the Hamilton County Police Association's Annual Awards Banquet being held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Blue Ash on January 17, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. Several other members of your Department: Lieutenant Art Frey; Police Specialists Linda Day and Richard Gross; and Officers Douglas Neack and Frank Schulz were also nominated to receive the Hamilton County Police Associations' Emil J. Otting Service Award. We are very pleased to have received the nominations and would like to express our appreciation to your department and these officers for the service provided to our community.

Although none of the Cincinnati Police Department Nominees were selected to receive this year's Emil J. Otting Award, they are certainly deserving of an Honorable Mention. A certificate to this effect has been prepared for each and will be available to be presented to them at this year's banquet. We encourage you and your nominees to attend so that we may publicly acknowledge their work.

Officer Rees and a guest are invited to attend the banquet as guests of the Association. Unfortunately, due to the non-profit financial status of this organization, we cannot provide gratis tickets to the banquet for those receiving Honorable Mention Certificates. I have enclosed a copy of the reservation form for your convenience. If for some reason those receiving certificates cannot attend, please let me know and I will be happy to forward their certificates to you for proper presentation.

Again, thank you for your support of the Hamilton County Police Association and we hope to see you, Officer Rees, and the other Cincinnati nominees on January 17th.

Sincerely,


Cindy M. Combs
Awards Committee Chairperson

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Lieutenant Colonel Vincent L. Demasi
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December 4, 2007

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Demasi,

Please extend my personal thanks and commendation to:

Recruit Alan Lester

On November 24, 2007, Sergeant Bryce Bezdek was critically injured as the result of a serious auto accident on southbound Interstate 75 near the Western Hills Viaduct. Subsequently, the interstate was shut down for a significant period of time from Interstate 74 to Ezzard Charles Drive.

Recruit Davis assisted sworn Department members in manning a traffic post along this route. This alleviated the personnel strain in processing such a large crime scene. Recruit Davis is to be commended for performing his duties with diligence, consistent with the professional standards of the Cincinnati Police Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

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December 4, 2007

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Demasi,

Please extend my personal thanks and commendation to:

Recruit Michael Smith

On November 24, 2007, Sergeant Bryce Bezdek was critically injured as the result of a serious auto accident on southbound Interstate 75 near the Western Hills Viaduct. Recruit Smith and the officer he was riding with were one of the first to arrive at the scene.

Without hesitation, Recruit Smith rushed to the sergeant's side to render aid. Recruit Smith, a certified emergency medical technician, along with an off-duty firefighter, used an Ambu resuscitator to assist the sergeant with his breathing. Recruit Smith also assisted with stabilizing the sergeant's broken neck.

The emergency room physicians credit Recruit Smith with preventing further injury and possibly death to the injured sergeant. Recruit Smith is to be commended for performing his duties with diligence, consistent with the professional standards of the Cincinnati Police Department.

Sincerely,

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.
Police Chief

City Matters

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January 11, 2008

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LEAD TEST FEST: FREE LEAD TESTING

Hamilton County Lead Poisoning Prevention Collaborative will conduct **FREE Blood Lead Testing and Toy Testing** by certified medical staff from the City/County Health Department on Saturday, January 12, 2008 from 9am - 1:00 p.m. The testing will take place at the Northside Health Center located at 3917 Spring Grove Avenue, 45223 and the Lincoln Heights Health Center located at 1401 Steffen Avenue, 45215.

Families having a child tested will receive a \$25.00 gift card.

The Hamilton County Lead Poisoning Prevention Collaborative is a coalition of many child-related organizations in Hamilton County including the Cincinnati Health Department, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services and the Hamilton County Health District. The Cincinnati Health Department's Lead Prevention and Elimination Program, CareSource Foundation, and Molina Healthcare are providing financial support for the blood lead testing and toy testing.

Millions of toys have been recalled in the last year because of excessive levels of lead paint. As recently as January 3, 2008 the Consumer Product Safety Commission recalled red toy wagons imported from China. Risk Assessors from the Cincinnati Health Department will be available using portable equipment to detect lead paint on toys.

Lead poisoning can affect nearly every system in the body. Children between 9 months and 7 years living in homes built before 1950 are at particular risk. Because lead poisoning often occurs with no obvious symptoms, it can go unrecognized. Lead poisoning can cause learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and at very high levels, seizures, coma and even death. The only way to detect lead poisoning is through a lead test.

For more information please call 513-554-4100 or 513-357-7600.

CINCINNATI RETIREMENT SYSTEM UPDATE

The Cincinnati Retirement System has revised its loan procedure in order to remain in compliance with IRS regulations. The following guidelines will serve as an addendum to the current CRS Member Handbook.

Effective **January 1, 2008**, refinancing existing outstanding loans to increase the amount borrowed and/or extend the repayment schedule beyond the originally specified loan term will not be permitted. The maximum length of an employee loan is 5 years, unless the purpose of the loan is to purchase your primary residence, in which case, the maximum length of the loan is 15 years. A four (4) month waiting period will be required between loan payoff and the issuance of a new loan. Outstanding loan balances may be paid off in full at any time without penalty.

Beginning on **February 1, 2008**, loan applications will be accepted in the Retirement Office until the last business day of each month. Loan applications must be submitted in person in the Retirement Office, Room 240, City Hall. Applications received each month will be processed for loan checks to be issued on the Wednesday after the 2nd pay date of the following month (for example, applications received through February 29, 2008 will have checks issued on March 19, 2008).

All other guidelines for CRS loans remain the same. Postcards announcing these changes have been mailed to all CRS members with outstanding loans.

For more information, please contact John Dietz at (513) 352-3263

OHIO DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM

John Dunigan, local representative for the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program, will resume regularly scheduled availability on the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning February 12th, 2008. For more information, please contact John Dunigan at (877) 644-6457.

THE OEQ ENERGY TIP OF THE WEEK

Set your home thermostat as low as is comfortable. Also, installing a programmable thermostat can help save energy and cut back on energy bills. By resetting your programmable thermostat from 72 degrees to 65 degrees for eight hours a day (for instance, while no one is home or while everyone is tucked in bed) you can cut your heating bill by up to 10 percent. A larger setback would yield larger savings.

FEEDBACK

If you have any suggestions or feedback, please contact Tiffaney Hardy in the City Manager's Office at (513) 352-5377 or via e-mail at tiffaney.hardy@cincinnati-oh.gov <<mailto:tiffaney.hardy@cincinnati-oh.gov>>.

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