



Cincinnati Police Department
STAFF NOTES

January 22, 2008

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief

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1. DIFFICULT CROSSROADS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND MENTAL ILLNESS

The Mental Health Association of Southwest Ohio and the University of Cincinnati College of Law, Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic are sponsoring ***Difficult Crossroads: Domestic Violence and Mental Illness.***

This program will address the realities and mythologies of mental health problems encountered by perpetrators of domestic abuse and the targets of the abuse.

The training will be held at The Conference Center at Drake, 151 West Galbraith Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45216 on February 1, 2008, between 0800 and 1230 hours. The cost is \$50.00 per officer.

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes is a description of the training and a registration form. Interested personnel should complete the registration form along with a Form 70T. Send the completed paperwork through the chain of command. Any questions may be directed to Sergeant Tom Tanner, Training Section, at 357-7555.

2. COMMENDATION FOR THE WEEK OF 01/22/08 – 01/28/08

**POLICE OFFICER ERIC WEYDA
DISTRICT ONE**

Throughout 2007, every sworn member of the Cincinnati Police Department participated in firearms training and qualification at the target range. A portion of that training involved a scored tactical shooting course for the pistol and shotgun, requiring personnel to engage multiple targets from various covered positions and while moving. Police Officer Eric Weyda achieved the best score out of all the officers who participated with a course time of 45.76 seconds.

Officer Weyda is to be commended for his commitment to excellence and the skill he displayed while engaged in this training exercise.

3. 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:

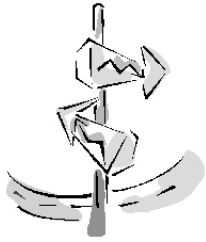
Sergeant Gary Conner
Sergeant William Coombs
Police Officer Terry Smith
Police Officer Curtis Walker

Sergeant Bryce Bezdek
Police Officer Salvatore Tufano
Police Officer Germaine Love
Police Officer Ron Dammert

4. DEATH BENEFITS

Due to the death of recently retired Police Officer Elliott Green, City Payroll will process a one-time deduction of \$41.29 for all Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) members who are also members of the Death Benefit Club. This deduction will appear on the second pay period check, issued on January 22, 2008. This will not affect any non-sworn employees, nor will it affect any sworn members who are not members of the FOP Death Benefit Club. Any questions regarding the benefit or membership should be directed to the FOP at 381-2550.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE



DIFFICULT CROSSROADS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & MENTAL ILLNESS

This program will address the realities and the mythologies of mental health problems encountered by perpetrators of domestic abuse and the targets of the abuse. The program will also address the difficulties that clients face in the family law arena when both issues of mental health and domestic abuse are raised.

Objectives: Those attending will learn what impact mental illness does or does not have on intimate partner and other family relationships where abuse is present. How to screen for clients who experience domestic violence. What to expect when clients enter the family law system.

Who Should Attend: Mental Health Providers, Nurses and Attorneys

Location: The workshop will be held at The Conference Center at Drake, 151 West Galbraith Road, Cincinnati, OH 45216.

Sponsors: The Mental Health Association of Southwest Ohio and the University of Cincinnati College of Law Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic

08:00 – 08:30 a.m.
Registration and Continental Breakfast

08:30 – 08:35 a.m.
Welcome
Nancy Minson, Director, Mental Health Association of Southwest Ohio

08:35 – 08:50 a.m.
Why Are We Here?
Hon. Michael Brigner, JD

08:50 – 10:00 a.m.
Understanding the Dynamics of an Abusive Relationship
Nancy Grigsby, M.A. Counseling

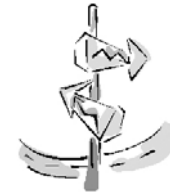
10:05 – 10:15 a.m.
Break

10:15 – 11:00 a.m.
The Role of the Mental Health Provider in the Family Court Proceedings
Hon. Michael Brigner, J.S. and Nancy Grigsby, M.A. Counseling

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Understanding the Dynamics of the Family Law System
Hon. Michael Brigner, Margaret B. Drew, J.D., LL.M. and Kelly Malone, J.D.

12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m.
Community Resources Panel: Representatives of the Ann McDonald, Rape Crisis and Abuse Center, Kelly Malone, Legal Aid and Erica King-Betts of the Amend Program, Theresa Singleton YWCA will discuss services available to partners and families experiencing violence and mental health problems.

12:30 p.m.
Evaluations and Adjourn



Presenters:

HON. MICHAEL BRIGNER, J.D.

Ret. Family Court Judge

MARGARET B. DREW, J.D., LL.M.

Professor of Clinical Law, UC College of Law

NANCY GRIGSBY

Domestic Violence Program Consultant,

Former Director, Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence

KELLY MALONE, J.D.

Legal Aid Society, Senior Family Law Attorney

Registration Fees: \$50 includes tuition, materials, CEUs, and continental breakfast. 3.75 CEU credits will be provided for social workers, counselors, nurses. Application for 3.75 general CLE units for attorneys is pending and is expected to be approved. 4 RCH credits will be provided for chemical dependency counselors. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Nancy Minson at the Mental Health Association, (513) 287-8541, or email nminson@mhaswoh.org.

Yes, I plan to attend **Difficult Crossroads: Domestic Violence and Mental illness**

Please reserve ___ tickets at \$50 per person.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Daytime phone _____
Fax _____
Email _____
Agency/Organization _____

One reservation per card. Please photocopy card for additional reservations.

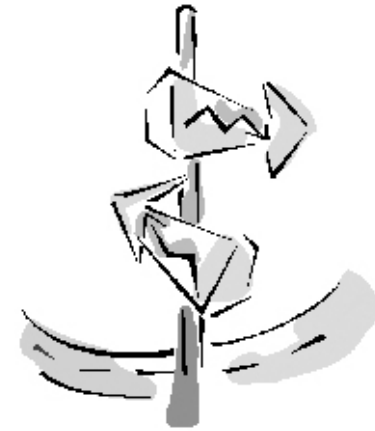
Please return reservation (s) with your payment payable to "MHA" to:

Mental Health Association
2400 Reading Road, Suite 412
Cincinnati, OH 45202



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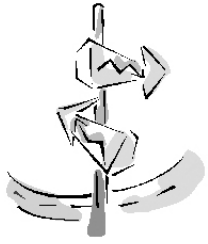


Friday, February 1, 2008
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

at
The Conference Center at Drake
151 West Galbraith Road
Cincinnati, OH 45216

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**DIFFICULT
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE &
MENTAL ILLNESS**

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 Dammert 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 Dammert on his conduct, expertise and professionalism while handling the situation. I have the utmost respect for Officer Dammert 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 Dammert'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 Dammert that day, he was a true Professional.

Sincerely,

Nancy G. Gruen
Dennis G. Gruen

David Stewart
2713 Erlene Dr. apt. 818
Cincinnati, OH 45238

November 13, 2007

Dear Chief Streicher,

Thank you for allowing me to intern with the Cincinnati Police Department. While interning at the traffic unit, both Sergeants Coombs and Bezdek exhibited excellent command, and were essential in me completing my internship process. I just wanted to let you know what assets that you have in both men and that they are great representations of what the Cincinnati Police Department represents.

Thanks for the Opportunity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. A. Stewart', written in a cursive style.

David A. Stewart

U.C. student

16 November 2007

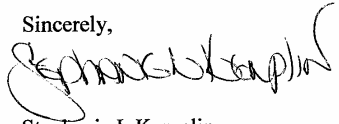
Cincinnati Police Department
Chief Thomas Streicher
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Chief Streicher:

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for sponsoring my internship this quarter with the Homicide Unit. My experience was extremely rewarding. In addition to sharpening my problem solving skills, working in direct contact with the detectives and the victim's family not only made me feel a part of the team, but strengthened my professional skills as well.

In particular, I want to thank you personally for approving my application and giving me the opportunity to work with your detectives. They went out of their way to make me feel welcome and a part of the team. I can not speak highly enough about Detective Tufano and Sergeant Gary Connor. They provided me with numerous learning opportunities and their continued support made this a substantive internship experience.

Sincerely,



Stephanie L Kemplin
University of Cincinnati

Andy Linnig
6266 Mernic Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45248
(513) 922-9268

November 15, 2007

Officer Terry Smith
Officer
Cincinnati Police Department
3295 Erie Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45208

Dear Officer Smith:

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 for always finding or having work for me to do, it kept the idle times busy and I could see more of the department and get a better understanding of how it's run. I'm sorry I couldn't fit in more hours to help you out with the bigger things you wanted to do around there though.

Out of all the officers at district two you were by far the most helpful to me. You always found or had something for me to work on while I was working in the district and you also have helped me out by giving me those department phone numbers and giving me a brief run down of what to expect and how it'll all play out.

Please accept my thanks and appreciation for helping me out so much during my time at district two.

Sincerely,

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



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January 4, 2008

Colonel Tom Streicher
Cincinnati Police Department
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Oh. 45214

Dear Col. Streicher:

I am writing in reference to PO Germaine Love and PO Curtis Walker from District 2.

During the holidays, we held a Breakfast with Santa event at the LeBlond Recreation Center. After searching in many places, we finally got the idea to call the district officers to see if she knew of anyone who would be willing to be our Santa for the children who attended the event.

Needless to say, both Germaine as the escort and Curtis as the Santa both stepped up to the plate and became our wonderful players for the day. Not only did they provide us with a wonderful opportunity for the children, but they brought these awesome candy packs for the children also.

We, at LeBlond Center, cannot thank you enough for all the help from these two police officers. Without their help, the children of the east end community who we know have very little in their lives would not have had this wonderful experience.

Thank you and PO Germaine Love and PO Curtis Walker for your help in our holiday event for the community.

Sincerely,

Mary Cox, SAC
LeBlond Recreation Center &
Youth & Family Services
2335 Riverside Drive
Cincinnati, Oh. 45202
513-281-3209



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FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES PARAMEDIC ACCREDITATION

The Cincinnati Fire Department (CFD) received accreditation from the Ohio Department of Public Safety to provide city fire fighters initial Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician Basic Training. The in-house training program will enable the CFD to provide a higher quality of education to a significantly larger number of firefighters, at a reduced cost, thus positioning the CFD to have more paramedics in its Emergency Medical System.

The 48-week training began January 15 and includes 24 Cincinnati fire fighters in the initial training class, with 30 firefighters trained in subsequent years.

CLIMATE PROTECTION STEERING COMMITTEE DEVELOPS ROAD MAP

On January 17th, the City of Cincinnati's Climate Protection Steering Committee took its first look at the City's Climate Action Plan, a road map for how Cincinnati will reduce its contribution to global climate change. The meeting outlined the City's green house gas (GHG) emissions inventory, the recommended GHG emission reduction goals, and the preliminary plans on how Cincinnati will achieve those goals. The Climate Protection Steering Committee includes 18 members of the community appointed by Mayor Mallory and charged by City Council with developing a Climate Action Plan for Cincinnati incorporating broad community input by April 2008.

The Steering Committee includes leaders representing business, government, environmental, community, civic and labor organizations. The Climate Action Plan will include recommendations developed by five Task Teams, including more than 120 volunteer members, in the areas of land use, waste, energy, and transportation with the goal of changing citizen behavior for a more sustainable lifestyle in Cincinnati. Vice Mayor David Crowley chaired the Committee meeting. More than 60 people attended Thursday's meeting.

The Steering Committee will hold a public hearing to receive input on the draft Climate Action Plan on February 21, 2008.

For more information contact Larry Falkin, Director of the Office of Environmental Quality at (513) 352-5325

MILEAGE RATE INCREASE

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that beginning **January 1, 2008** the standard mileage reimbursement rate is 50.5 cents per mile. Under the City's agreement with our AFSCME and Code employees, the reimbursement rate to non-uniformed employees will be the IRS standard rate. All employees will receive the IRS mileage reimbursement rate of 50.5 cents per mile.

MLK CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

A Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration will be held on Monday January 21, 2008, which kicks off at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center at 10:45 a.m. The Freedom Center will be open free to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Freedom Center will waive its admission on Monday, January 21, so visitors can join the day-long celebration. It will include a march, a prayer service as well as a performance by the Voices of Freedom choir.

The Annual Dreamkeeper's Breakfast in honor of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held at the Freedom Center at 8 a.m. The Annual MLK Day Program will be held at Music Hall at 12 p.m. For more information, contact the Freedom Center at 513.333.7500 or visit <http://www.freedomcenter.org>.

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

The City of Cincinnati Blood Drive will be held on **Wednesday, February 6, 2008 from 9 – 11:45 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.** in front of Centennial Plaza, 805 Central Parkway. Visit www.hoxworth.org/cityofcinti or contact Debra Parrish at (513) 352-1508. All donors will receive a coupon for a free sandwich from the Bagel Stop and registered to win a \$125 Target Gift Card!

NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT 2008

The sixth annual **Neighborhood Summit: Clean, Green and Serene** will be held **Saturday, February 16, 2008**, at The Cintas Center, Xavier University. The Summit will focus on finding solutions to common problems the city and its neighborhoods face. Sessions are tailored to involve citizens and public officials in discussions about crime and safety, neighborhood development and environmental awareness.

Mayor Mark Mallory will open the day with a greeting to participants at 9 am. A continental breakfast will be available at 8:30 am. Box lunches will be provided to all who register by February 8. Sign-in at the event begins at 8 am.

Elected officials from the city, county and state will actively participate in many of the sessions to help grassroots leaders make their neighborhoods more pleasant places to live. And as in the past a number of neighborhoods will detail projects they're engaged in for others to learn from. For complete descriptions of the sessions, please visit <http://www.investinneighborhoods.com/summit2008.html>

Activities will commence with a Kickoff Dinner at 6 pm Friday evening, February 15 at the Cintas Center. Hamilton County Coroner Dr. O'dell Owens will speak on issues related to the overall health of our community. Awards will be made to volunteers from across the city for their efforts. Sponsored by the Community Building Institute of Xavier University, the dinner costs \$20 per person.

For more information or to register, contact Invest In Neighborhoods at 513) 921-5502 or visit <http://www.investinneighborhoods.com/register.html>.

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.

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