



Cincinnati Police Department
STAFF NOTES

June 10, 2008

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1. ENTERING WORK PLANS IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT DATABASE

The Strategic Plan Progress Report database is accessible for data input. District/section/unit commanders assigned as owners will enter their specific work plan(s) in the database by July 10th for the previous six months. Each work plan must correspond to the related strategic direction/strategy/objective. Multiple work plans can be submitted for a single objective.

Bureau commanders will review and approve work plans in the Strategic Plan Progress Report database entered by their districts/sections/units by July 15, 2008. Upon approval, each bureau commander will email Captain Stephen Luebbe, Planning Section Commander, when their bureau's work plans are ready for submission to the Department Intranet. Lieutenant Mark Briede, Public Information Office, and Mr. Gregory Baker, Community Relations Section, will also email Captain Luebbe when their work plans are completed.

The inclusive reporting dates for this report are January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

2. HAMILTON COUNTY POLICE ASSOCIATION (HCPA)

The Hamilton County Police Association (HCPA) was organized in 1937 through the initiative and foresight of some of Hamilton County's most progressive Police Officials. The organization is now made up of every police agency in Hamilton County, as well as state, federal and a host of auxiliary support groups of law enforcement. The Association fields a SWAT Team, Dive Team, Honor Guard, Clergy Team, and the *Most Wanted* band; all made up of officers from various Hamilton County Police Agencies, including the Cincinnati Police Department. The activity of the Association continues to promote interagency relationships, which seemingly combines the area's law enforcement agencies into one powerful working unit.

All members of the Department, both active and retired, are members of the HCPA. A social meeting is held on the third Thursday of each month. The doors open at 6:00 p.m.; the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and socialize with judges, prosecutors, chiefs, business leaders, and a host of active and retired police officers. The cost of the meeting is \$7, which includes an excellent meal, drinks, and the opportunity to receive a great door prize. Attendance typically ranges from 125 to 200 members. The organization also has an annual banquet in which area law enforcement officers are honored for bravery and service. All Department personnel are encouraged to attend.

A meeting schedule and directions are posted on the HCPA web site, www.hcpaohio.org.

3. SWAT SUPERVISOR TRYOUTS

The SWAT Team will be holding tryouts to fill the position of SWAT Team Leader. Department members holding the rank of sergeant are eligible to apply. Interested supervisors will be required to complete the same stringent screening process as police officers attempting to join the team.

To request a SWAT Tryout Application Packet, submit a Form 17 through channels to the Tactical Planning Unit. Application requests must be received by Friday, June 20, 2008. Once all candidates have been identified, a date will be set for the first phase of the tryouts. This phase will consist of both physical agility and shooting evaluations. Any questions may be directed to Lieutenant Doug Ventre, Tactical Planning Unit, at 263-8091.

4. 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 personnel:

Sergeant Craig Gregoire
Police Specialist William Bruner
Police Officer Andrew Mitchell

Sergeant Donnan Murnan
Police Officer Jacob Wloszek

City Matters

"News that Matters for People Who Make a Difference"



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STREETCAR FORUM: PROMOTING GROWTH AND MOBILITY

The Cincinnati Streetcar Forum will be held to provide a vehicle for community stakeholders and business leaders to learn from the experiences in other communities and to gain an understanding of the benefits of creating a streetcar system in Cincinnati. The Forum will be held Tuesday, June 10, 2008 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the University of Cincinnati, Tangeman University Center Great Hall.

The forum will feature representatives from streetcar cities: Ken Johnsen from Seattle, WA; John Muth from Charlotte, NC, Buddy Villines from Little Rock, AR, and Rick Gustafson from Portland, OR.

The cost is \$35. To register for the Forum or for more information, please visit www.uc.edu/conferencing/events/streetcar or call 513.558.1810.

FINAL WEEK FOR BUTTERFLY SHOW

This is the final week for the 2008 Butterfly Show "The Silk Road" a success! Visit the Chinese Butterflies now through June 15 (10am - 5pm) at 1501 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, as they will be leaving soon. For more information visit www.butterflyshow.com. Click here for two-for-one butterfly tickets. http://image.exct.net/lib/fef81679766702/d/1/kro_butterfly_emailcoup.jpg.

LAST CALL FOR BUTTERFLY VOLUNTEERS!

It's not too late! You can still be a part of this special event. Thanks to the involvement of over 300 volunteers, including numerous city employees, the Butterfly Show has enjoyed tremendous success again this year. As we approach the final weekend of the show, we are still in need of volunteers to work as Door Guards, Greeters, and Craft Room Assistants.

Saturday and Sunday, June 14th & 15th

Three shifts daily: 9:45 am - Noon, 11:45 am - 2:30 pm, 2:15 pm - 5:00 pm

To sign up for shifts contact Christyl Johnson at 513-421-5707 x21 or via email christyl.johnson@cincinnati-oh.gov.

As you sign up, you will receive 2 complimentary tickets to the show. Hurry! For more information, visit <http://www.butterflyshow.com/main.html>

CINCINNATI POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTS COMMUNITY SEMINARS

The Cincinnati Police Department is hosting a series of information sessions 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on **June 11th** and **June 18th** at the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati, 3458 Reading Road. The classes are free and open to the public.

Cincinnati Police staff will provide the public with an understanding of CPD operations, tactics, rules governing officer behavior and opportunities for community involvement. Sponsored by the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati, the highly interactive sessions will include an opportunity to meet Chief Thomas Streicher, each of the District Commanders, dialogue on topics such as Use of Force and racial profiling, and instruction on how to access monies and resources for community projects.

Sign up to attend one or more sessions by contacting Constance Phillips at the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati, 3458 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229 by calling 513.487.6507 or emailing cphillips@gcul.org. For more information visit <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/police/pages/-19083/>

RCC HOSTS IT SUMMIT – CONFERENCE AGENDA

The City of Cincinnati in collaboration with Dell, Inc., Cincinnati Bell, IBM, Verizon Wireless, Sprint/Actsoft, Anixter and KPMG IT Advisory Group will join the Regional Computer Center to host the 2008 City of Cincinnati I.T. Summit on **Friday, June 27th at the Duke Energy Center from 8:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** For a conference agenda, visit <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/noncms/rcc/summit/agenda.cfm> .

This event is a management summit exploring the role IT plays in achieving the business needs throughout the organization. The summit is also designed to provide executive and senior-level managers, as well as other leaders in technology, the opportunity to learn about various technology issues, strategies and advances impacting their specific lines of business.

The Summit will feature speakers from various facets of the IT industry, including mobile technology, digital inclusion and innovative electronic government solutions. Todd Sander, Deputy Director of the Center for Digital Government, will provide ideas from other jurisdictions, which demonstrate efficiencies as well as resolutions for solving major service delivery challenges.

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION HOTLINE TO CONTINUE

The Foreclosure Prevention Hotline will remain active. Homeowners can call 1-877-7BUZZUS (1-877-728-9987) to anonymously seek assistance and information. Callers will be scheduled to meet with certified homeownership counselors to develop a plan of action as they prepare to meet with their lender.

According to Fannie Mae, 50% of all foreclosures could have been prevented with a simple call for assistance. The Phone-a-Thon is a great opportunity to fight the effects of foreclosure. Please help spread the word by telling all of your friends and family who may be interested.

OEQ TIP OF THE WEEK

Replacing a clogged air filter can improve your car's gas mileage by as much as 10 percent. Your car's air filter keeps impurities from damaging the inside of your engine. Not only will replacing a dirty air filter save gas, it will protect your engine."

FEEDBACK

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

Next Issue Publication: June 13, 2008. Please submit any articles by Wednesday, June 11, 2008 to tiffaney.hardy@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Chief Streicher
301 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201

June 5, 2008

I would like to commend two of your officers for a job well done, Sgt. Murnan of Internal and Sgt Gregory of District #3. I am the owner of the resident on Dawson Avenue and my tenant is my daughter and family. On May 15, 2008, there was an incident that occurred where she was being harassed, the person was beating on doors trying to gain entry, threatening her life and the children, cut all four tires on her vehicle and busted the front window to the home to gain entry, he was finally scared away by the activation of the car alarm. The police officer that came out was new to the force and he wrote a NIBR report for criminal damaging to the home. I was very unhappy, the person continued to harass and do more damage daily. Various calls were made to District #3 and the female officer at the front desk informed my daughter that she would just have to wait to go to Private Complaint that was the new procedure now. I called and the same officer was very resistant in allowing me to speak with a Sergeant and I was told they were out doing parking enforcement. To add insult to injury, she eventually transferred me to Sgt. Tiemeier line and he was on vacation I called back and left a message on Sgt. White's line and no call was returned. Having worked inside the district myself, I know that there are lineups that show whose present and whose on vacation. I was frustrated, I felt compelled to involve Internal because the harassment was constantly going on and I feared for my family's life, and it seemed as if the system was failing us. But I know that there are very good police officers on the force. After contacting Internal, Sgt. Murnan had a genuine concern and immediately generated the report and contacted District #3 for a Sgt. To contact me. Once the report generated to Sgt. Craig Gregoire he had a genuine concern, very patient, gathered the necessary information needed and took immediate action. He contacted my daughter in attends to locate the offender. St. Gregoire, being a veteran officer, was very knowledgeable and experienced. Sgt Gregoire went above and beyond the call of duty. With the information that he was given, the offender was to be apprehended before his scheduled shift to work, but he generated a workable plan for a task force of officers to apprehend the offender. Sgt. Gregoire did an excellent job, I appreciate him being a veteran officer, knowledgeable, caring mannerism, displayed courtesy at all times and a perfect example on how an officer (Sergeant) should be. I strongly congratulate his work ethics; he should be highly commended for an excellent display of a job well done. I commend Sgt. Murnan also on a job well done.

Thanks
Joyce Ousley-Thomas

cc: Lt. Don Luck
Sgt. Craig Gregoire
Sgt. Don Murnan

-----Original Message-----

From: Howard J. Brower [<mailto:Howard.Brower@talberthouse.org>]

Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2008 3:01 PM

To: Streicher, Thomas

Subject: Officer T Brunner Dist #4

Dear Chief, Today on May 15, 2008 I was stopped and pulled over by Officer Brunner. He stated that my automobile had been marked as having a warrant out for a Howard Brower white male age 71 owning a automobile bearing my license plate H jerry B I stated that I was the person he was looking for and ask what was the warrant for. Officer Brunner stated that it was for a unpaid traffic ticket. Sir, Officer Brunner was the most polite , kind and courteous police officer I have ever met. I am the substance abuse counselor and coordinator at the Kenton County Detention Center and I know how some police officers react at certain times, but Officer Brunner should give lessons in diplomacy. While sitting in his cruiser I produced my receipt for the courts showing that I had paid the speeding ticket two days after I received it. The clerk told me to hold on to my receipt because the ticketing officer had not turned in his tickets at the time I was paying mine. Officer Brunner called the clerks office and told them that he was looking at my receipt and that the warrant should be taken off. Officer Brunner went out of his way to help me clear any warrants and to assure me safe passage that I would not be stopped for an out standing warrant. Sir, With all of the some time bad press the Cincinnati Police receive, I just had to let you know that there are those who really protect and serve. Thank you

Howard J Brower

HOME ADDRESS REDACTED

Cincinnati, Ohio 45213

-----Original Message-----

From: **NAME REDACTED**

Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2008 10:24 AM

To: Streicher, Thomas

Subject: Jake Wloszek

Chief Streicher: A couple months ago, I reported drug trafficking in my neighborhood and Jake Wloszek was assigned to my report. He initially contacted me to ensure he had all of the information available. Since that time, he has been impressively thorough and responsive in action and communication. He aggressively pursued the source of this increase in trafficking, which resulted in arrests. Yesterday evening, he called to check in and I was happy to report that there hasn't been near the activity since his engagement on the situation. I am thanking him for his dedication by communicating his impressive work and commitment to the community he serves. Myself and my neighbors appreciate his professionalism and everything he is doing to make our neighborhood a safer place to live. Please share our gratitude with him.

Sincerely,

NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION REDACTED

-----Original Message-----

From: T.J. White

Sent: Friday, May 16, 2008 2:01 AM

To: Streicher, Thomas

Subject: Contact with Officer in District 1

Tonight my car was impounded for parking in a fire lane. The Officer who dealt with me, Officer Mitchell in District 1, was very courteous and professional, and even offered to provide us with assistance in getting home. Although having one's car impounded is never a good thing, he acted in a very exemplary manner.

Thanks.

-TJ White