



Greenhills Police Department

Monthly Update



To: The Mayor, Members of Council, Municipal Manager, Personnel, and our Community ★ June – July 2020

Law Enforcement Legend Retires After 50+ Year Career

Property Technician Robert Wright is retiring this month from the Greenhills Police Department after 17 years of service. Bob was a street officer for 27 years, spending the bulk of his career as a detective with the Forest Park Police Department. He studied crime scene reconstruction and is classified as a fingerprint expert. He is also board certified as a Crime Scene Analyst with the International Association of Identification. He began his work life as a Funeral Director and embalmer in Newport News, Virginia, and came to Cincinnati to attend the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science class of 1965-66. He returned to Virginia and worked until 1968 when he decided to follow his childhood dream to be a police officer. He was hired as a patrolman for the City of Mt. Healthy in 1968 and went to the City of Forest Park in 1972, where he last served as a support technician. He was hired as a Crime Scene Investigator for Greenhills Police in 2003, and served until recently as our Property Room Manager. In 2018, he celebrated his 50th year of law enforcement service to Hamilton County. Over his career, Bob has received the Cincinnati Police Association Officer of the Month for Forensics, the Greenhills Police Chief's Award for 50 years of service, and countless letters of commendation for case work. He has trained all of our officers in the details of crime scene and



fingerprint collection, and also trained officers from many different agencies. He is well known in the forensic community. The Greenhills Police Department was fortunate to have someone of his caliber working with us and we thank him for his dedicated service.

Robert C. Payne has been appointed as the new Property Technician for the Greenhills Police Department. He served in the United States Army Infantry from 1978 until 1986 as a commissioned officer. He had subsequent service as a lieutenant in the Ohio National Guard. He was a Deputy Sheriff in Butler County from 1988 until 1991, and then served on the Hamilton Police Department from 1991 until his retirement in December of 2014. During his career there, he served as a patrol officer, traffic officer, hit-skip investigator, crash photographer, Honor Guard member and coordinator, and as the department's lead Property Officer for over 18 years, where he managed a busy CALEA-accredited property room. He currently is a security officer for Cincinnati Insurance in Fairfield. He will assume his duties here following an orientation with Bob Wright and a full audit of the property room in accordance with CALEA standards.



Thank YOU, Greenhills Community!



We have received many calls from residents asking for the THANK YOU GREENHILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT signs that have popped up throughout our community this week. We initially did not know where they came from, but have discovered it was an initiative started by residents. We now have their contact information, and we can pass along requests for signs if you call us at our non-emergency number, 513-825-2101. We are sincerely grateful to serve such a great community and pledge to continue to live up to your trust in us!

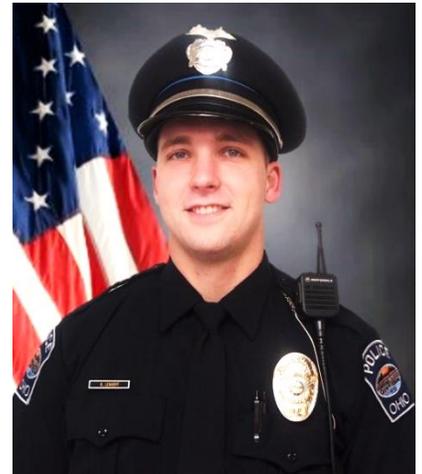
Department Mourns Death of Another Ohio Officer



On July 4th, the Greenhills Police Department was ordered into a period of mourning for the death of Toledo Police Officer Anthony Dia. Officer Dia, 26, was shot after responding to a call early that morning to investigate an intoxicated man. As Officer Dia was checking to ensure he was okay, the subject fired one round into the officer's chest. The suspect subsequently killed himself after fleeing into a nearby woods. Officer Dia leaves behind a wife and two young children.

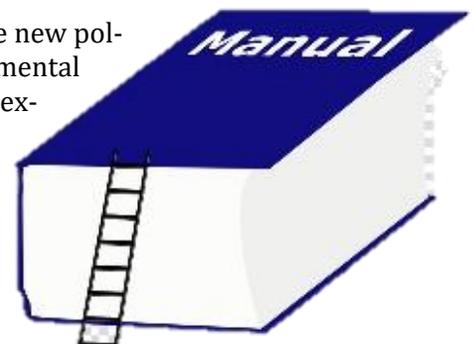
Officer Lenhoff Commended for Cool-Headed Coordination, Action

On the evening of July 14th, **Police Officer Rob Lenhoff** was dispatched to an address in the "B" section to locate a critical missing person from Colerain Township. We had received information that he was suicidal and under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. Before making contact, the officer searched the system to find that he was wanted out of Clermont County and verified the warrant. Upon arrival at the residence, the officer was told that the person was in an altered state. The resident had found him upstairs in her residence intoxicated, surrounded by multiple alcoholic beverage bottles. He told her he had been using cocaine for the last four days while he was missing. By then, he had noticed the officer and became irate, and Officer Lenhoff requested assistance. Prior to approach, the officer had a squad staged at the dead end of the street. The resident said the person had gone into the crawl space under the residence, and previously had made statements of wanting to be killed by police officers. In the officer's previous encounter with him, he had a hunting knife near his person. Officer Lenhoff initiated a perimeter placed around the home in case the person attempted to flee, and established an area-wide channel for communication with the supplemental officers. Officer Lenhoff coordinated a stacked SWAT entry, warned the person that a police canine was present, and told the person that he needed to surrender. He subsequently proceeded to exit out of the crawl space, complied with commands, and was placed into custody. The person was escorted to **Officer David Bacon's** cruiser where he was checked by the Greenhills Fire Department's squad. His vital signs were assessed and found to be normal. He was taken to the hospital without incident. **Police Chief Neil Ferdelman**, in commending Officer Lenhoff, wrote, *"This was a difficult call and a myriad of things could have gone wrong, resulting in injuries to both persons and officers. You used excellent organizational skills by requesting assistance, establishing a perimeter, coordinating communications, and using a disciplined entry into the residence. You are commended for your exemplary efforts. Because of your actions, a potentially dangerous incident was resolved peacefully. This was an excellent job. Please keep up the good work."*



GPD Policies Reviewed and Updated on July 15th

Twenty-eight newly revised General Orders went into effect on July 15th. The new policies were updated on all departmental computers, and all hard copy departmental manuals were updated. A four page special order distributed to all officers explained all of the changes. All personnel were required to complete a written test showing acknowledgement and verifying comprehension of all of the new procedures. All personnel are issued the entire manual of General Orders with their choice of an electronic version complete with hyperlinks on a thumb drive, or a traditional hard copy manual.

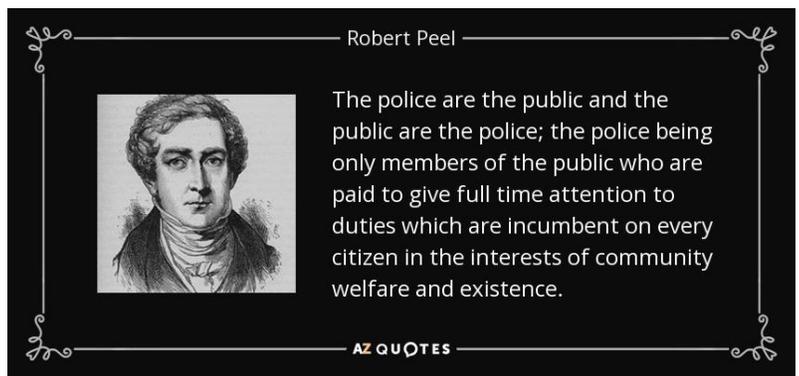


Department Selects, Implements New Computer System



On July 1, the department switched to a new Records Management System (RMS) called Peel9. The software is a 2020 Innovation-Technology award winner. It is a University of Cincinnati (UC) Innovation Hub supported records management and analytics company that serves the law enforcement community. The Peel9 team has over 100 years of combined experience in local and international law enforcement as well as extensive experience in the development of both software and technology solutions that make businesses more effective and efficient. It includes researchers and developers from UC, and former command officers from the Cincinnati Police Department, Loveland Police Department, and the Turkish National Police. The system replaces software from Pamet, which we had used since 2011 but is being retired next year. The Peel9 system is designed to help agencies gain a better understanding of what officers are doing, when they are doing it and where. By gathering the right data and understanding it, officers can be deployed with a purpose.

The system was created as a comprehensive, user-friendly RMS that could do more than serve as an electronic file cabinet. The software is designed to convert data into actionable information after it is effectively analyzed, helping investigators to determine where and when a crime occurred, what happened and who committed the crime. The company is named in honor of Sir Robert Peel, the father of modern policing (his officers were called Bobbies in 19th century London), who developed nine principles of policing still in use today.



Greenhills Featured in Recent “Inside Your Police Force” TV News Story

WLW-T Channel 5 recently compiled a series titled “Inside Your Police Force” that featured the Greenhills Police Department. The story noted the detailed training completed by the department as coordinated by **Lieutenant Anne Ward**. The story noted, “In our ongoing investigation ‘Inside Your Police Force,’ we highlight some of the departments that have taken it a step further.” The story continued, “The department prioritizes training exercises . . . Officers complete de-escalation and implicit bias training annually, in addition to other training.” For a link to a video containing the story, click [here](#).



Covid-19 Restrictions, Consequences Continue into Summer Season



As you know, the Corona virus just won’t go away. We continue to operate with restrictions, and our lobby has once again been closed due to the continuing high levels of the disease. All Greenhills employees continue to take their temperature upon arriving for work, and we social distance from each other and keep work areas sanitized. Given the current status of the Corona virus in Ohio and the orders and guidelines that have been put in place as a result of the virus, the Village of Greenhills made the difficult decision to not hold public events this year. This means that events such as Community Days at the Pool, Harvest Fest, and Light Up will not be held in 2020. The Concerts on the Commons will be evaluated on a monthly basis based on guidance from the state. As this is distributed, we currently have 12 documented COVID-19 cases in Greenhills.



Backpack Giveaway at Back to School Event!

Dayspring Church at 1060 Smiley Avenue in Forest Park is conducting a Drive-thru Backpack Giveaway on Saturday, August 1st from 11 AM until 2PM or while supplies last. Children must be present! It is a terrific opportunity to get a backpack at no cost for your student if the need is there.

Have You Signed Up for Alert Hamilton County and Smart 911?

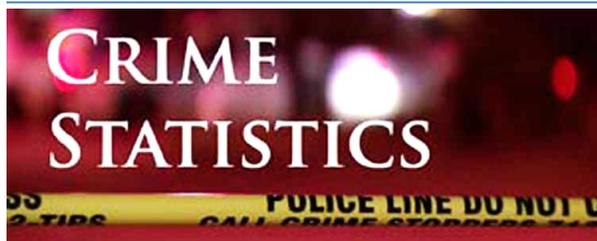
Hamilton County EMA encourages residents to have multiple ways of receiving alerts and warnings. **Alert Hamilton County (Alert HC)** is a mass notification system used to notify residents about emergencies and other important information throughout Hamilton County. When registering for **Alert HC**, users can also create a **Smart911** profile, allowing first responders to have quicker access to important information in case of an emergency.



[Click HERE to watch a video about how Alert HC & Smart911 can help you!](#)

Community Policing Includes Light Bulb Changing

On June 27th, a neighbor in the “J” section called us concerned about the wellbeing of an elderly female resident. The caller stated the porch light had been flickering for several hours and they had never seen it flicker before. They further relayed that they had not seen any activity at the residence. **Officers Eric Tricase** and **Phil Means** made contact with the resident and she was okay, but needed some help with the porch light. They checked the porch light, changed the light bulb for her, and all was well.



Crime, Traffic, and Activity By the Numbers

During the month of June, the department investigated ten accidents (up from seven in June of 2019), five crimes (up from three last June), and 323 other incidents (down from 424 last June). We had 760 contacts with citizens, as compared to 589 last June. The department provided assistance to the public in 114 instances (126 times last June), assisted other agencies 64 times (up from

45 times last June), and made nine criminal arrests (compared to 23 last June) and seven traffic arrests (five last June). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, temporal, and other factors. Details follow.

MONTHLY STATISTICS - June 2020

Vehicle Accidents

Public Roadway	10
Private Property	
With Injuries (Inclusive)	1
Total	10

Reports & Incidents

Part I Crimes

Murder	0
Sexual Offenses	0
Robbery	0
Assaults (Including Domestic Violence)	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	1
Theft	3
Auto Theft	0
Total	5

Other Incidents

Narcotics (Including Minor Misd.)	0
Disorderly Conduct	0
Liquor Law Violations	0
Curfew Violations	0
Domestic Disturbance	5
Garbage or Noise Complaints	12
Animal Complaints	3
Other Calls	70
Prowlers	1
Silent 911 Calls	0
Follow-up Investigations	15
Foot Patrol	0
Preventive/Directed Patrol	68
Bike Patrol	0
Alarm Drops	12
Reports/Incidents Taken	137
Total	323

Total Calls for Month

Total	760
--------------	------------

Public Service

Motorists Assisted	13
Public Relations Details	21
Vacation House Checks	4
Business Checks	67
Bank Runs	9
Total	114

Assists to Other Agencies

Fire & EMS Assists	44
Other Police Agency Assists	20
Total	64

Criminal Arrests

Felony - Adult	0
Misdemeanor & MM - Adult	2
Felony - Juvenile	0
Misdemeanor - Juvenile	0
Warrants Served	7
Total	9

Traffic Arrests

Moving Violations	7
Non-Moving Violations	0
OVI (Inclusive)	0
Total	7



REPORT TO COUNCIL

Monthly Crime Analysis Report -June 2020

<i>Offense/ Report #</i>	<i>Geographic factors</i>	<i>Temporal factor (reported)</i>	<i>Victim/Target descriptors</i>	<i>Suspect descriptors</i>	<i>Suspect vehicle descriptors</i>	<i>MO Factor</i>	<i>Physical evidence</i>
Burglary							
None							
B&E							
2020-294	Business "E" section	Thursday 0113	Village Keg	2 Males	Unknown	Suspects forced entry into business and stole money tills and whis- key	Yes
Thefts							
2020-263	Street "J" section	Monday 1111	M/W-33	Unknown	Unknown	Money and tools sto- len from unlocked car	No
2020-332	Single family home "J" section	Wednesday 1603	F/W-88	M/W	Unknown	Victim was scammed out of \$9,650.	Yes
2020-401	Single family home "A" section	Sunday 1700	M/B-27	Unknown	Unknown	Theft of property	No
Vandalism							
None							
Assaults							
None							
Domestic violence							
2020-296	Single family home "F" section	Thursday 1547	F/B-21	M/W-22 Arrested	None	Victim was punched and hit by the suspect causing injury	Yes
Homicide							
None							
Robbery							
None							
Arson							
None							
Sex Offenses							
None							