



# Greenhills Police Department

## Monthly Update



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

### Warrior Academy Blends Officers and Teens



Shown standing above with the Warrior Academy students are Greenhills Police Officer Cody Ritchie, School Board Members Dr. John Cuppoletti and Jeff Berte, Forest Park Mayor Charles Johnson, Forest Park Police Lieutenant Jim Ward, Greenhills Police Lieutenant Anne Ward, Forest Park Police Officers Rebecca Davis and Vada Harris, Greenhills Police Chief Neil Ferdelman, and Forest Park Police Chief Bill Arns.



After months of planning, the *Warrior Academy* launched on March 10<sup>th</sup>! This teen/police academy was copied from a successful program started in Stoneham, Massachusetts. **Greenhills Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach** provided us with a description of the program, we took it to the administrators of the Forest Park Police and the Winton Woods City Schools, and after many planning sessions, the now-named Warrior Academy started the week before school was cancelled during the COVID-19 pandemic. After

school resumes, the academy is planned to continue for an additional six weeks. Specific sessions will cover the following instruction:

- **Session 2: Use of Force, Pat Downs** - Class will be held at the Forest Park PD training room and firearms range. The session will include a demonstration of lethal and less lethal weaponry, and scenarios to determine which is appropriate;
- **Session 3: Great Oaks** - Students will travel to Great Oaks and will be instructed on firearms "shoot/don't shoot" situations. Following instruction, students will operate the firearms simulator;
- **Session 4: Traffic Stops** - Officers will portray citizens and motorists in traffic stop scenarios, while students will act as officers;
- **Session 5: Communications Center, Helicopter, Canine** - This session will include a tour of the Hamilton County Communications Center, a tour of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Helicopter, and a demonstration by the Forest Park Police Canine and Canine Officer;
- **Session 6: Graduation** - Greenhills Council Chambers, Certificates presented by Forest Park and Greenhills Mayor and School Superintendent. A celebration banquet will follow.

With the students' input, we will plan an additional "fun" outing with the group after graduation and when times return to normal, such as a Reds game or a similar event. The current class includes seven students, and we will be striving to be the best we can so these participants might recommend this class to future students. Our aim is to foster a better understanding between police and teens. We are looking forward to the resumption of normal activities so this venture can continue.

## Corona Virus Halts Normal Activities



The National Emergency declared by the President, along with restrictions imposed by the Governor, have changed all of our daily activities. Because of the small size of our Municipal staff, the Greenhills Municipal Building has been closed to visitors. Although the building, along with the Greenhills Police Department, is staffed daily, we are trying to protect employees and residents alike from potential exposure from COVID-19. Residents conducting business will be asked to contact us by using their telephone, or the phone in the outer lobby. Mayor's Court will not be held for the next month. Typically our department is extremely community-oriented, however we will be limiting our interaction with citizens to protect them and our officers. Police officers will not be entering homes unless there is a crime scene, danger to someone inside, or an altercation in progress. Information on COVID-19, commonly known as the Corona Virus, including typical symptoms and preparedness advice, can be found [here](#) on the federal government's Centers for Disease Control site. Please enjoy quality time at home with family and be safe.

## Zzach Clark Presented With Lifesaving Award



**Greenhills Police Officer Zzach Clark**, shown at right, was presented the department's Preservation of Life Award at the February 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting for his actions in saving the life of a village resident. He is shown with **Mayor David Moore** and **Police Chief Neil Ferdelman**, while administrative staff and Council members look on. The text of Officer Clark's certificate reads, the "Greenhills, Ohio Police Department awards the Preservation of Life Award to Police Officer Zzachery M. Clark for taking action that directly resulted in the saving of another person's life on December 19, 2019, and acting in accordance with the highest ideals of professional service. Your actions reflected outstanding police work, displaying initiative, capability, and attention to duty that earned the respect and admiration of your colleagues and the citizens of our community."

## Former Springdale Police Chief Appointed As Greenhills Supervisor/Investigator



**Michael H. Mathis** was appointed a part-time Greenhills police officer on March 16, 2020. He recently retired as the Chief of Police of Springdale, Ohio. He was appointed to that position in January of 2011 and served until January of 2020. He had been a member of the department since 1986. He served as a uniformed patrol officer, detective, patrol sergeant, patrol lieutenant, and investigative lieutenant before his promotion to Chief. He has a bachelor's degree in police administration from Eastern Kentucky University and a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati in criminal justice. He also has attended advanced training through the Police Executive Leadership College and the Certified Law Enforcement Executive training offered through the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. In accordance with our policies and ordinances, a promotional examination was conducted by Colerain Police Chief Mark Denney, and Officer Mathis will be promoted to the rank of Corporal during the Council meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. He will be assigned as an investigator and

patrol supervisor, and also will be conducting in-service and on-duty training in investigations and investigative techniques. His assignment will complement decreased hours being worked by **Corporal Bryan Johnston**.



## WARM-98 Brings Lunch to GPD

From WARM-98's Facebook page on February 25<sup>th</sup>: "Congrats to this week's #WorkdayWarmup winner: **Vonda Secoy** from the Greenhills Police Department in Cincinnati! She and her co-workers enjoyed an incredible lunch from A Catered Affair, and a bag full of prizes!" **Services workers Tom Hendricks** and **Sonny Fales**, along with **Officer Andy Moore** are shown at left enjoying lunch. A link to the video from the event can be found [here](#).



## Good News Story – Cap and Gown for Graduation!

With all of the overwhelmingly bad news recently, here is one that will make you smile. **Sergeant Tony Patton** became aware of a senior in our school system whose mom was struggling with limited funding. Deadlines were approaching, and her daughter was attempting to gather money for the cap and gown rental. Mom is working three jobs to support them. The Greenhills Police Department has a community fund established to help those in need. We are just the mediators and investigators – all of the funding is provided by citizens in our wonderful community who provide cash donations to help out others. **Police Officer David Bacon** is shown with this young lady as she receives the funding. We thank those of you in our community who make these moments possible.



## Crime, Traffic, and Activity By the Numbers

During the month of February, the department investigated six accidents (down from seven in February of 2019), one crime (down from two last February), and 461 other incidents (up from 312 last February). Of a total of 701 contacts (490 last February), 275 were dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 212 last February, and 426 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 278 last February. The department provided assistance to the public in 185 instances (115 times last February), assisted other agencies 42 times (up from 37 times last February), and made 26 criminal arrests (compared to 10 last February) and 68 traffic arrests (67 last February). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, temporal, and other factors. Details follow.



*We may not be holding your hand for a while, and we will be forced to keep our distance, but we will still be here to serve and protect you. Our world has changed, and we all long for the day that it will change back. Our response tactics are changing to keep us all safe, but we will always be there when you need us.*



**MONTHLY STATISTICS – February 2020**

**Vehicle Accidents**

Public Roadway	6
Private Property	0
With Injuries (Inclusive)	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

**Reports & Incidents**

*Part I Crimes*

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

*Other Incidents*

Narcotics (Including Minor Misd.)	12
Disorderly Conduct	3
Liquor Law Violations	0
Curfew Violations	1
Domestic Disturbance	9
Garbage or Noise Complaints	4
Animal Complaints	4
Other Calls	53
Prowlers	0
Silent 911 Calls	1
Follow-up Investigations	39
Foot Patrol	3
Preventive/Directed Patrol	34
Bike Patrol	0
Alarm Drops	5
Reports/Incidents Taken	293
<b>Total</b>	<b>461</b>

**How Initiated**

Dispatched/Phone	275
Self-Initiated	426
<b>Total</b>	<b>701</b>

**Public Service**

Motorists Assisted	7
Public Relations Details	7
Vacation House Checks	29
Business Checks	137
Bank Runs	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>185</b>

**Assists to Other Agencies**

Fire & EMS Assists	27
Other Police Agency Assists	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>

**Criminal Arrests**

Felony - Adult	4
Misdemeanor & MM - Adult	6
Felony - Juvenile	0
Misdemeanor - Juvenile	5
Warrants Served	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>

**Traffic Arrests**

Moving Violations	53
Non Moving Violations	25
OVI (Inclusive)	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>



REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Monthly Crime Analysis Report -February 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>
<b>Burglary</b>							
None							
<b>B&amp;E</b>							
None							
<b>Thefts</b>							
None							
<b>Vandalism</b>							
None							
<b>Assaults</b>							
None							
<b>Domestic violence</b>							
None							
<b>Homicide</b>							
None							
<b>Robbery</b>							
None							
<b>Arson</b>							
None							
<b>Sex Offenses</b>							
2020-1483	Single Family home "G" section	Sunday 1348	F/W-15 F/W-13	M/W-36	None	Received information about an alleged rape on under-aged girls while they were alleg- edly drinking at the suspect's house on Valentine's day. Still under investigation	Possible