



# Worthington Division of Police

## 2008 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report

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Hurricane Ike Wind Storm

September 14, 2008

East Granville Road & Morning Street

## Third Quarter Highlights



*Granville Road; West of Morning Street - A vehicle lies below a fallen utility pole following the September 14<sup>th</sup> wind storm. The three occupants of the vehicle only received minor injuries but the vehicle was destroyed.*

- The remnants of Hurricane Ike struck the City of Worthington on September 14, 2008. Wind speeds reached nearly 80 mph, toppling trees and utility poles causing major power outages and blocked roadways. During the first 36 hours following the storm, the Division of Police doubled the amount of officers on-duty to handle the increased calls for service and to provide additional protection to the City during the electrical black out. As a result of the storm, the Division had overtime costs of \$7444.24 for public safety personnel.

| Data from the first 24 hours of the September 14 <sup>th</sup> Wind Storm   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Telephone calls received by Communication Center: <b>1361</b> compared to the average number of calls received: <b>378</b><br>9-1-1 Emergency Calls Received: <b>86</b> |   |  |
| Total Calls for Police Service<br><b>95</b>   | Criminal Incidents: <b>5</b><br>Accidents Investigated: <b>3</b><br>Assistance to the Public: <b>32</b> | Traffic Incidents: <b>31</b><br>Burglary Alarm Response: <b>24</b> |

- On June 12<sup>th</sup> the Police facility was struck by lightning during a spring storm resulting in major damage to the City's computer network and electronic infrastructure of police headquarters. Repairs have been on-going and still continue pending settlements from our insurance carrier. As a result of this lightning strike, the police facility and the City computer network suffered over \$27,000 in damages.
- On July 7<sup>th</sup>, an individual was struck by a vehicle on Schrock Road and found by a passer-by approximately 1½ hours later. Victim was transported to the hospital where he later died. Based upon evidence collected at the scene and following a dedicated investigative effort, a suspect was identified and interviewed. A Grand Jury packet was completed and forwarded to the court asking for indictments for felony hit-skip and tampering with evidence.
- On September 10<sup>th</sup>, Marcus Cobb was sentenced to 102 years imprisonment in a federal facility. He received 20 years for the robbery of the Worthington Buca Di Beppo restaurant. The remainder of his sentence was for two additional robberies committed in Columbus.

- Detective Emily Mowry received three separate convictions for two Worthington residents and a former City of Worthington employee following investigations involving the possession and distribution of child pornography. All three suspects entered into plea agreements with all of the offenders required to register as sexual offenders.

- On Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Delaware County Commissioners voted unanimously to accept a \$1.5 million federal grant from the Department of Homeland Security that will help fund a multimillion dollar communications integration project between Delaware County and the Cities of Dublin and Worthington. As part of this radio infrastructure update, we have begun preliminary investigations of the Huntley Bowl as an alternative site for a new communications tower. A contract has been signed with an engineering firm to conduct various studies to determine if the location meets the federal standards that exist from the EPA, FAA, and FCC. Pending the results of these requirements, construction could begin as early as the beginning of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2009.



A white ribbon waves where a new public safety radio tower is being considered at the Huntley Bowl Park. Preliminary engineering studies for the site were begun on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

- During the third quarter we held several meetings with our engineering consultant and attorney who are assisting us with our National Radio Rebanding efforts. The Federal Request for Planning Funding has been completed and submitted to the FCC Transition Administrator.

- Student Intern Program – The Division of Police has an active student intern program which not only benefits the agency but the students also acquire a great deal of knowledge about law enforcement, aiding them in their future endeavors. We are proud to announce that former intern Tim Roberts has recently graduated from the Roanoke, VA Police Academy. Former interns Becky Siegenthaler has been accepted with the Savanna-Chatham Police Department and Brad Nerderman is currently in the final hiring phase with the United States Border Patrol. Our current intern, Megan Shaw, will be finishing her internship in October as a part of the Linworth Alternative “Walkabout Program.”

- A new “Equature” digital recording system has been installed and is now operational. This new system allows for instant digital recording and playback of all emergency and select administrative telephone lines within the building.



Detective Ted Paxton as pictured in the September edition of *Consumer Reports* following his nationwide investigation of an identity fraud/theft ring.

- Detective Ted Paxton was highlighted in a recent *Consumer Reports* article as part of the magazine's investigation into identity fraud. Detective Paxton was the investigator that identified a nationwide fraud/theft ring utilizing stolen social security numbers obtained from the Franklin County Municipal Court web site.
- Leslie E. Hart, the suspect in the January robbery of the Guernsey Bank, was convicted of robbery and sentenced to 6 years in jail.

- The days of August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> were dedicated to the completion of our annual "Less Than Lethal Force" training. All full-time and reserve officers were trained during these days in our Use of Force Policy, Use of Force Legal Updates and on the use of the *Taser*, expandable baton and chemical spray.
- On August 7<sup>th</sup> the Ethan Allen furniture store was burglarized. Patrol Officers O'Donnell and Waring responded to an alarm at the business and subsequently observed a suspect fleeing from scene. Following a foot and vehicle pursuit, the suspect was apprehended. The individual arrested is suspected in committing numerous burglaries in the area including another B&E which had previously occurred at Loeb Electric (Huntley Road).
- On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the agency hosted a legal update seminar presented by Attorney Joseph Palmer, a former judge and prosecutor. Seventeen officers from the Division attended this all day session.
- During the third quarter, CIU personnel completed 74 WebCheck submissions, 13 of which were City of Worthington perspective employees.

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## Criminal Investigative Unit Statistics

| Category                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr. | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. | 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr. | Total to Date |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Criminal Charges Filed</b>     |                      |                      |                      |                      |               |
| <i>Felony Charges</i>             | 80                   | 92                   | 30                   |                      | <b>202</b>    |
| <i>Misdemeanor Charges</i>        | 8                    | 10                   | 0                    |                      | <b>18</b>     |
| <b>Suspects Charged</b>           |                      |                      |                      |                      |               |
| Adult                             | 28                   | 17                   | 12                   |                      | <b>57</b>     |
| Juvenile                          | 1                    | 2                    | 3                    |                      | <b>6</b>      |
| <b>Case Investigations Opened</b> | 61                   | 40                   | 56                   |                      | <b>157</b>    |
| <b>Case Investigations Closed</b> | 69                   | 61                   | 58                   |                      | <b>188</b>    |

## Calls for Service Reported to Communication Center

| <b>Jurisdiction &amp; Department</b>                     | <b>July – Sept.<br/>2008</b> | <b>2008<br/>Year to Date</b> |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Worthington Police <i>(includes Village of Riverlea)</i> | 5883                         | 16,408                       |
| Worthington Fire <i>(includes Village of Riverlea)</i>   | 1121                         | 2863                         |
| Sharon Township Police                                   | 970                          | 3522                         |
| Perry Township Police                                    | 1666                         | 4748                         |
| Columbus Fire  | 142                          | 425                          |
| Westerville Fire   | 8                            | 16                           |
| Other & Unclassified Jurisdictions                       | 1                            | 4                            |
| <b>Total Calls for Service</b>                           | <b>9791</b>                  | <b>27,986</b>                |

## Communication Center - Telephone System Report

|                                    | <b>July – Sept.<br/>2008</b> | <b>2008<br/>Year to Date</b> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Incoming: Emergency 9-1-1 Calls    | 1331                         | 4165                         |
| Incoming: Emergency/Business Calls | 21,964                       | 70,438                       |
| <b>Total Incoming Calls</b>        | <b>23,295</b>                | <b>74,603</b>                |

## Patrol Statistics

| <b>Arrest/Enforcement/Report Type</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Qtr.</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr.</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr.</b> | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Qtr.</b> | <b>Total to<br/>Date</b> | <b>% Change<br/>from<br/>2007</b> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Moving Traffic Citations              | 869                        | 859                        | 679                        |                            | <b>2407</b>              | <b>-19%</b>                       |
| Non-Moving Traffic Citations          | 339                        | 260                        | 285                        |                            | <b>884</b>               | <b>-8%</b>                        |
| Safety Restraint Citations            | 90                         | 71                         | 64                         |                            | <b>225</b>               | <b>-12%</b>                       |
| OVI Citations                         | 72                         | 72                         | 55                         |                            | <b>199</b>               | <b>4%</b>                         |
| OVI-PerSe Citations                   | 43                         | 40                         | 29                         |                            | <b>112</b>               | <b>-8%</b>                        |
| Traffic Warnings                      | 1120                       | 950                        | 937                        |                            | <b>3007</b>              | <b>-3%</b>                        |
| Other Warnings                        | 140                        | 100                        | 146                        |                            | <b>386</b>               | <b>-15%</b>                       |
| Parking Citations                     | 59                         | 63                         | 84                         |                            | <b>206</b>               | <b>-22%</b>                       |
| Felony Arrests                        | 13                         | 18                         | 13                         |                            | <b>44</b>                | <b>-32%</b>                       |
| Misdemeanor Arrests                   | 80                         | 102                        | 135                        |                            | <b>317</b>               | <b>-16%</b>                       |
| Juvenile – <i>Non-Criminal</i>        | 13                         | 19                         | 28                         |                            | <b>60</b>                | <b>25%</b>                        |
| House Checks Completed                | 334                        | 195                        | 262                        |                            | <b>791</b>               | <b>-8%</b>                        |
| Field Interviews                      | 18                         | 20                         | 81                         |                            | <b>119</b>               | <b>-46%</b>                       |
| Case/Offense Reports                  | 262                        | 278                        | 284                        |                            | <b>824</b>               | <b>-9%</b>                        |
| Accident Crash Reports                | 108                        | 98                         | 99                         |                            | <b>305</b>               | <b>-18%</b>                       |
| Foreign Warrant Arrests               | 24                         | 27                         | 38                         |                            | <b>89</b>                |                                   |
| Immigration Referral/Arrest           | 20                         | 17                         | 14                         |                            | <b>51</b>                |                                   |



Officers attending Patriot's Day on the Village Green



Chief Mauger addresses the gathered crowd at Patriot's Day

## Offenses Reported to the Division of Police – 2008

| Type of Crime                         | Offense Count        | Offense Count        | Offense Count        | Offense Count        | Total for 2008 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
|                                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr. | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. | 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr. |                |
| Aggravated Burglary                   | 1                    | 0                    | 0                    |                      | 1              |
| Aggravated Menacing                   | 0                    | 1                    | 1                    |                      | 2              |
| Aggravated Robbery                    | 2                    | 0                    | 0                    |                      | 2              |
| Animal at Large                       | 1                    | 1                    | 2                    |                      | 4              |
| Arson                                 | 0                    | 2                    | 0                    |                      | 2              |
| Assault                               | 18                   | 14                   | 20                   |                      | 52             |
| Assistance                            | 27                   | 22                   | 11                   |                      | 60             |
| Attempted Suicide                     | 0                    | 1                    | 0                    |                      | 1              |
| Barking Dog                           | 0                    | 1                    | 0                    |                      | 1              |
| Breaking and Entering                 | 6                    | 4                    | 14                   |                      | 24             |
| Burglary                              | 5                    | 7                    | 10                   |                      | 22             |
| Carrying a Concealed Weapon           | 0                    | 1                    | 1                    |                      | 2              |
| Criminal Damaging                     | 24                   | 28                   | 32                   |                      | 84             |
| Complicity                            | 0                    | 0                    | 1                    |                      | 1              |
| Criminal Mischief                     | 10                   | 14                   | 13                   |                      | 37             |
| Criminal Trespass                     | 1                    | 8                    | 13                   |                      | 22             |
| Curfew                                | 1                    | 2                    | 7                    |                      | 10             |
| Dead on Arrival                       | 4                    | 3                    | 2                    |                      | 9              |
| Discharge of Firearm                  | 0                    | 0                    | 1                    |                      | 1              |
| Disorderly Conduct                    | 4                    | 5                    | 10                   |                      | 19             |
| Domestic Violence                     | 6                    | 3                    | 7                    |                      | 16             |
| Drug Paraphernalia                    | 12                   | 7                    | 17                   |                      | 36             |
| Drugs Offenses - All                  | 14                   | 20                   | 24                   |                      | 58             |
| Endangering Children                  | 0                    | 1                    | 1                    |                      | 2              |
| Extortion                             | 1                    | 0                    | 0                    |                      | 1              |
| False Alarm Violation                 | 1                    | 0                    | 1                    |                      | 2              |
| Falsification                         | 0                    | 2                    | 0                    |                      | 2              |
| Family Trouble                        | 4                    | 11                   | 3                    |                      | 18             |
| Felonious Assault                     | 1                    | 0                    | 2                    |                      | 3              |
| Forgery                               | 4                    | 1                    | 6                    |                      | 11             |
| Found/Lost Property                   | 1                    | 0                    | 0                    |                      | 1              |
| Gross Sexual Imposition               | 0                    | 0                    | 1                    |                      | 1              |
| Improper Handling of a Firearm        | 0                    | 0                    | 1                    |                      | 1              |
| Injured Person                        | 0                    | 1                    | 1                    |                      | 2              |
| Interference with Custody             | 0                    | 1                    | 0                    |                      | 1              |
| Littering                             | 0                    | 1                    | 0                    |                      | 1              |
| Menacing                              | 6                    | 1                    | 2                    |                      | 9              |
| Mental Subject                        | 2                    | 6                    | 3                    |                      | 11             |
| Missing Person                        | 1                    | 1                    | 0                    |                      | 2              |
| Misuse of Credit Card                 | 1                    | 2                    | 1                    |                      | 4              |
| Obstructing Official Business/Justice | 1                    | 1                    | 1                    |                      | 3              |
| Open Liquor Container                 | 1                    | 8                    | 11                   |                      | 20             |
| Passing Bad Checks                    | 1                    | 5                    | 0                    |                      | 6              |
| Patient Abuse                         | 0                    | 0                    | 1                    |                      | 1              |
| Public Indecency                      | 0                    | 0                    | 2                    |                      | 2              |
| Rape                                  | 0                    | 1                    | 1                    |                      | 2              |
| Receiving Stolen Property             | 2                    | 2                    | 7                    |                      | 11             |
| Resisting Arrest                      | 0                    | 2                    | 0                    |                      | 2              |
| Robbery                               | 0                    | 1                    | 0                    |                      | 1              |
| Runaway Juvenile                      | 5                    | 17                   | 5                    |                      | 27             |
| Sale of Liquor to Underage Person     | 0                    | 0                    | 2                    |                      | 2              |
| Suspicious Person                     | 0                    | 2                    | 3                    |                      | 5              |
| Taking the Identity of Another        | 4                    | 0                    | 0                    |                      | 4              |
| Tampering with Evidence               | 0                    | 0                    | 2                    |                      | 2              |
| Telephone Harassment                  | 12                   | 6                    | 8                    |                      | 26             |
| Theft                                 | 70                   | 80                   | 67                   |                      | 217            |
| Theft – Motor Vehicle                 | 3                    | 2                    | 3                    |                      | 8              |
| Trafficking in Drugs                  | 2                    | 0                    | 0                    |                      | 2              |
| Unauthorized Use                      | 0                    | 1                    | 1                    |                      | 2              |
| Underage Possession of Alcohol        | 2                    | 7                    | 0                    |                      | 9              |
| Unlawful Restraint                    | 0                    | 0                    | 1                    |                      | 1              |
| Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor  | 0                    | 0                    | 1                    |                      | 1              |
| Unruly / Juvenile Offense             | 0                    | 6                    | 1                    |                      | 7              |
| Using Weapons While Intoxicated       | 0                    | 1                    | 0                    |                      | 1              |
| Vandalism                             | 2                    | 2                    | 1                    |                      | 5              |
| Violating Protection Order            | 1                    | 1                    | 0                    |                      | 2              |
| <b>Total Offenses</b>                 | <b>264</b>           | <b>317</b>           | <b>326</b>           |                      | <b>907</b>     |

*Patriot's Day and Market Day Celebration - 2008*

