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For the Cincinnati Police Department officers, civilians, employees, retirees and their respective families.

The “cover team” for our fall issue of *The Blue Wave* are (left to right): Technician Vicki Miller, District 5; Sergeant Rodney Carter, Internal Investigations Section; Sergeant Don Schroder, Criminal Investigation Section; Specialist Kimetha Moreno, District 4 Investigative Unit; and Officer Sonny Kim, District 2 First Relief. *Photo by Rick Adams.*

TASERS USAGE SHOWS DECREASE IN INJURIES

Story by Laura A. Carr

When Cincinnati Police Chief Thomas Streicher and former Cincinnati City Manager Valerie Lemmie approved the purchase of TASERS™ it was with the safety of both Cincinnati’s police officers and the public in mind.

According to the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD), TASERS have reduced the need for police officers to have physical, potentially violent, encounters with resistive suspects.

The CPD began using TASERS X26 in 2004. Since then, TASERS have been deployed 1,041 times (through September 2005) to subdue suspects thereby lessening injuries to officers or those they seek to apprehend. The TASER is one more tool police officers can turn to if it becomes necessary to use force.

TASERS an effective alternative

“If the mere *threat* of having a TASER used is enough to stop a crime, then I’m happy with that outcome,” says Chief Streicher. “No police officer ever starts a workday with the intention of hurting someone,” he states. “The TASER provides our officers with the least intrusive, safest and most effective method of subduing a combative suspect.”

Chief Streicher knows what he is talking about. When the City of Cincinnati was considering the purchase of TASERS, Chief Streicher was an early volunteer to experience the effects of a TASER.

“I wanted to know how the TASER felt,” he says. “I wasn’t going to have police officers on the streets using TASERS without the full knowledge of how they work and the impact they have on the person. I am confident that TASERS offer a quickly effective and relatively safe means of stopping violent confrontations.

“To date, our officers have used TASERS to subdue more than 50 suspects who were armed with deadly weapons.”

The CPD’s successful integration of TASERS as a means to subdue a suspect is replicated in 8,000 cities and 45 countries. The new technology has become part of a growing trend in law enforcement. The equipment has a proven track record of saving lives and reducing injuries to officers and suspects.

The safest alternative

The word is clearly on the street about TASERS. They hurt, but they do not kill. In many cases police officers can end a confrontation before it escalates into a more dangerous situation for the police and the person(s) they are trying to apprehend.

“We are convinced TASERS are the safest alternative in a use of force situation and the statistics in cities where TASERS are being used bear out our findings. TASER use can save lives when deadly use of force may have been the only other option,” says Streicher.

The CPD closely monitors all TASER deployments. There have been no deaths directly related to their usage, according to Executive Manager S. Gregory Baker, CPD Police Relations. Baker also serves as the CPD Compliance Coordinator for the U. S. Department of Justice Memorandum of Agreement and Collaborative Agreement.

Baker says, “Use of force, as a whole, has declined since the deployment of TASERS. Physical harm to prisoners and suspects was down 35 percent in the first full year of TASER use, compared to the last full year without TASERS. Physical harm to officers was down 56 percent over the same periods of time. TASERS have created a different environment for subduing those engaged in criminal activity. We have fewer injuries and more cooperation from persons who do not want a police officer to apply a TASER,” he adds.

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From the Desk of ...

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.,
Cincinnati Chief of Police

In early 2004, the Cincinnati Police began using TASERS. We felt confident about the decision, but many citizens were concerned about this new technology.

The lead story of this issue shows clearly what an important tool the TASER has become for our officers. Use of force, as a whole, has declined, injuries to officers are down an impressive 56 percent and for suspects involved in criminal activity, injuries are down 35 percent. I am very pleased by this outcome.

Please read the article and share the information and statistics with both your family and friends, as well as the citizens you meet in your work.

In addition, I want to give you an early heads up on a new effort we are making to keep the public informed on the CPD. In late November, we will be issuing our first-ever *Report to the Community*. This publication, which will be the same size as *The Blue Wave*, will be distributed as an insert in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, *Post* and *Herald*.

The *Report* will provide feedback to the people who live and work in Cincinnati about our activities and how we are striving to improve services. Its production is being funded by the National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Cincinnati (NCCJGC), who obtained private funds from Procter & Gamble and Federated Department Stores for the project. The NCCJGC also underwrites *The Blue Wave*; I am grateful for their generosity and their continuing support.

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City of Cincinnati's Independent Monitor's review of use of force incidents clearly demonstrate that TASERS have substituted for other types of force, such as physical force, impact weapons and chemical spray. Using a TASER can eliminate the need for a police officer to close the distance between himself or herself and the suspect. The Independent Monitor has noted that TASERS are an alternative use of force method along with de-escalating the situation, verbal instructions or using other arrest control techniques.

Volts versus Amperage

The TASER uses a simple high-energy, "shaped" pulse of 50,000 volts to penetrate a subject's clothing and skin. In comparison, a static charge from walking on carpet and touching another person produces an average of 35,000 volts.

Amperage (amps), not voltage, is what produces serious physical harm. Contact with a common household wall outlet produces 15 to 30 amps. The TASER produces 0.0021 of *one* amp.

Recent Case

A recent CPD case where a TASER was used involved an extremely emotional hostage situation. A man was holding his former girlfriend hostage in her home and threatening her with physical harm. Police SWAT teams arrived to negotiate for the woman's release.


In an increasingly tense situation officers attempted to use beanbag shots to subdue the man who was wielding a knife. After repeated rounds, SWAT officers decided to use a TASER in an

attempt to get the woman out of harm's way and to safety. The deployment of the TASER worked immediately.

"Before we had TASERS, and given the death threat to the hostage, this situation could have necessitated a police officer having to shoot the man to free the woman being held against her will," says Baker. "In this case and many others, we have had more positive outcomes and fewer serious injuries because an officer has another way to diffuse a highly dangerous situation."

According to Captain Howard Rahtz, CPD Training Section Commander, the entire 2005 police recruit class volunteered to experience a TASER. "It was the general consensus among our newest police officers. They wanted to know first-hand what a TASER barb felt like as well as how quickly a TASER could immobilize someone. The Police Chief, Public Information Officer Lieutenant Kurt Byrd and I, as well as many other police officers, have volunteered to experience the effects of a TASER for the same reasons," Rahtz concluded.

Most revolutionary in 35 years

"The TASER X26 is the only instrument to revolutionize an aspect of policing in the past 35 years," says Streicher. "The last piece of equipment to have a similar effect on police operations was the personally assigned portable radio system which occurred in the late 1960's, early 70's. We are seeing a significant reduction in injuries to our officers and to suspects. That is impressive and reaffirms what an important difference TASERS are making in our work." 

prisoner/suspect injuries

February 2003 to January 2004 318
February 2004 to January 2005 207

Decrease in injuries 35%

officer injuries from arrests/assaults

February 2003 to January 2004 72
February 2004 to January 2005 32

Decrease in injuries 56%

Note: February 2003 to January 2004 was the last full year before the use of TASERS. February 2004 to January 2005 was the first full year after the use of TASERS began.

ROTARY CLUB HONORS SEVEN FROM CPD



Rotary Club award recipients (left to right) Officer Tina Ziegler, Specialist Mike Phillips, Vanessa McMillan-Moore and Officer Tim Bley.

Seven officers and civilian staff from the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) were honored this summer when the Rotary Club of Cincinnati hosted their annual recognition luncheon.

Officer Timothy Bley and Officer Kathleen Gober: Valor/Hero Award

While on an undercover assignment in April, Officers Bley and Gober observed an armed robbery in progress. They positioned themselves for safety and radioed information on the suspect. When two civilians attempted to stop the robbery, Gober directed them to safety. Meanwhile, when a fleeing suspect turned and pointed a gun at a restaurant employee, Bley warned the



Officer Kathleen Gober

employee and positioned himself to protect the employee. While pursuing the suspect on foot, Bley fired shots to protect the citizens, his partner and himself from a suspect's threatening actions. One suspect finally surrendered and the second one was apprehended a short time later. The third suspect was arrested within days. Stolen money and a loaded firearm were recovered at the scene.

a robbery in progress. Adams chased the suspect on foot; when the suspect surrendered he was still holding the money taken in the robbery. In the meanwhile, fellow officers had apprehended the accomplices in the getaway car based on Adams radioed description.



Specialist James Adams

Because of Adams' bravery and quick action, three dangerous subjects were brought to justice.

Senior Criminalist Clarence "Sid" Caesar: Career Enhancement Award

During the first part of his career as a Police Specialist, Caesar gained respect as a tenacious and thorough investigator with a high clearance rate. Shortly after retiring from the force, he returned as a Criminalist and took on the job of organizing the CPD's new Criminalistics Unit. He has instructed several new criminalists and taught crime scene and evidence processing to



Senior Criminalist "Sid" Caesar

The actions of the two officers protected citizens from grave danger and removed three armed and dangerous criminals from the City's streets.

Specialist James Adams: Valor/Hero Award

In May, while on a directed patrol of a bank on his beat, Specialist Adams noticed a suspicious vehicle. He broadcast a description, hid his police car and returned to the bank on foot where he interrupted

more than 30 recruit classes at the Police Academy. His expertise has resulted in the arrest and conviction of countless criminals. The outstanding reputation of the CPD Criminalistics Squad is defined by his expertise and ability to make positive identifications that will not be challenged in court.

Specialist Michael Phillips and Officer Tina Ziegler: Superior Achievement Award

This team of detectives' highly effective investigative techniques and interrogation skills during the past eight years has led to numerous arrests and convictions.

One example was a six-month follow-up on numerous breaking and entering/safecracking offenses. Information gathered while investigating offenses in District Two indicated a ring of offenders on a two-county crime spree. The detectives worked painstakingly to assemble evidence and identify all the suspects. There was a 60-count indictment of 11 individuals, all of whom were convicted.

This case is only one example of the dedication and determination Detectives Phillips and Ziegler bring to their work every day.

Records Section Director Vanessa McMillan-Moore: Administration Award

Prior to joining the CPD, McMillan-Moore has worked conscientiously in various City departments to improve the services of the City to its citizens.

In 2003, she joined the CPD's Community Relations unit, where she worked on community relations tasks outlined in the Collaborative Agreement. She has continued to gather information for the compliance report to the Monitor. She now also manages the CPD Records Section where she has realigned work functions to enhance customer service, as well as reduce operating costs.

OFFICER PRINCESS DAVIS

Story and photography by Patricia A. Trubow



Officer Princess Davis is surrounded by some of the people she works with at the Seven Hills Neighborhood Center. From the left are Victims of Crime advocate Ella Lackey, and Kids Café volunteers Betty Jean Sims, Helen Falland and Beatrice Smith.

If someone ever asks you to describe in three words what makes Officer Princess Davis a successful cop, just answer “compassion, respect, bubbling enthusiasm.”

Okay, that is four words, but Davis is truly effervescent when it comes to her work. She hop-skip-jumps from one story to another when she talks, sharing tales about her work and the residents of the neighborhood she patrols.

“I call all of them my babies whether they are little bitty things or my senior citizens. Even those drug boys are my babies. Now, just ‘cause I call them my babies doesn’t mean they get away with stuff. I tell them, you get caught doing something bad, then you’ll be doing the time. But I still love them – I try to get them turned around the right way and try to keep them *out of trouble* in the first place,” she says.

Drafted by her daughters

Davis’ career path is a direct result of being a parent. In 1992, she was working part-time for the Post Office when her two young daughters, Katina and Katisha, became involved in the DARE program at their school. Enthused about the program and positively impressed by DARE Officer Charles White (now a sergeant in District 5), the girls came home and

told their mother she should be a police officer, too. They recognized that their mother’s concern for others, friendly manner and strong values were the makings of a good police officer.

“I told them they were crazy, but they kept at me and kept at me, so finally I took all the tests and I passed them. Then the Academy started calling me, but I told them I had just taken the tests to appease my girls, I never really intended to try to be a police officer. But the Academy kept at me and said I should at least try doing the training because of all the money they spent testing me.

“So I did,” she says shrugging her shoulders and grinning, “and here I am!”

After graduating in the 77th Recruit class in 1993, Davis was assigned to District 2 and later to District 1. In 1998, a position for a West End Neighborhood Officer opened up and she was encouraged to apply. She remains in that job today.

Showing respect

“I grew up here and when I was assigned to this neighborhood, I already knew all the grandmothers and the mothers. It took me about a year to get to know all the kids. One thing I could not stand was how the kids talked. I’m hard core on showing respect and the way some of them talked – it was terrible. I got after them and they learned they’d better show respect to their mamas and grandmamas when I was around, and to me, too.”

The respect goes two ways. “I demand respect, but I give it, as well as lots of hugs. It makes a difference.”

40 hours plus many more

In addition to her regular 40-hour work week, Davis spends countless hours in the neighborhood on her own time, helping the residents. She is not

bashful about getting others to help, too. She has been known to commandeer a truck to pick up a mattress and box spring whose donation she has arranged for a domestic abuse victim, and then draft pedestrians on the street to help her get the mattress up three flights of stairs to the new owner’s apartment.

When one of the teens in her area could not afford to pay for a copy of his high school diploma that he needed to enter Cincinnati State, Davis went down to District 1, and went office to office, literally hat in hand, taking up a collection. “It didn’t take long at all. People who work at the Police Department care about people and have big hearts.”

Davis’ favorite community outreach program was conducted a few years back at Taft High School. She and about 15 of her fellow officers spent an hour each week in 11th and 12th grade English classes. In their weekly visits, they read a chapter from a novel with the students and then led discussions about the material.

“Those kids knew I’d call on every one of them. I worked hard to draw them out and no matter what they said, I’d find something positive to compliment them on the point they made. Most didn’t want to speak up at first, but over a few weeks they began changing and you could see that self esteem improve. I told their teacher they all deserved ‘A’s’. It broke my heart when they had to stop the program because there wasn’t the money to buy more books.

“I get to make a difference”

As a child and young woman, Princess Davis never envisioned a life of police work. After 12 years, she cannot imagine not being a police officer. “This is what God had in mind for me,” she says firmly. “This is what I am meant to do. I get to touch lives every day. I get to make a difference every day.

“And that is just the *best*.” 👑

“MOST WANTED” ROCKS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS AND FESTIVALS

Story and photography by Laura A. Carr

What do a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, a music company CEO, a barber and police officers have in common? They are all members of Most Wanted, a 50s and 60s powerhouse band that rocks at schools and festivals around Greater Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

The band is an interesting study in diversity and interagency cooperation. Its members' ethnicities, gender, age, rank and musical preferences run the gamut and create a musical collaboration that could serve as a business best practice model. The group's name is a takeoff on the “Most Wanted” posters found in police stations and post offices.

If you ask any of the band members the key to their success, they unanimously agree it stems from their goal of just having fun.

“We love what we do,” says CPD's Sergeant Chuck White. “The size of the audience doesn't matter. We've played at hundreds of schools and festivals and hosted dance contests between students and their teachers. We love the music and enjoy performing.”

Vocalists White, Nan Bongiani, Indian Hill Ranger and drummer Jackie Leroy, Wyoming Chief of Police formed the band nearly 17 years ago. “The three of us discovered we had a pretty good sound and a solid concept,” says White. “We held open auditions that we announced at police stations across Hamilton County and the rest, as they say, is history.”

Most Wanted is an all volunteer group comprised of four lead singers and four band members. In true democratic fashion the lead singers take turns at the microphone belting out their favorite tunes from the 50s and 60s. Sergeant Joe Lolley, Cheviot Police Department, and Joan Beisel, Hamilton County Sheriff Department, share the lead singer spotlight with White and Bongiani.



From the left: Sergeant Joe Lolley, Cheviot Police Department; Dave Miller, Buddy Rogers Music; Joan Beisel, Hamilton County Sheriff Department; Jackie Leroy, Wyoming Chief of Police; Sergeant Chuck White, CPD; Jack Riechwein, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; Nan Bongiani, Indian Hill Ranger; and Rodney Wright, businessman.

Backing them up musically are barber Rodney White on keyboard, Jackie Leroy on drums, Dave Miller, CEO/owner, Buddy Rogers Music on lead and rhythm guitars and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Jack Riechwein on saxophone.

Riechwein, an original member of the 50s group, The Casinos, was recently inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio. He was recognized for the 60s mega hits, “Splish Splash” and “Then You Can Tell Me Goodbye.” When asked how he became a member of Most Wanted, he simply stated, “I walked on stage and started playing. I think I finished three or four songs before they realized I was playing with them.”

According to White, nobody has a “star” personality. “The most famous one in the group is Jack. Not many bands anywhere can say they have a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer as part of their group. Jack is a very down to Earth guy. We have a very democratic process. Everybody takes turns leading the band, that way we each get a chance to sing or play our favorite songs.”

“A great band doesn't happen without a great sound engineer like Denny

Beisel or Elmer Newton who schedules our appearances,” adds White. Beisel is married to Indian Hill Ranger Joan Beisel and Newton retired from the Elmwood Police Department.

Dave Miller has been playing with Most Wanted for four or five years. “I filled in whenever someone else wasn't available so I don't know my official start date,” Miller says. “Buddy Rogers Music Company supports the Music in Schools program. I knew Most Wanted played at schools so my support of their efforts was a natural fit. The fact that I also get to play with the band is an added benefit.” Miller supplies the band's sound system and musical instruments.

White says the concept for Most Wanted grew out of a desire to have children and young adults in the community experience positive interactions with police officers.

“We wanted them to realize that police officers can have fun too. We don't just arrest people and put them in jail. We have families, we listen to music, and we can sing and dance and have fun just like they do.”

The concept seems to have paid off. 🍷

TRANSITIONS

Retirements

The following people retired between July 1 and September 30, 2005. Their years of dedicated service to the citizens of Cincinnati and to the Department are appreciated. They will be missed. We wish them continued success and a very happy retirement!

30 Years

- Leslyn Falcone, Supervisor, Emergency Services
- Vaudine Long, Clerk 3, Records

27 Years

- Audrey R. Ates, Clerk Typist 2, Records

25 Years

- Officer Ralph Berry, Jr., District 4
- Lieutenant John W. Gallespie, Communications
- Captain Kathleen A. Howard, Planning
- Officer Edward W. Johnson, Jr., District 4
- Sergeant Richard J. Oberjohann, District 2
- Lieutenant Sandra L. Sizemore, District 4

Promotions

Congratulations to the following individuals who received promotions during the third quarter of 2005. We wish them great success with their new responsibilities!

Sworn Personnel Promotions

- Officer Jason M. Bolte to Specialist
- Officer James P. Davis to Specialist
- Officer Lewis A. Egner to Specialist
- Sergeant Michael D. Fern to Lieutenant
- Officer Jennifer M. Jones to Sergeant
- Officer Jacob W. Mapel to Sergeant
- Lieutenant Howard L. Rahtz to Captain
- Officer Michele E. Richmond to Specialist
- Officer Douglas G. Smith to Specialist
- Officer William W. Suter to Sergeant
- Officer Richard D. Vogel, Jr., to Specialist

Civilian Personnel Promotions

- Sabrina Burton-Simonson to Administrative Specialist
- Barbara A. Corbett to Clerk Typist 2
- Tabitha R. Lundsford to Clerk Typist 3
- Sherry M. Schultz to Administrative Technician
- Ella A. Topham to Supervising Accountant
- Patricia D. Van Arsdale to Administrative Technician

New Hires/Transfers

We welcome the following new hires or transfers from other City departments into the CPD family. Those whose new positions at CPD are also promotions are noted.

- Marcia J. Bonner, E911 Operator
- Angela L. Brown, E911 Operator
- Barbara A. Currin, Accounting Technician 2 (from Finance Department)
- Marschelle M. Henderson, Clerk Typist 3 (from Health Department)
- Shannon Johnson, Clerk Typist 2 (from Health Department)
- Marlene Korb, Clerk Typist 2 (from Health Department)
- Joyce Ousley, Supervising Clerk (from Health Department)
- Sarah E. Stewart, promoted to Accounting Technician 3 (from Water Works)
- Angela Tribble, Clerk Typist 3 (from Health Department)
- Aaron S. Tyree, promoted to Clerk Typist 3 (from Water Works)

JAMES WHALEN APPOINTED ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF



Captain James Whalen has been appointed Assistant Chief of the CPD. He was sworn in on September 7 by former City Manger Valerie Lemmie with family members looking on, including his father, former Chief of Police Lawrence Whalen.

“I am pleased to move

Captain Whalen into this leadership position and know that his experience and wisdom will serve this community well,” said Lemmie.

Mayor Charlie Luken said “We are all very fortunate to have him assume the responsibilities of an Assistant Police Chief as he will serve our community with the highest standards.”

Whalen now holds the rank of lieutenant colonel and will head the Investigations Bureau which includes both the Central Vice Control and the Criminal Investigations sections.

The new assistant chief began his law enforcement career in 1982 as a police officer in the Metropolitan-Dade County Police Department which serves the Greater Miami, Florida, area. He came to the CPD in 1986, rising through the ranks of police officer, sergeant, lieutenant and captain.

While a lieutenant Whalen was a member of the team that helped obtain national accreditation for the Department from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement. His position at the time of his appointment by Lemmie was as the commander of District 1.

“I tell new officers that 98 percent of the time police work is the best job in the world. One percent is tough and one more percent is very tough. But to have a job and know 98 percent of the work is somewhere between enjoyable and fun – that is about as good as it gets,” said Whalen. “Being one of the senior commanders here is the ultimate compliment and an exciting career challenge. I have an outstanding team of skilled professionals working in the Investigations Bureau and am honored to be here.”

Whalen holds a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice/law enforcement from the University of Cincinnati and a law degree from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. He has graduated from the FBI National Academy in 1999 and the Certified Law Enforcement Executive Officer course administered by the Ohio Law Enforcement Foundation in 2004.

Whalen has worked extensively with the Tender Mercies non-profit organization. In his role as District 1 commander, he was actively involved with 15 community councils and organizations.

Whalen and his wife, Colleen, have four children. 🇺🇸

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THEY NOW?

Specialist Diane Arnold

Retired 1995, 27 years

A confirmed animal lover, Diane worked a few years for a boarding kennel after retiring. She also went on mission trips with her church to Oklahoma, New Mexico, Romania and Zambia. With her husband, Henry, she has been on motorcycle tours of New Zealand, England and the Isle of Man. They bought a condo in Ormond Beach, Florida, in 2000 and after spending three winters there became residents of the Sunshine State. They also have a condo in Cleves where they spend the summer and Christmas holidays. And yes, the four cats travel back and forth with them. "I miss the people I worked with. They were the best."

Specialist Slim Easterling

Retired 1977, 30 years

After retiring from police work, Slim and his wife built a home in Hudson, Florida, about 35 miles north of Clearwater. Slim worked several years as an assistant superintendent for US Homes, building and maintaining golf courses in upscale retirement communi-

Ever wonder what happened to your co-workers after they retired from the CPD? This new column will do brief profile updates on a few retirees each issue.

ties. Ruth passed away in 2002 and his children prevailed on him to move back to Ohio. He lives on a couple of acres in Felicity (Brown County) and regularly drives to Cincinnati to play golf with old CPD friends such as Sonny Ebert. "I enjoy spending time at the VFW Hall, as well as helping my granddaughter with her 4-H work."

Specialist Terry Meiners

Retired 1991, 25 years

Terry worked one year as a crime prevention abuse investigator for Warren County Children's Services. When he hits "the big 6-5" in a couple of years he plans to retire again and is seriously thinking about moving to the Gulf Coast. "Katrina and Rita have given me reason to reconsider that pretty carefully, but I just love to go to the beach!" he said. Terry spends his free time with his four children and their families, plus keeping up with home maintenance. He shares his Westchester home with his dog and cat.

Patrolman George O'Reilly

Retired 1996, 30 years

George and his wife, Jackie, bought a pizza store in Miamitown. After selling it

in 1999, he joined the security department for American Financial Corporation and works there full-time now. He also ran security for Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy, retiring from that job earlier this year. George and Jackie make an annual trip to Michigan with friends where he goes after northern pike and Jackie tours the wineries. "I still think being a police officer is the best job a person could have," said George. He and his wife live in Harrison.

Patrolman Mel Thurman

Retired 1986, 30 years

After retiring from CPD, Mel worked five years at the Cincinnati Board of Education in security and investigations before retiring "for good." A widower since 1980, he remarried in 1998. He and Martha Frances, a retired nurse, love to travel and have made trips all over Canada, as well as to San Diego, San Francisco, the Cayman Islands and numerous points south. Mel stopped riding his motorcycle two years ago after a hip replacement, but says "I still like going to the races to watch!" The Thurmans live in Bond Hill.

Retirees and Widows/Widowers Must Request to Receive Future Issues of *The Blue Wave* Newsletter

Because the CPD does not administer and mail pensions, the list of retirees with addresses on file with the CPD itself is incomplete. The easiest way of assuring an accurate mailing list is to start from scratch.

Sworn and civilian CPD retirees who wish to continue to receive *The Blue Wave* or be put on the mailing list if not receiving it, must contact the CPD Personnel Section. Widows/widowers of retirees or

those who died in service are also eligible to receive the newsletter and are asked to make the same contact.

Due to budget limitations, the newsletter cannot be mailed to those who retired from another City department and had not completed at least 20 years of service at the CPD itself.

Contact can be made either by mail, telephone or e-mail with Lieutenant Tim Sabransky, who heads the Personnel Section. The form at right may be filled out and mailed to him, or he can be called or e-mailed. His contact information is:

Lieutenant Tim Sabransky

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Name of retiree, widow or widower
Street address
City, State, Zip
Home telephone (with area code)
Rank/position at retirement

CPD 99TH RECRUIT CLASS

The Cincinnati Police Department's 99th Recruit Class began its training on September 26.

The 31 class members range in age from 22 to 44; 13 of the class have college degrees, with another 12 having completed some college work. Nine of the recruits have served in one of the U.S. Armed Forces, with three having served in Iraq. Four of the group have previous law enforcement experience and one has participated in the CPD cadet/intern program.

Their curriculum is an intensive 24 weeks of classroom, practical and physical training. Those who successfully complete the training will be commissioned at the March 10, 2006, graduation ceremony.



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99th Recruit
Class
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