

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

October thru December 2011

The New Year is rapidly approaching and we are in a dual tasking mode in the Police Department. We are striving to finish 2011 with better crime statistics than 2010, and at the same time develop a crime fighting strategy for 2012 which will make our community an even safer place to live. We're looking pretty good on our reportable crime stats as 2011 comes to a close. Overall, we have over 100 less reported crimes in 2011 than in 2010. Anytime, you can see an increase in population and still see a reduction in your crime numbers, that's a good day.

PEOPLE GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

We consistently find ourselves touting the accomplishments of our employees and we're at it once again. Three of our officers, Jeff Danault, Mark Wilson, and Nathan Lee, were presented with "The Lifesaving Award" at a ceremony held at Police Headquarters. The Lifesaving Award is given to officers whose actions saved or extended the life of another person. The Lifesaving Award was presented to the officers for their actions on September 3, 2011 when they responded to a shots fired call at 801 Providence Blvd and found a man that had been hit by gunfire. He was bleeding from both legs due to gunshot wounds; the left leg was bleeding severely. The officers on scene believed the man had sustained an injury to the femoral artery and, if he was going to survive, something more than applying pressure needed to be done. The officers worked in concert to apply tourniquets to both legs to stop the bleeding. A manufactured tourniquet was used on one leg and an officer's belt was used on the other. A medic that arrived on scene confirmed the tourniquets were applied correctly and the blood flow was stemmed or stopped. The three officers, Mark Wilson, Jeff Danault, and Nathan Lee went above and beyond to prevent a loss of life. In recognition of their actions, they were all presented with the Lifesaving Award.



Deputy Chief Parr, Officer Mark Wilson, Officer Jeffrey Danault, Officer Nathan Lee and Chief Ansley

BOOK'EM DANNO

Our latest shining stars for taking the bad guys and gals off the streets and making our city a safer place are: TOP FELONY ARREST-September-Detective Tina Slaven (9), October-Detective Rodney Lifsey (21), Detective Kenny Bradley November-(5), TOP DUI: September-Officer Channing Bartel (7), October-Officer Mohammed Dennis (3) and Officer Maurice Nesbitt (3), November-Maurice Nesbitt (4) and Officer Morgan Northrup (4), TOP DRUG: September-Officer Dominick Sacco (12), October-Agent Lon Chaney (12) and November-Dominick Sacco (9).

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Officer Keith Jones was selected as Clarksville Police Department's Employee of the Quarter, July-September 2011. He was nominated by Sgt Bret Norfleet and Sgt Dave Galbraith, District 1 night shift supervisors. Keith had some stiff competition from the other nominees, but Chief Ansley chose him as CPD's quarterly winner. Keith's work is always accurate and complete. He completes his work expeditiously and is a real go-getter. He is consistently a top performer and well-known for his productivity and taking the bad folks off the streets. He oftentimes answers twice the amount of calls for service as his fellow workers. Keith not only excels on the job, but also is actively involved in

the local community. He spends his off-duty time coaching a local youth football team. Officer Keith Jones' work, ethics, and morals epitomize the standards of the Clarksville Police Department.



Chief Ansley, Officer Keith Jones & SGT Bret Norfleet

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Our officers not only work on the job but are actively involved in community activities. Officer David Opitz demonstrated another way that we can be part of our community and promote a positive image to the young children that will be our future leaders. He took out time from his busy schedule and spent some time reading to the students at Barkers Mill Elementary. Captain James Smith also had been reading to students at Byrnes Darden school every Tuesday. Detective Ronald Parrish has spent his evenings for the last few months coaching youth football and has been instrumental in developing sportsmanship in these future athletes and leaders.



THE VOTE IS IN

The Clarksville Police Union annually sponsors officer awards based on peer votes within the Police Department. Those recognized by the Police Union for 2011 were: Supervisor of the Year-Sgt Liane Wilson; Civilian Employee of the Year-Anthony Gaines, Dispatcher of the Year-Zonola Brown; Agent of the Year-Will Evans; Detective of the Year-Detective Eric Ewing; and Rookie of the Year-Officer Dennis Honholt. Congratulations to all!

NEW OFFICERS ON THE PAYROLL

We've welcomed three new officers to join the Clarksville Police Department's crime fighting team. They were administered the Oath of Office by Commissioner of Finance Ben Griffin in the Mayor' Conference Room December 1st. The three new officers: Adam Post, Justin Steward, and Jordan Parnell will be heading to the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy January 8, 2012.



ANOTHER CLASS GRADUATES

The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) class has been a program which has been part of the Police Department for many years. We had our 36th CPA class graduate November 29, 2011. CPA members had a unique opportunity to see and experience all facets of Clarksville Police Department operations. They also participated in shooting, driving, use of force, and defensive tactics. Many of them took the opportunity to see firsthand an officer's life on the streets in their own town and participate in the ride along program. They were there as officers answered calls for service and saw the interaction between officers and the public we serve. At the class graduation, the class was very verbal and positive about their interaction with the officers and support staff of the Police Department.

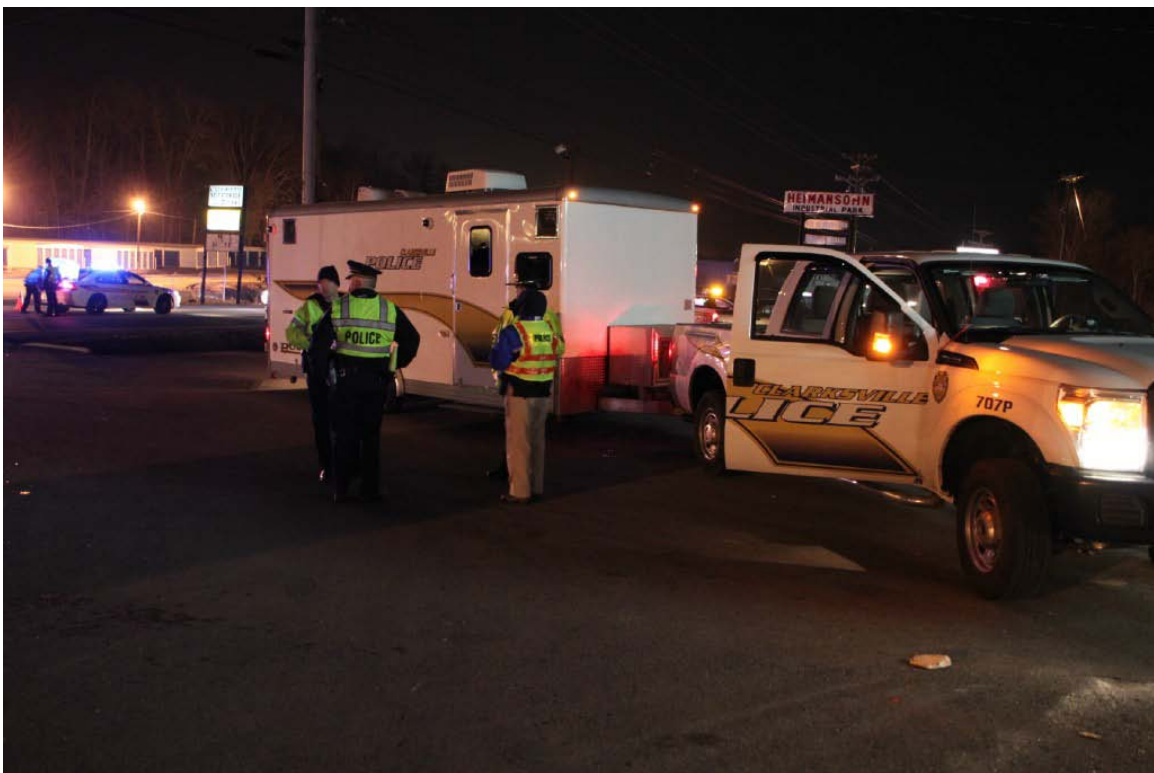


CRASHES AND DRINKING WHILE IMPAIRED

The battle is on to reduce the amount of traffic crashes in the city. Our numbers are up from last year. We've had over 400 more crashes for 2011 compared to 2010. By the end of the year, we'll probably be in the neighborhood of around 4,000 crashes around the city. With Lt Ashby and the Traffic Unit leading the charge, the department has launched an all out assault

to reduce crashes, fight impaired driving, and help fight crime through traffic enforcement. The Governors Highway Safety Office is helping with the fight against impaired driving by partially funding our saturation patrols through a grant. One of the saturation patrols along the 41A corridor to State Line showed impressive results. There was only one minor accident compared to a norm of 10-15.

The following numbers of charges from the last couple of DUI/Saturation patrols will give you an idea how active and serious the department is about reducing crashes and crime: DUIs – 5, Equipment/Light Violations-19, Revoked/Suspended License-15, Improper Passing-7, Improper Turns-13, Insurance-170, Light/Weather-3, Drugs-4, Seat Belt-47, Child restraint-1, Following Too Closely-31, Light Law-93, Other Driver License Violations-46, Speeding-402, Traffic Signals – 69, Tint-20, Failure to Use Reasonable Care-19, Reckless Driving-1, Registration – 90, Failure to Yield-10, Speeding in School Zones-11, Move Over Law-10, Loud Music-2, Texting-2, School Bus-2, Warrants on File-3, Implied Consent-2, Unlawful Carrying of a Deadly Weapon-2, Driving Across Private Property to Avoid Signal-8, Failure to Signal-2, and Open container-1. TOTAL NUMBER OF STOPS-1,016, CITY CHARGES-999, STATE CHARGES-135=TOTAL CHARGES-1,134.





COMSTAT FOR EVERYONE

We are always looking for ways to keep the public informed about crime and the actions the Police Department are taking to combat it. An integral part of our crime fighting strategy is through the use of a weekly COMSTAT meeting. In simplest terms, COMSTAT is using computer statistics to enhance our ability to fight crime. During the weekly meeting, the Chief of Police, Deputy Chiefs, and District Commanders analyze the crime statistics and trends, identify key players, suspects and arrests, evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies to reduce criminal activity, and present methodologies to keep crime in abeyance. We want to make everyone aware that our COMSTAT meetings are open to the public. We encourage attendance so they can learn more about the Police Department and the actions taken to protect our citizens, provide comments, ask questions, make suggestions, and recommendations on ways that we can better serve their needs. COMSTAT meetings are held every Friday, 7 am, in the roll call room, at Police Headquarters, 135 Commerce Street.



SAVING A WHOLE LOT OF TREES

The department successfully transitioned to paperless reports. Officers complete their incident and accident reports on their handy dandy phone, car or desktop computer and the reports are then stored electronically. That equates to a lot of savings in pieces of paper considering we do in the neighborhood of 15,000 reports a year. As with implementation of any new program, there has been a learning curve associated with going paperless. This has been a major transition for the Police Department and the way we do business, but we have arrived and continue to modify the system to improve its efficiency. The changeover could not have been accomplished without a lot of officer input and people like Mike Tanner, Misty Mackens, Kevin Adamson, Scott Kirkman, and all the “Champion Officers” that took the lead in training others.

PUPPIES GRADUATE

Here’s the question, when a K-9 officer goes to school with his furry partner, who is training who? HMMMM! Our K-9 Unit attended an intense six week training course in North Carolina. Our K-9 handlers and their dogs were put through their training paces at the school. They were given the latest, most up-to-date training, and discarded some of their antiquated methods. Since their return from school, it is obvious that it was money well spent. They’ve located anywhere from misdemeanor to felony amount of drugs, tracked down bad guys after they’ve fled from the scene of a crime and searched buildings. The media and public officials had the opportunity to see our K-9 Unit in action at Outlaw Field during one of their training sessions. Capt Craig Gipson, Special Operations Commander, Sgt David O’Dell who oversees the K-9 Unit, K-9 Officers: Joey Scruggs with one of the new K-9s—SOLO, Gabriel Johnson with MAIN, Casey Stanton with ARIS, and Ben Blackmon with the other new K-9—KARMA provided an impressive demonstration and explanation of the K-9 Unit’s capabilities.





DONUTS WITH YOUR BREAKFAST

We want to take a moment to acknowledge the generosity of Mayor McMillan for the breakfast goodies. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. But, we do have to bring out one of the humorous moments which occurred during the breakfast feast. Let's say up front the Mayor made it quite clear that as part of her fitness program, she was closely monitoring the plates of each officer to make sure "fruit" was appearing on each plate. After all, she is the boss, so officers dutifully complied. But, it was mentioned to "The Boss" about serving "Donuts" in a Police Department. It was good for a laugh and there were a lot of leftover boxes of donuts. No officer wants to be the one caught on camera with a donut in hand. It was funny, when the Mayor met the next work shift, there wasn't a donut to be found.



OPERATION DEFIANCE

The Police Department is the recipient of 1.2 million dollar grant spread over a three year period for a targeted crime reduction project. That's a fancy way of saying the State is giving us money to help fight violent and drug-related crime. But, this takes crime fighting beyond putting people in jail. It is a multi-faceted program of pre-enforcement actions, concentrated enforcement action, and an offender intervention effort with the focus on returning a high-crime neighborhood to a safe, healthy place to live, work, worship, travel through, or visit. Based on statistical analysis, the Defiance area was selected because it had the highest concentration of drug and violent crime, accessible by a major highway thoroughfare, a significant number of aging and deteriorating structures, and also the site of a historic landmark.

During pre-enforcement the goal is: 1) Reduce crime by keeping at-risk youth in school, increasing positive social interaction; 2) Reduce adult crime through target group enrollment in adult basic education; 3) Blight reduction through building and codes enforcement. The concentrated enforcement goal is to make the Operation Defiance area a safer place to live by reducing drug-related and violent crimes through a targeted enforcement program based on statistical analysis. The offender intervention effort is to reduce repeat drug and violent crime offenses through: 1) Offender counseling programs, and 2) Workforce

development to enhance an offender's ability to prepare for, locate, and obtain employment. The program relies on multiple partnerships with many agencies which exist outside of the Police Department. The Police Department as a whole will be involved in Operation Defiance, but specific officers: Jack Hemmingsen, Linda Caver, David McLaughlin, and Jeff Derico are assigned to the project.



VOLUNTEERS

We have the good fortune of having a group of people who are willing to give of themselves, their time, and skills to the Police Department. They are our volunteers and are invaluable assets to the Police Department. The skill sets they bring range from gardening to the ministry. Some of our volunteers have been with us for over 10 years. As a small token to show our appreciation, we had a volunteer luncheon which can't even begin to thank them for their service to the department. Thank you to all our volunteers!



YUM-YUM

We may joke about donuts, but we have some serious cooks in the Police Department and they represented us well in the City's Chili Cooking competition. We may not have won the big team prize, but we probably had the coolest names. Well, at least in our opinion. Jan Morrison took a whopping first place for her "Wanted Dead or Alive" cheesecake; Carol Ussery took an impressive second place with her smoking "Killer" chili; Misty Mackens took third place and wowed the crowd with her "Homicidal" wings; and Margaret Perkinson took third and had the crowd drooling with her "Top Secret" cheesecake.

