



DIVISION OF POLICE
Kevin T. Nietert
Chief

March 1, 2017

Dear Mayor Welo and Members of Council:

I am happy to announce that the 2016 South Euclid Police Department Annual Report reflects a 6.5% decrease in crime reported. Shoplifting and other theft related offenses accounted for 53% of the 982 crimes reported. This would not be possible without the efforts of everyone, residents included, on our team.

For the third year in a row, the South Euclid Police Department was awarded the Community Traffic Safety Platinum Award by the American Automobile Association (AAA) for the department's work and initiatives in the area of traffic safety. This is AAA's highest award.

Looking to the future, discussions that started in 2011 regarding regional dispatch will become a reality in 2017 as we have begun the design and build phase. The new center will be located at the MetroHealth Facility on Mayfield Road in Cleveland Heights and will be servicing the cities of Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, South Euclid, and University Heights. If all goes as planned, South Euclid's communications will be operating out of the center in September of 2017.

Herman Goldstein once said, "The strength of a democracy and the quality of life enjoyed by its citizens are determined in large measure by the ability of the police to discharge their duties." The men and women of the South Euclid Police Department understand that what they do on the front lines affects the quality of life of all those in the community. It is an honor to work with such a loyal and dedicated group of professionals.

Sincerely,

Chief Kevin Nietert

Kevin Nietert
Chief of Police
South Euclid Police Department

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NUISANCE ABATEMENT/DANGEROUS DOG

Information Provided by Lisa Gross

The abatement of Criminal Activity Nuisances program was established by ordinance in July of 2004 for residential properties and later amended to include commercial properties. Some examples of nuisances are barking dogs, animals running at large, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, etc.

If the property has two nuisances within a 12 month period, the owner is sent a warning letter. For each subsequent violation, the property owner is charged a fee for the response of the police department, which, as of May 1, 2012 is based upon an escalating defined cost. The owner has the right to appeal within 30 days after receipt of the notice by making a written request for reconsideration to the Chief of Police.

In the spring of 2014, the Nuisance Abatement Program was expanded to include property maintenance violations such as, High Grass and Weeds, Waste Material and Debris, Waste Container Violations, etc., issued by the Building Department. In August of 2017, the exception of Domestic Violence was added to the ordinance. In addition an enhancement was made to the cost of abatement of \$2,000 for violation of possession of discharge of a firearm.

- There were 219 active properties on the abatement list in 2017
- Residences/businesses were billed for a total of \$68,750

Dangerous/Vicious Dog

This ordinance was passed in January 2005 to protect residents from dogs running loose or becoming a danger to any person or animal while off the premises of the owner.

When a complaint is received by the Police Department, a determination is made at the discretion of the Police Chief, based on the facts presented, as to whether the dog shall be deemed as dangerous or vicious. Once a dog is deemed dangerous/vicious a certified letter is sent to the owner which states the owner has 30 days to comply with the stipulations of the ordinance. If the owner fails to comply, they are charged criminally for each violation. An owner has the right to appeal within seven days after receipt of the notice by making a written demand to the Chief of Police for a hearing on the question of whether the dog is dangerous or vicious.

- Since the program's inception, the Chief has deemed 83 dogs to be dangerous/vicious.
- Nineteen of those residents appealed their dogs being deemed dangerous/vicious and 3 were overturned.

PERSONNEL

Information provided by Lisa Gross

Retirements/Resignations

September 22, 2017, Lieutenant Jeff Meyers retired

New Hires/Promotions

January 25, 2017 Lieutenant Joseph Mays was promoted to Assistant Chief

April 10, 2017 Sergeant Robert Abele was promoted to Lieutenant

January 26, 2017 Andrea Galbraith was hired as a Patrol Officer

January 27, 2017 James Patrick was hired as a Patrol Officer

December 28, 2017 George Mrofchak was hired as a Patrol Officer

December 28, 2017 Brandon Garcia was hired as a Patrol Officer

Personnel

In 2017 the South Euclid Police Department was comprised of:

- 37 sworn officers
 - 7 Female Officers (3 African-American)
 - 1 African-American Male Officer
- 5 full-time and 3 part-time dispatchers
- 3 administrative support staff
- 2 special police officers
- 4 auxiliary police officers

RECORDS

Information provided by: Senior Records Clerk Cherie Baldyga

Crime Statistics	2016	2017
Murder	0	
Negligent Homicide	0	
Justifiable Homicide	0	
Kidnapping	0	
Forcible Rape	4	
Forcible Sodomy	1	
Sexual Assault with an Object	0	
Forcible Fondling	2	
Robbery	26	
Aggravated Assault	9	
Simple Assault	58	
Intimidation	62	
Arson	0	
Extortion/ Blackmail	0	
Burglary B&E	60	
Pocket Picking	5	
Purse Snatching	6	
Shoplifting	278	
Theft from Building	31	
Theft from Coin Operated Machine	0	
Theft from Motor Vehicle	71	
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories	0	
Other Larceny	91	
Motor Vehicle Theft	40	
Counterfeit/ Forgery	3	
False Pretenses/ Swindle	5	
Credit Card/ Teller Machine Fraud	3	
Impersonation	10	
Welfare Fraud	0	
Wire Fraud	0	
Embezzlement	0	

RECORDS

Crime Statistics	2016	2017
Stolen Property Offenses	5	
Destruction/ Damage/ Vandalism	67	
Drug/ Narcotic Violations	2	
Drug Equipment Violations	2	
Incest	0	
Statutory Rape	0	
Pornography/ Obscene Material	1	
Betting/ Wagering	0	
Operating/ Promoting/ Assisting Gambling	0	
Gambling Equipment Violations	0	
Sports Tampering	0	
Prostitution	0	
Promoting/ Assisting Prostitution	0	
Bribery	0	
Weapons Law Violations	6	
Bad Checks	1	
Curfew/ Loitering/ Vagrancy Violations	0	
Disorderly Conduct	23	
Drunkenness	1	
Family Offense, Nonviolent	0	
Liquor Law Violations	1	
Peeping Tom	0	
Runaway	20	
Trespass of Real Property	22	
All Other Offenses	63	
TOTAL	982	

RECORDS

CITATIONS	2016	2017
Citation Total	4662	
Parking Total	4188	
Assured Clear Distance	28	
Audio Volume	1	
Child Restraints	36	
Driving Left of Center	0	
Driving on Closed Road	15	
Driving Over Marked Lines	21	
Driving Under Suspension (all types included)	703	
Driving Unsafe Vehicle	5	
Yield To Traffic/ Pedestrian	36	
Expired Plates/Display of Plates	716	
Headlights Required	58	
Hit Skip Accident	21	
Motorcycle Endorsement	5	
Jaywalking	32	
No Valid Operator's License	467	
Red Light	275	
Passing Left of Center	11	
Reckless Operation	9	
Right of Way	41	
Right Turn on Red After Stop	2	
Right Turn on Red Prohibited	118	
Seatbelt (driver and passenger)	580	
Shortcutting	5	
Signals Before Changing Course	23	
Speed	689	
Squeal Tires	0	
Starting and Backing Vehicle	19	
Stop Sign	147	
Stopping for School Bus	2	
Tail Light/Rear Lic. Plate Illum	6	
Temp Permit w/o License Driver	26	
Turn at Intersec/Ctr Turning Lane	29	
Weaving Course	62	
Prohibit Use of Cell Phone	112	
Misc Traffic Offences	361	

RECORDS

NON –TRAFFIC CITATIONS STATISTICS

OFFENSE	2016 CASES	2017 CASES
Non-Traffic Total	381	
Assault	0	
Barking & Howling Dogs	5	
Child Endangering	6	
Compliance with Lawful Fleeing	0	
Compliance with Lawful Order	1	
Contribute to Truant/ Delinq. Juv.	5	
Criminal Damaging	5	
Criminal Trespass	15	
Cruelty to Animals/ Neglect	6	
Discharging Firearms	3	
Disorderly Conduct	16	
Disturbing the Peace	4	
Dog Running Loose	16	
Drug Abuse/Possession	14	
Drug Paraphernalia	20	
Falsification	12	
Loitering	0	
Obstructing Official Business	16	
Open Container	13	
Providing False Information	11	
Public Indecency	1	
Sale Liquor Underage Person	0	
Theft	153	
Resisting Arrest	4	

RECORDS

ALARM STATISTICS

Month	2016	2017
January	127	
February	91	
March	121	
April	101	
May	134	
June	157	
July	149	
August	134	
September	103	
October	103	
November	121	
December	114	
Total Alarms	1455	

KENNEL FEES

Month	2016	2017
January	\$0	
February	\$110	
March	\$40	
April	\$40	
May	\$140	
June	\$110	
July	\$80	
August	\$80	
September	\$90	
October	\$190	
November	\$85	
December	\$0	
Total Alarms	\$965	

RECORDS

Information provided by Cherie Baldyga

MONTH	REPORTS	PHOTOS	SNOW FLOW	TOW	PARKING
JANUARY					
FEBRUARY					
MARCH					
APRIL					
MAY					
JUNE					
JULY					
AUGUST					
SEPTEMBER					
OCTOBER					
NOVEMBER					
DECEMBER					
TOTAL					

FALSE ALARM BILLING

Information provided by Cherie Baldyga

The ordinance was established in 1985 for residential and commercial properties who have multiple police responses for false alarms. The owner of the property is sent a warning letter after two false alarms have occurred within a six month period, then a charge of \$50.00 is assessed for each subsequent false alarm that requires police response.

In 2016 there were XX properties billed a total of \$XXXX

JAIL

Information provided by Sergeant John Camper the following data describe the population and cost of operating the Jail in 2016:

The South Euclid Municipal Jail is a holding facility for arrested adults awaiting court proceedings in the South Euclid Municipal Court, and arrested juveniles awaiting transport to County Detention or release to their parents. The jail is a 12-day facility, capable of housing 9 males and 2 females on any given day. The jail is serviced by the members of the South Euclid Police Department which includes booking, fingerprinting, hygiene, feeding of meals and transport between other facilities.

Since 2015, when the Bedford Hts. Jail ceased operations, an agreement was entered into with the Solon City Jail to temporarily house prisoners that exceeded the capabilities of the South Euclid jail. The overall general operation and costs of the Jail facility are the responsibility of the Jail Administrator.

Average Daily Population (Calculated per month): 4.25 prisoners/day				
Low: 2.18 prisoners/day		High: 5.72 prisoners/day		Total Arrests: 819
Total prisoners: 463				
Male: 310 Female: 153		Total Days Served: 1307		Male: 951 Female: 356
Average stay of prisoners: 2.82 days each		Court Commitments: 19		Male: 13 Female: 6
Days served for Court Commitments: 71 Males: 49 Females: 22				

Average Stay of Court Commitments: 3.73 days				
Cost for persons sentenced by South Euclid Municipal Court Housed at Solon Jail: 0				
Prisoners held for other Departments: 6				
Meals Served: 4660 Total				
Breakfast: 1611 Lunch: 1552 Dinner: 1497				
Total cost of meals: \$23,347.50				

Laundry Costs: \$5046.00 (54 deliveries, 4858 lbs. of laundry)				
Prisoner care (treated and/or transported by South Euclid Fire Department Rescue Squad:				
<i>53 treated 3 transported to hospital</i>				
Cost for pharmacy and miscellaneous medical supplies:				
<i>\$3,031.34 CVS (University Hts, OH Cedar/South Green Rds)</i>				
Other Costs to keep Jail stocked through Various Vendors:				
Charmtex (supplies toiletries, uniforms, bedding): \$925.14				
Bob Barker(supplies toiletries, uniforms, bedding): \$78.68				
Total: \$1003.82				

COMMUNICATIONS

Information provided by Gerri Keller

The Communications Center currently has 5 full-time and 3 part-time dispatchers. The Center is a 24 hour operation that handled 15,063 calls for service for police, and 3,625 calls for fire. In 2015 Cuyahoga County implemented a new 911 system called (Emergency Call Works). There were a total of 6,349 911 calls made into SEPD in 2016. Of those calls 1,036 came from a landline while 3,927 were from wireless callers. There were 1,386 miscellaneous. 911 calls that came into the call center which includes unknown callers, VOIP, calls from businesses and 93 calls that were hang-ups.

Not only are they dispatching for South Euclid Police, Fire, and EMS, they also provide criminal history and drivers licenses checks for the Notre Dame College Police Department and the South Euclid Municipal Court. In addition they:

- Assist residents with walk-in reports
- Provide vehicle release forms for auto's that have been impounded
- Collect fees for parking citations
- Collect fees for animals that have been housed in the kennel

Dispatchers attended several training classes which include:

- Active Shooter (on-line)
- ABC's of Call Taking
- Rewind
- Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way
- Tactical Incident
- Emergency Medical Dispatch Recertification (on-line)

CRIME PREVENTION

Information Provided by Detective Dave Volek

August 2nd, 2016, marked the 9th consecutive year that South Euclid has hosted a National Night Out event which is held simultaneously across the United States in communities large and small. Over 150 residents attended. A warm thank you goes to all the volunteers who made this event possible.

During 2016 The Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center and the St. Margret and Gregory Credit Union contacted Detective Volek for a security review and assessment. Employees were educated in ways for improving awareness and recognizing threats. An evaluation of policy, procedure and both internal and external security and safety measures were made with suggested changes and alternatives presented to both businesses.

The Crime Prevention Unit continues to offer to all the residents and businesses a free property and risk assessment. The Crime prevention unit is also available to discuss and present various safety related topics to groups of any size. Residents and interested parties should contact Det. Volek at 216-691-4254 to schedule an appointment.

Special Thank you to McGruff the Crime Dog for his appearance at National Night Out!



“Crime prevention is everybody’s business.” - McGruff.

TRAINING

Information provided by Assistant Chief Joe Mays

Today, law enforcement officers are asked to fulfill a variety of tasks; preventing crime, confronting offenders, mediating disputes, or dealing with those who suffer from mental illness and addiction. It follows that law enforcement training has to account for the needs and increasing diversity of the communities police officers serve. The South Euclid Police Department strives to provide the most innovative, professional, and effective training possible.

Below are training classes that were taken in 2016:

Autism Training

Advanced Building Clearing for First Responders

Active Shooter Threat Instructor Training Program

Building Mutual Respect and Mutual Trust

CPT Training

PELC

Leadership and Management Skill development Seminar

Traumas of Law Enforcement Training

Mobile Field Force Training (RNC)

Essentials of Writing Search warrants and Affidavits for Social Media and Electronic Crime Cases

Opiate Overdose Death Investigation Seminar

Crisis Communications Seminar

Property Room & Evidence Management Course

Ohio Public Records

Advanced Narcotics Investigator

Crime Scene Photography

Great Lakes Leadership Seminar Session XIX

Youth Police Academy

Information Provided by Patrol Officer Joe DiLillo, Patrol Officer Adam Singerman, and Dispatcher Latrice Evans

The mission of the South Euclid Police Department's Youth Police Academy is to present an interactive program, including role reversal scenarios, designed to foster positive interactions, break down barriers, and educate youth.

In 2016 the SEPD hosted 2 sessions one in June and in August. The sessions included instruction and role playing designed to allow young people to see the challenges police face, and for officers to learn more about the challenges with which young people contend. The academy was open to junior high and high school students. The focus was on various topics; including the use of force; the dangers of social media and distracted driving; the need to wear seat belts; arrest, search and seizure; teens' perceptions of their rights; and evidence processing.



Community Diversion

Information Provided by: Patrolman John Crow

In 2016 there were 16 Juvenile Diversion Participants, and 275 hours of community service.

The Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court developed the Community Diversion Program for juveniles charged with first-time misdemeanor crimes and status offenses in order to avoid formal court action and utilize community resources to address problems brought to the Court's attention. The Community Diversion Program is for juvenile offenders who are willing to accept responsibility for their actions.

The parent or guardian and child are required to consent to this confidential, informal hearing. If formal court action is desired, it may be requested that the matter be presented for hearing before a judge or magistrate of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, in Cleveland, Ohio.

If the parent or guardian and child agree to participate in the Community Diversion Program, an informal record will be retained in a secure file and destroyed after one year, if the child complies with the disposition and further misconduct is not filed against the child. Thus, a formal record of juvenile charges is avoided.

Funding for this program, including compensation for the coordinator and compliance officers, is provided for and monitored by the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.

This program allows child offenders to be accountable for their actions, and empowers them with the ability to charter their path in a positive and mature direction. Oftentimes in a particularly difficult situation, children and parents are asked to return month after month for status hearings, or they may be referred to counseling. In some instances, children are assigned compliance officers who spend time with them, both in their home environment and in school, and also submit progress reports to the magistrates.

The attention given to each child has been a positive tool. It has enhanced self-esteem, reinforced self-respect and discipline, and has reassured many that the "system" is working for them.

TRAFFIC BUREAU

POLICE MOTORCYCLE

The Motorcycle Unit is staffed by four officers, Sgt. Robert Abele, Patrolman Robert Baldyga, Patrolman Ken Patterson and Patrolman Adam Singerman. These officers ride one of two Harley Davidson motorcycles while on shift weather permitting. One of the requirements in order to keep their riding status, is an annual proficiency course that takes place at Bexely Park in May.

The Motorcycle Unit is used for special traffic details that include running radar on side streets and in school zones. The Motorcycle Unit is also used as an escort for the Firefighters Memorial Ride, the Police Officers Memorial ride and funeral escorts.



Motorcycle Officer practicing the proficiency course at Bexley Park.

TRAFFIC BUREAU continued

REPORTABLE ACCIDENT STATISTIC COMPARISON

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
FATAL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	
INJURY	101	113	102	93	103	101	87	95	114	88	
PROPERTY DAMAGE	666	654	635	614	618	538	606	655	616	595	
TOTAL	768	767	737	707	721	639	693	750	732	683	

TRAFFIC BUREAU continued

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
PERSON KILLED IN VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
VEHICLE INJURY ACCIDENTS	97	94	107	94	89	96	96	83	85	82	
PEDESTRAINS KILLED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PEDESTRIANS INJURED	8	5	5	6	3	5	5	3	13	5	
BICYLCISTS KILLED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
BICYCLIST INJURED	4	1	1	2	1	2	0	1	3	1	
MOTORCYCLIST KILLED	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL PERSONS KILLED	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2**	0	
TOTAL INJURY ACCIDENTS	109	101	113	102	94	103	101	87	95	88	

TRAFFIC BUREAU continued

2017

TYPE OF ACCIDENT	FATAL	INJURY	PROPERTY	TOTAL
2 MOTOR VEHICLES IN TRANSPORT				
SELF REPORTED ACCIDENTS				
1 MOTOR VEHICLE IN TRANSPORT AND:				
PEDESTRIAN				
PARKED MV				
PEDACYCLE				
ANIMAL				
FIXED OBJECTS				
OTHER OBJECTS				
OTHER NON-COLLISION				
TOTALS				

TRAFFIC BUREAU continued

TOWED AUTO STATISTICS

The South Euclid Police Department tows vehicles for various reasons which include: Driving Under Suspension, Driving Under the Influence violations, drivers who have warrants, vehicles involved in accidents, certain traffic violations, vehicles involved in criminal activities, vehicles in the roadway that pose a traffic hazard, abandoned autos on public or private property, etc.

If owners do not claim their vehicles, abandoned auto affidavits are completed with the state, which allows the towing company to junk the vehicles.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
AUTOS TOWED AND RELEASEDED	482	568	558	481	400	399	322	288	308	321	
AUTOS TOWED NOT CLAIMED AND JUNKED	44	41	26	38	14	26	17	10	23	41	
TOTAL AUTOS TOWED	526	609	584	519	414	425	339	298	331	362	

TRAFFIC BUREAU continued

Safety Town

In June of 2016, the South Euclid Police Department participated in Safety Town. An officer assists in teaching a total of five different classes to discuss various safety issues such as the use of 911, seat belt and child seats, gun safety, stranger danger, bike safety, and safely crossing the street. The children and their parents were given a pamphlet on the laws pertaining to child restraints. The children were shown a police car and given the opportunity to get in and look around. For years, there were four classes that were taught. In 2016, there was only one class that was taught due to declining enrollment.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

The signal and sign shop personnel from the Service Department receive signs and signal complaints and street complaints throughout the year. The majority of the problems were corrected within 30 minutes after arrival. Sign complaints were caused by various problems ranging from signs being knocked down from wind, vehicles striking them, or replacing them due to graffiti. The signal problems ranged from burned out lamps, malfunctioning controllers, power outages, and electrical shorts, to system replacement due to age. The Service Department responded and placed generators at various intersections when there was a power outage and were able to get the signal to work on generator power within one hour.

Portable Speed Display Sign

In the summer of 2016, the South Euclid Police Department purchased a portable Speed Display sign in addition to the speed trailer that is already in use. This sign is portable and can be placed on any street since it is attached to a utility pole. It can also be used year round, unlike the speed trailer that is placed in storage in the winter months.



Portable Speed sign installed on a utility pole on Elmwood Road for eastbound traffic.

TRAFFIC BUREAU continued

Sobriety Checkpoints

In 2016, the South Euclid Police Department continued its participation in the Cuyahoga County OVI Task Force and received grant money from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, to conduct three sobriety checkpoints in the City. The fiscal year for Ohio runs from October 1, 2015 until September 30, 2016. The checkpoints were conducted on May 27, 2016, July 15, 2016 and August 13, 2016.

We received \$6,103.95 in grant money for the three OVI checkpoints and \$4,476.86 for other enforcement conducted in 2016. The total amount of grant money was \$10,580.81. The City of South Euclid paid for any additional costs to conduct the checkpoints and OVI details.

OVI CHECKPOINT RESULTS

In 2016 federal fiscal year, the South Euclid Police Department conducted three OVI checkpoints. The checkpoints were moved to two different locations during the night. The following are the results of all checkpoints combined.

There are 2 checkpoints scheduled in 2017

	05-22-15 645 S. Green 2150-2328	5-22-15 4522 Mayfield 0010-0200	8-15-2015 4320 Mayfield 2215-0130	9-25-15 655 S. Green 2212-2350	9-26-15 4130 Mayfield 0030-0200	TOTALS
OVI Violations –	0	1	0	0	0	1
OVI Evidence -	0	1	0	0	0	1
OVI Refusal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Driving Under Suspension	0	2	3	2	4	11
Seat Belt Violations –	9	1	0	11	9	30
No Drivers Licenses –	1	2	3	2	0	8
Open container	0	0	0	1	1	2
Other Citations -	1	1	3	1	1	2
<i>TOTAL</i>	11	8	9	17	15	60

TRAFFIC BUREAU continued

SOUTH EUCLID PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU HEARINGS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>APPEARED</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>VOIDED</u>
2013	1,118	17	1.5	127
2014	1,361	37	2.7	97
2015	1,510	42	2.8	106
2016	1,460	32	2.2	103
2017				

MONEY COLLECTED

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PARKING CITATIONS WRITTEN</u>	<u>COLLECTED BY SEPD</u>	<u>COLLECTED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2013	4,132	\$67,573	\$0.00	\$67,573
2014	3,591	\$93,397	\$12,974.29	\$106,371
2015	4,495	\$115,255	\$39,889	\$155,144
2016	4188	\$101,449.79	\$57,656.39	\$159,106.19
2017				
TOTAL	16,406	\$377,674.79	\$110,519.68	\$488,194.19

In 2016, twelve parking violations hearings were scheduled (one per month). Owners with unpaid parking citations were sent letters after 30 days informing them of their scheduled parking hearing.

On occasion, there are parking citations that are voided by the Traffic Commissioner, due to the following; incorrect plate number on the citation, unable to locate owner information for out of state plates, or the owner had permission via dispatch for overnight parking but was cited in error or owner is deceased.

TRAFFIC BUREAU continued

On Saturday, May 21, 2016, the South Euclid Police Department, the Lyndhurst Police Department and the South Euclid/Lyndhurst Schools conducted a bike rodeo at Greenview School. This rodeo was partially funded by a Safe Routes to School Grant. Participants had their bicycles checked out by Eddie's Bike Shop, bike helmets were available at a discounted price, and they also sized the helmets to fit properly on the child's head. The South Euclid Police Department also issued bike licenses.

The rodeo consisted of six stations, each rider was provided with a card after the rider performed the stations/ their card was marked as satisfactorily or needed improvement. Police officers and Auxiliary Officers assisted and instructed the children as they maneuvered the course. All participants were then able to look and touch various City vehicles. These included fire trucks, police cars, police motorcycle and service department vehicles.



Officer helping a rider in the circle



Officer giving instructions on stopping & starting



Officer instructing riders how to cross a roadway



Various City trucks on display

TRAFFIC BUREAU continued

AAA AWARDS

In the fall of 2016, the South Euclid Police Department won the Platinum safety award for public safety programs in our City during the 2015 year. On hand to receive this award were Chief Kevin Nietert and Traffic Commissioner Robert Abele. The Platinum Award, AAA's highest award, is given to "Commendable Leaders" for their traffic safety efforts and enforcement activities geared towards making their community safer. This was the third straight year that the South Euclid Police Department won the award.



Chief Kevin Nietert and
Traffic Commissioner Robert Abele



Traffic Commissioner Robert Abele with
other winning Cities.

Other Awards

Officer Robert Baldyga was recognized for his OVI enforcement efforts Sergeant Bob Abele for his exemplary leadership and service to the OVI task force and Officer Patrick Delehanty was recognized for his seatbelt enforcement efforts.

TRAFFIC BUREAU continued

Auxiliary Police

In 2016, the South Euclid Police Department employed four Auxiliary Officers. The Auxiliary Police Officers assist Police Officers in non-confrontational calls. These officers are unarmed and non-commissioned citizens. They assist officers on such calls as house watches, auto lockouts, waiting on vehicle tows, booking of arrested people, park patrol, and security at City Council meetings, for example.

They also assist picking up prisoners on warrants from other jurisdictions and transporting prisoners up to the South Euclid Municipal Court, helping to free up patrol officers.

In 2017, we are planning to hire two more Auxiliaries.