

2013

City of Fremont
Police Department
Year End Report





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Letter from the Chief

2013 was a very significant year for the Fremont Police Department.

Three Officers, Captain Ken Buchele, Senior Patrol Officer Pete Griffin, and Senior Patrol Officer Bob Halbisen, all retired this year. Congratulations to all three for their service to our city and best wishes for their future. Three other officers also left the department, but did not retire from the department. This means that we have a have a lot of new officers on the department. Each new officer goes through an approximate three month field training period with an officer who has been trained to train new officers.

In 1995 a study was done of the department. One conclusion from that study was that there were too many supervisors for the amount of patrol officers we had. A separate study by Michigan State University published in 2012 and funded by the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), US department of Justice, was used to assist in restructuring the police department. Our department continues to have three shifts each day. The shift used to be led by a Captain. Through attrition we no longer have as many captains and the shifts now have a Sergeant in charge of them. The three Sergeants (Ty Conger, Anthony Emrich, and Scott Rosenberger) now have a lot more responsibility. I am proud to say all three have stepped up and taken charge of the shifts as well as leading other programs in the department. The restructuring has added to the responsibilities of the Senior Patrolman on each shift that are now second in command on the shift and in charge on the Sergeant's day off. I appreciate the Senior Patrol Officers and their added work and responsibility.

After reaching an agreement with Fremont City Schools, we now have had a School Resource Officer (SRO), Patrol Officer Belinda Rosenberger who has been at the schools since the fall. Officer Rosenberger has adapted quickly to her new responsibilities and is well received by the faculty, administrators, and students at the schools.

This year we applied for and received a federal grant to pay for one half of the cost of a new officer's bullet resistant vest and the same amount for replacement vests for our officers. The department also

applied through the State of Ohio for a federal grant to replace cruiser computers and the recording device which records 911 and other calls made to the police department and the police radio. This grant would further our ability to function as a department, as well as a backup dispatching center for both the County Sheriff and Clyde Police Department.

The department acquired Generation 4 Glock brand Handguns this year for very little investment and for less than it would have cost to maintain our old weapons for the year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every employee at the department for their dedication to their work. I believe the Fremont Police Department gives our citizens exceptional service in addressing their needs, from a major tragedy to helping in a neighbor dispute. Our department is working alongside of other city departments to make this city an even better place to live. I am proud to be a member of the department.

Chief Timothy K. Wiersma

Records Bureau

The following statistics are taken from the Police Department's computer system that is compiled in the Police Information and Planning System software records management system. The following totals are for "Summary" classifications that encompass a number of similar type crimes; they also include attempted as well as actual offenses. Caution should be used when considering these numbers since the attempts are included.

The total statistics of all offenses and incidents investigated and handled by the Fremont Police Department in 2013 cover several pages of very small type. These statistics are available at the police department. For purposes of this report, only the *Summary* Totals were included for the Criminal Offenses section.

Criminal Offenses

Offense Summary Section	Actual Offenses, 2011	Actual Offenses, 2012	Actual Offenses, 2013
Homicide Total	0	2	2
Criminal Sexual Assault	21	28	9
Robbery	11	15	14
Aggravated Assault	25	17	15
Assault (Does not include Domestic Violence)	158	148	124
Burglary	153	191	174
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Theft	830	931	899
Motor Vehicle Theft	25	25	30
Arson	10	1	3
Deception/Fraud	102	102	93
Forgery	10	22	25
Criminal Damaging/Vandalism	429	436	359
Sexual Offenses (not assaults)	14	27	14
Domestic Viol./Domestic Menac. /Domestic Trouble Inv.	118	137	478
Controlled Substances (Narcotics)	212	228	190
Disorderly Conduct	175	266	196
Abduction	12	8	9

General Complaints Received

	2011	2012	2013
Domestic Trouble (Includes Domestic Violence) *	318	182	170
Runaway/Missing children **	32	38	28
Drunks/Drunk Drivers **	167	125	104
Bomb Threat/Making False Alarm *	2	0	1
Unwanted Persons **	252	265	267

General Complaints Received Cont'd	2011	2012	2013
Extortion *	0	0	0
Criminal Trespass*	46	10	14
Service to Other Agencies *	704	719	625
Bank Escorts *	75	118	88
Lock outs - residential *	2	0	4
Lock outs - vehicles *	1202	1139	1122
Open Windows/Doors - business *	70	70	31
Junk complaints *	20	31	2
Missing Adults **	12	9	14
Suspicious Persons Checked **	400	372	413
Alarms **	682	600	641
Lost/Found Items **	422	443	447

* Actual Incidents

** Reported Incidents

Total Calls for Service			
2010	2011	2012	2013
12485	13252	12942	11994

Criminal Arrests, Specific Charges

The following statistics report the actual number of criminal complaints filed on persons, not the actual number of persons arrested. One person may have been charged with multiple offenses. Therefore, the actual number of persons arrested is less than the total number of charges filed in a year.

Charge	2011	2012	2013
Aggravated Murder	0	0	0
Murder	0	1	1
Attempted Murder	0	0	1
			1
Attempted Murder, Conspiracy	0	0	0
Voluntary Manslaughter	0	0	0
Involuntary Manslaughter	0	0	0
Vehicular Homicide	0	0	0
Sexual Assaults	24	39	6
Robbery	14	6	5
Aggravated Assaults	46	12	11
Misdemeanor Assaults	35	52	31
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	21	34	59
Theft - Shoplifting	83	127	115
Theft - Other	47	58	44
Auto Theft (> 48 hr.)	16	7	1
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle (< 48 hr.)	6	4	6
Arson	6	0	1
Forgery	8	15	3

Criminal Arrests, Specific Charges, Cont'd	2011	2012	2013
Criminal Damaging/Vandalism	46	46	42
Carrying Concealed Weapons	9	10	8
Domestic Violence	110	129	94
Domestic Menacing			24
Drug Trafficking	20	9	10
Drug Abuse	107	129	98
Other Lesser Drug Offenses	82	83	66
Underage Possession of Alcohol	57	57	16
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs	64	75	68
Receiving Stolen Property	14	30	21
Disorderly Conduct	126	181	156
Abduction	12	4	7
Criminal Trespass	41	35	39
Obstructing Official Business	88	78	57
Obstructing Justice	2	3	2
Resisting Arrest	32	36	37
Bench Warrants Served	288	404	279

Traffic Arrests, Specific Offenses

Violation	2011	2012	2013
Loud Car Stereo	52	56	11
Red Light Violation	291	164	110
Speeding	1208	978	412
Left of Center Line	17	16	18
Changing Lanes without Caution	25	13	21
Improper Backing	43	64	43
Stop Sign violations	98	56	66
Failure to Control	78	68	67
Failure to Stop for School Bus	4	2	1
No Assured Clear Distance Ahead	97	106	115
Reckless Operation	6	8	11
No Operator's License	61	54	41
License Suspended - Financial Responsibility Act	116	110	113
License Suspended - Other	245	186	139
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	18	15	22
No Child Restraint/Seat Belt	251	247	119
Expired License Plates	103	83	47

The above sections on arrests do not list all the violations for which persons were arrested or all the persons arrested in 2013.

Records Clerk Mary Jean Carmack
 Captain James White

Detective Bureau

2013 was again a successful, but challenging year for the Detective Bureau. The majority of the year the Detective Bureau was manned with two Detectives, Sergeant Bliss and Det. Kiddey. Unfortunately due to injuries and family issues, both were away from the Department for significant amounts of time. Det. Oddo was assigned to a road patrol assignment, yet when manpower allowed, he was assigned to the Detective Bureau on a limited basis.

Det. Kiddey continued his success as an investigator. Det. Kiddey took the lead in several investigations that led to search warrants, arrests and the seizure of property. Det. Kiddey's growth and commitment to this Department is a major reason for the Detective Bureau's and the Police Department's success in 2013.

Det. Oddo continued to work on the Department's computer needs and maintenance. These responsibilities took up the majority of his time. He continued scheduling and coordinating lockdown drills and taught D.A.R.E. for our local schools. Det. Oddo did handle cases, but not on a regular basis due to other responsibilities at the Department. We look forward to Det. Oddo's return in 2014.

Sgt. Bliss continued to work on all types of investigations. These investigations led to search warrants, arrests, and the seizure of property.

Captain Woolf was assigned to the Detective Unit in November of 2013. Capt. Woolf will be responsible for the administrative duties of the Detective Bureau. Capt. Woolf is also handling investigations and will assist the other Detectives with their investigations.

CASE FILES:

(Investigations)

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of Files open	123	138	128	121
Number of Files Cleared	87	116	112	93
Number of cases still active	36	21	16	28

Cases cleared are those generally brought to a conclusion by arresting or charging a person with a criminal offense. Beginning in 2003, this statistic also included closed cases. Closed cases are those, which a crime did occur, but for a variety of reasons, charges are not filed. Cases listed as active are those that are still actively being pursued and investigated with a possibility of being cleared. Active cases also include cases that are waiting to be presented to Grand Jury.

Note: Numerous active cases reflected in the 2013 Investigations have been completed and will be presented before the Sandusky County Grand Jury in 2014.

Charges filed by the Detective Bureau

	2010	2011	2012	2013
	288	246	129	144

The charges filed statistic is used instead of actual custodial arrests for Detectives for the following reasons; in many cases, the Detective investigates the complaint after the fact and then files charges. The Defendant is often then served or physically arrested by another Officer or Department. In these cases, tracking success through persons arrested is less accurate.

Highlights:

In 2013 the Detective Bureau investigated cases ranging from unusual deaths, felonious assaults, missing persons, drug offenses, sex offenses and everything in between.

Education continues to be an important part of Law Enforcement and all Officers assigned to the Detective Division continued to attend classes, schools or other training to keep up with the ever-changing world.

The Fremont Police Department continued to have a great working relationship with numerous other agencies including the FBI, DEA, BCI, the Sandusky County Sheriff's Office, the Ottawa County Drug Task Force, the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Toledo Police Department, the Perrysburg Police Department and the United States Marshal's Office to name a few.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Dean A. Bliss #653

Fremont Police Reserve Unit

The Fremont Police Department has a long history of having a reserve program. Our reserve officers hold an unpaid position with the City of Fremont. All of our reserve officers have other employment and we are very grateful for the time and service they provide us. Some of the reserve officers use the program as a stepping stone to gain experience to make finding a full time position easier. Other reserve officers use the position as a hobby which gives them the opportunity to help and serve the public. All of our reserve officers have graduated from the State Basic Peace Officer Training Academy and are certified peace officers with the State of Ohio. Reserve Officers are required to attend the same departmental trainings and qualifications the full time officers do. Reserve officers provide the full time officer they are riding with back up and are given other responsibilities the full time officer may feel they can handle during a call. Reserve officers provide the city with traffic control during the many parades and races held throughout the year.

Our reserve program had two officers for the year 2013 which were William Lagrou and Dennis VanWey. The requirements for our reserve program are a 16 hour a month commitment to the department, being at least 21 years of age and holding a valid state driver's license. Reserve Officer Lagrou has once again given the most time to the city in a one month period and for the year. Due to Officer Lagrou's dedication and time he has been allowed to work with the detective division when they are in need of someone extra for search warrants and other investigations. Officer VanWey has many instructor certifications and is able to help with specific trainings, such as firearms and ASP, if needed.

We are always looking for qualified candidates and are accepting application to expand our reserve program.

Sergeant Scott Rosenberger

Telecommunications / Dispatch

The Fremont Police Department has one (1) dispatcher working per shift and employs a total of 4 dispatchers. Some tasks of the Dispatcher include answering four (4) non-emergency phone lines, two (2) 9-1-1 lines and two (2) fire lines; dispatching emergency and non-emergency persons and equipment to calls involving Police and Fire and entering a complaint into the in-house computer system to be completed by the officer assigned to the call.

The Police Dispatcher also monitors and has the capability of transmitting on ten (10) different radio frequencies. Fremont Police Dispatchers are responsible for pager testing two (2) times a year. Twenty (20) pagers can be set off by the Dispatcher for various Fire Departments, EMS, and Sandusky County Hazmat. Fremont Police Dispatchers are responsible for the monthly siren tests four (4) times a year and any time a Tornado Warning is issued for our area. Sixteen (16) departmental surveillance cameras are monitored by the Dispatcher, as well as twelve (12) burglar alarms and five (5) fire alarms. Dispatchers are sworn Deputy Clerks of Court and can accept bail bonds on behalf of the Fremont Municipal Court when Court is not open.

Dispatchers provide important information to the Officer on the street by accessing NORIS (Northwest Ohio Regional Information System). The Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computer systems are still accessed through the NORIS system. Through NORIS, LEADS and NCIC, the Dispatcher can advise Officers of potentially dangerous persons, wanted persons, stolen vehicles, concealed carry permit holders, driver's license information, vehicle information. Dispatchers are responsible for entering warrants, missing persons, stolen vehicles, stolen guns and several other things into NORIS, LEADS and NCIC.

Part of the duties of the Dispatcher is to prioritize calls received either by phone or person in the lobby and then dispatch the officer or officers to where the incident is happening. The dispatcher is responsible for obtaining as much information as possible from the complainant to advise the responding Officer what the situation is before arriving.

11,994 complaints were entered into in-house computer by Dispatchers in 2013.

Special Weapons And Tactics, SWAT

TEAM MEMBERS

The current team consists of 9 operators of various ranks. Several of them have been assigned to the unit for several years. Each operator has specialized training and have different responsibilities during a critical incident. This is a voluntary position. Each operator is willing to put their lives on the line to restore order. It should be noted we added Pete Bush to the team in June.

Captain T.J. Woolf
Sergeant Anthony Emrich
Sergeant Ty Conger
Officer Kevin Armbruster
Officer Lester Daniels
Officer Jacob Scully
Officer Derek Wensinger
Officer Brian Kingsborough
Officer Pete Bush

TRAINING

January 22, 2013 we had 8 hours of training involving physical fitness, scouting reports, equipment checks, and call out procedures.

March 06, 2013 we had 8 hours of training involving physical fitness, weapons training, M4 qualifications, and Distraction Device certification.

April 24, 2013 we had 8 hours of training involving handgun training. We scouted out a potential drug house, and later arrested a subject on a weapons offense.

May 28, 2013 we had 8 hours of training involving physical fitness, we had a mock call out drill, we checked our gear, and completed M4 weapons training.

It is our goal to have 8 hours of training every 5 weeks as long as the Officer's absence from their shift does not create any overtime. In 2011 we totaled 64 hours of team training. In 2012 we totaled 56 hours of team training. This year we totaled 32 hours of team training.

EQUIPMENT

We have no new equipment to account for in 2013

CRITICAL INCIDENTS

Fremont S.W.A.T is called upon when a situation has the ability to turn into a critical incident. This applies to other agencies under our mutual aid agreement. I am happy to announce we were only needed for 1 event this year.

July 20, 2013 we responded to 1415 White Avenue for a report of a homicidal/suicidal male who had barricaded himself inside of his residence. We were able to negotiate him to exit and surrender without incident. Sandusky County Deputies assisted in this incident. Weapons were located and the subject was arrested.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sergeant Anthony S. Emrich

TASER X26 USE OF FORCE



DATE	OFFICER	PROBE	DRIVE-STUN	ARC DISPLAY
03-10-2013	654		1	
05-10-2013	670	1		
05-10-2013	670	1		
06-04-2013	672	1		
06-18-2013	674	1		
09-11-2013	670	1		
10-05-2013	627	1		
11-29-2013	662	1		
12-20-2013	670	1		
TOTAL		810		

Respectfully Submitted,
Sergeant Ty J. Conger #662

2013 BAC DATAMASTER REPORT

Number of Times the Datamaster was used	205
Fremont Police Department OVI Arrests	61
Other Law Enforcement Agency OVI arrest	95
Calibration Tests	49

The Datamaster was in service the entire year of 2013 without any problems pertaining to maintenance or repair.

2013 INTOXILYZER 8000 REPORT

Number of times the Intoxilyzer was used	0
Fremont Police OVI Arrests	1
Other Law Enforcement Agency OVI arrest	0

The Intoxilyzer 8000 was supplied by the state and was supposed to replace the Datamaster. There are legal complications as it is a new machine and we will continue to use the Datamaster until the matter is resolved in the court system.

Out of Town Training

Officer	School	Location	Dates
Jacob Scully	Active shooter	London, Ohio	Jan. 17
Dean Bliss	Multi-Fatality	Richfield, Ohio	Feb. 6
Jason Kiddey	Multi-Fatality	Richfield, Ohio	Feb. 6
Mary Jean Carmack	Public records	London, Ohio	Feb. 13
Kaylee Warner	Public Records	London, Ohio	Feb. 13
Oddo	Property &Evd.	London, Ohio	Feb. 24-26
Tim Wiersma	Critical Incident	Perrysburg, Oh	March 25
James White	Understanding Threat	Perrysburg, Oh	April 17
Dean Bliss	Understanding Threat	Perrysburg, Oh	April 17
Jason Kiddey	Understanding Threat	Perrysburg, Oh	April 17
Dean Bliss	Fake Products	Sandusky, Oh	May 10
Jason Kiddey	Fake Products	Sandusky, Oh	May 10
Ty Conger	Taser recert.	Genoa, Oh	June 3-4
Tim Wiersma	FBINA Retrainer	Pickerington, Oh	June 5
James White	FBINA Retrainer	Pickerington, Oh	June 5
Meredith Dray	Evd. Certified	Fremont, Oh	June 26
Jason Kiddey	Forensic Death	London, Oh	July 29-Aug. 2
Tim Wiersma	Confronting Super	Fremont, Oh	Aug. 8
Derek Wensinger	FTO Program	London, Oh	Aug. 12-15
Pete Bush	Armorers school	Delaware, Oh	Oct. 3
Anthony Emrich	Armorers School	Delaware, Oh	Oct. 3
Jason Kiddey	Armorers School	Delaware, Oh	Oct. 3
Belinda Rosenberger	SRO school	Richfield, Oh	Oct. 21-25
Jason Kiddey	Shotgun cert.	London, Oh	Oct. 21-24
Jason Kiddey	Shotgun Armorer	London, Oh	Dec. 5-6

Tim Woolf	Identify Fraud Doc	Walbridge, Oh	Dec. 11
Dean Bliss	Identify Fraud Docs	Walbridge, Oh	Dec. 11
Christina Johnson	CIT training	Fremont, Oh	Dec. 12
Katy Hasselbach	CIT training	Fremont, Oh	Dec. 12
Mary Jean Carmack	CIT Training	Fremont, Oh	Dec. 12
Belinda Rosenberger	ALICE training	Oregon, Oh	Dec. 19-20

Training for the police department consists of yearly, ongoing training and certificates, as well training in specialized areas. Yearly training also consists of Public Agency Council and Ohio Attorney General legal updates. All Officers have received and successfully completed the following training annual training for 2013;

Handgun and shotgun proficiency,

Taser certifications,

ASP certification,

OC spray training,

CPR/AED certifications,

The schools where multiple officers attended certain school were free. We took an advantage of this free training and allowed as many officers possible to attend. Some of the schools are mandatory due to the officers being in charge of certain areas and being responsible to train others. For an example; Firearms and Taser. However, most schools officers attend are to better themselves and to use this knowledge to better serve the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Capt. James A. White

Cruiser Inventory

Year	Make / Model	City#	Serial number	License #
2012	Chevy Impala	610	2G1WD5E32C1160839	AED3946
2004	Ford Explorer	662	1FMZU72K84UB24708	
2010	Ford Explorer	642	1FMEU7DE4AUA81163	
2003	Ford Explorer	643	1FMZU72KX3UB45803	
2012	Chevy Impala		2G1WD5E35C1160908	
2012	Chevy Impala	673	2G1WD5E32C1162003	
2012	Chevy Equinox	665	2GNFLCEK5C6213834	EXU3822
2012	Chevy Impala	627	2G1WD5E39C1159437	
2012	Chevy Impala	677	2G1WD5E31C1161506	
2012	Chevy Impala	653	2G1WD5E38C1160417	
2012	Chevy Impala	631	2G1WD5E3XC1162010	
2005	Ford Taurus	630	1FAFP532X5A174407	AEG3930
2012	Chevy Impala	647	2G1WD5E30C1162243	
2012	Chevy Impala	648	2G1WD5E37C1161493	
2012	Chevy Impala	651	2G1WD5E34C1159622	
2012	Chevy Impala	654	2G1WD5E36C1159802	
2012	Chevy Impala	656	2G1WD5E35C1161167	
2012	Chevy Impala	658	2G1WD5E35C1161735	
2012	Chevy Impala	676	2G1WD5E39C11605X6	
2012	Chevy Impala	663	2G1WD5E32C1160574	
2012	Chevy Impala	664	2G1WD5E39C1161804	
2012	Chevy Impala	675	2G1WD5E3XC1160922	
2012	Chevy Impala	669	2G1WD5E3XC1161763	
2012	Chevy Impala	670	2G1WD5E3601159749	
2012	Chevy Impala	671	2G1WD5E31C1161408	
2012	Chevy Impala	672	2G1WD5E33C1161569	
2008	Ford Van	T-1	1FTSE34L87DB41594	Php7689
1996	Jeep Cherokee	916	1J4G258S9TC218166	CV23UE
2006	Ford Crown Vic	659	2FAHP71W66X120511	SRO
2002	Ford Escape	644	1FMYU02122KA15857	AEG3889

The 2012 Chevy Impala's that replaced our old depleted Ford fleet continues to be a success story. Our long term goal was to save the city money on repairs, maintenance, and gas usage. According to past fuel records, we would use approximately 3200 gallons of fuel every six weeks. In 2012, the fuel consumption was considerably less by 750-1000 gallons during the same refueling dates. This continues to be a savings for the city of \$3,000--\$4,000. Again this year the City of Fremont didn't have to pay for any repairs and maintenance on the new cruisers because we are in the final year of our vehicle warranty. The Impala's came with a full size spare and we have been able to use these to replace tires as needed without purchasing new. The city can plan for the future and put monies off to the side each year and will be prepared in 8-9 years for replacing this current fleet. Our request is to purchase two 2014 Ford Explorer's which we would be using the same plan as with the 2012 cruisers. Two of current SUV's used by command for patrol and during snow emergencies by the shift are 10-11 years old, need immediate repairs, one had more than 120 thousand miles and the other just under 100 thousand miles. A third SUV used by the evidence technician and Administrative Captain (and by patrol for snow emergencies) has 174 thousand miles. Replacing these vehicles would mean we would have a warranty to cover the next three-five years for any vehicle maintenance and this continues to cut down on city vehicle expenses in the long run.

Respectfully submitted,

Capt. James A. White