

CUYAHOGA
FALLS
POLICE
DEPARTMENT

Annual Report 2025



MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE CUYAHOGA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC. TO INSTILL A SENSE OF SECURITY AND CONFIDENCE IN THE PUBLIC WE SERVE. TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL, AS WELL AS THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE. TO BE FAIR AND JUST IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW, TO NOT JUST SERVE THE COMMUNITY, BUT BE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY. THESE ACTS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED WHILE MAINTAINING A PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDE AND BY TREATING ALL STAKEHOLDERS OF THE COMMUNITY WITH THE RESPECT AND DIGNITY THEY DESERVE.



In 1922, Cuyahoga Falls transitioned from being led by a Town Marshall to a full fledged police department with a Chief. The first Chief of Police was Russel Duffy. Since 1922, Cuyahoga Falls Police Department has continued to evolve and grow as the needs of the community have changed. Currently, Chief Norfolk serves as the 12th Chief of Police for the department.

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NOTE FROM THE MAYOR



We are incredibly fortunate to be protected and served by such an exceptional group of professional men and women within our Cuyahoga Falls Police Department. Their unwavering commitment to public safety, coupled with the integrity and compassion they bring to every call, truly sets the standard for excellence in law enforcement. On behalf of the entire Cuyahoga Falls community, I want to express my deepest gratitude to these dedicated officers who work tirelessly around the clock to keep our neighborhoods safe and our city a wonderful place to call home.

Respectfully,

Mayor Don Walters

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF



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April 21st, 2026

To the citizens of Cuyahoga Falls,

I am pleased to present the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department's 2025 annual report. The annual report provides a snapshot of our accomplishments in 2025, as we position ourselves to continue serving our community in 2026 and beyond.

This report illustrates our continued efforts to proactively engage with our community while delivering the highest level of police service to all we serve. Our department continues to implement technological innovations in police operations while maintaining time-proven strategies and techniques for successful operations and investigations. In 2025, we launched new community outreach initiatives designed to foster trust, transparency, and collaboration between officers and residents. We also expanded our training programs to address emerging public safety challenges and ensure our personnel are prepared for the evolving law enforcement landscape. The department's commitment to continuous improvement is reflected in our updated protocols and ongoing evaluation of best practices, which ensure we remain responsive and accountable to the community's needs.

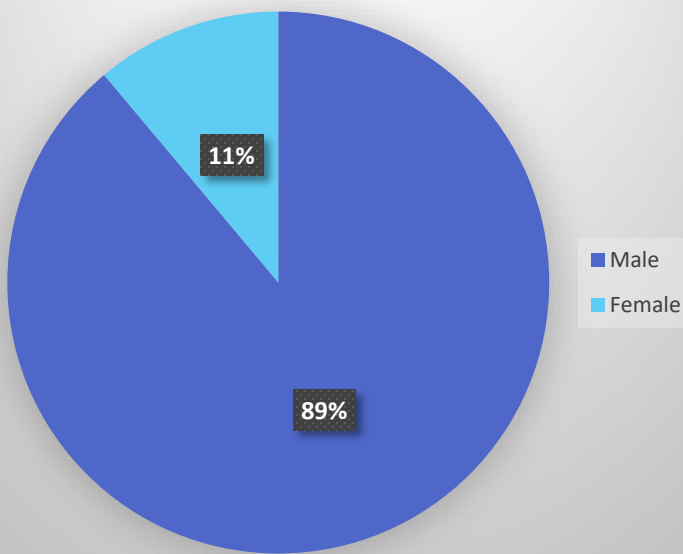
While our city has continued to grow steadily, with new businesses and housing developments, the police service has provided timely and effective responses through well-trained, well-equipped officers. One noteworthy point is the addition of four officers and one sergeant to our ranks, forming a Special Operations team that can effectively address the community's ongoing needs as they arise.

We have continued to partner with both public and private community stakeholders to enhance safety and support one another's efforts as we move forward together.

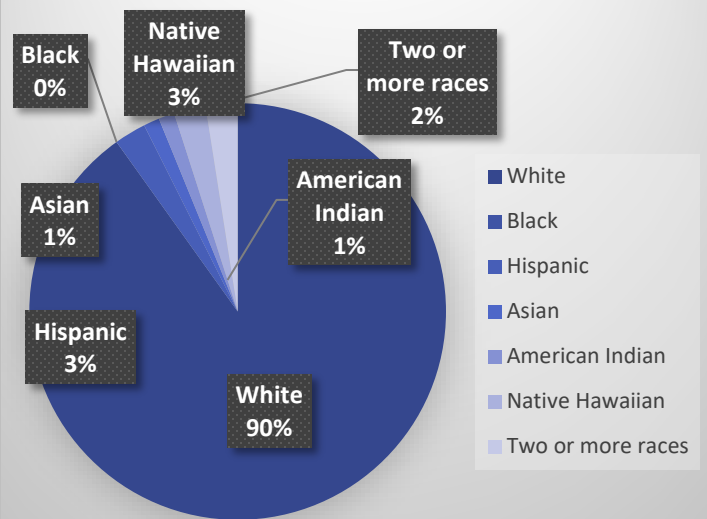
The continued support of our Administration and City Council is deeply appreciated by all members of the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department.

OFFICER STATS

Officers by Gender

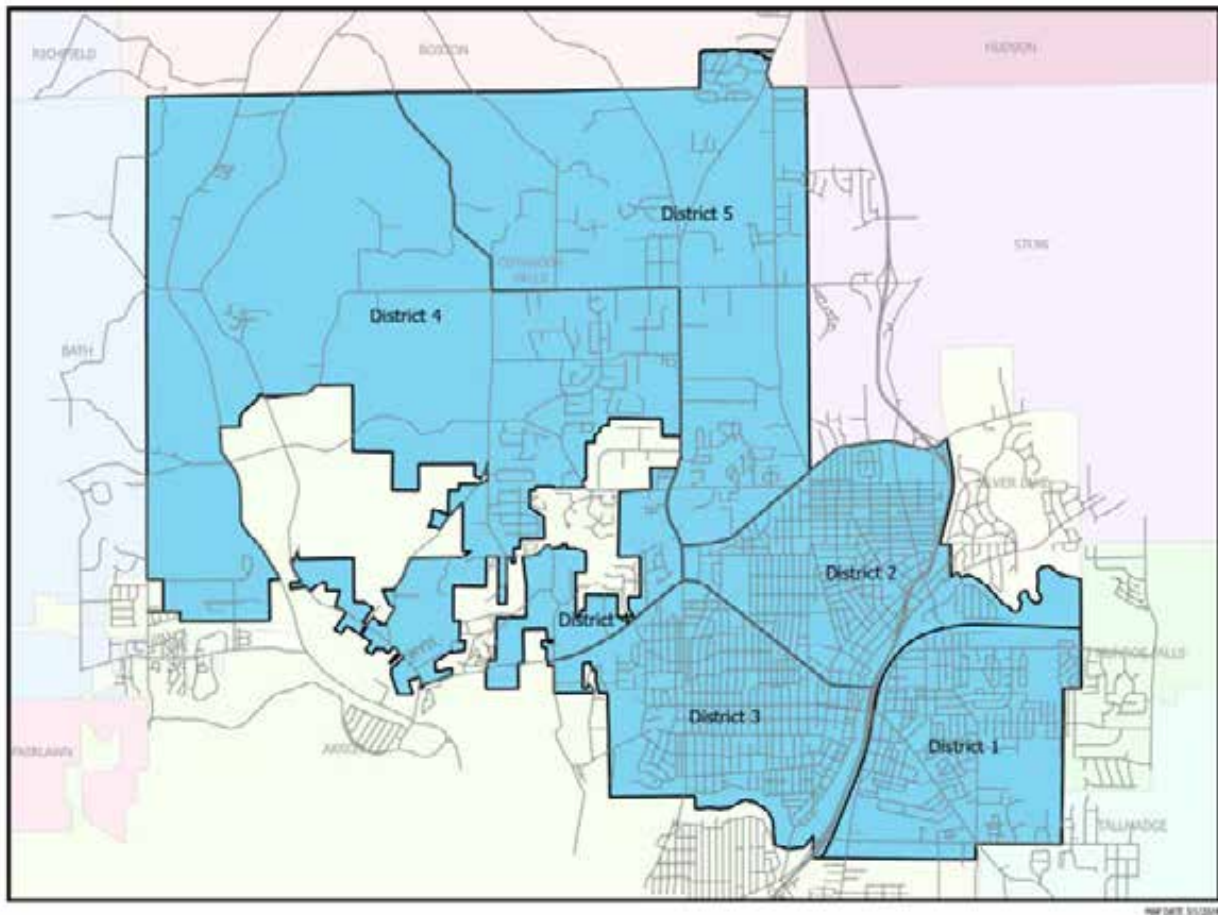


Officers by Race



DISTRICT MAP

The City of Cuyahoga Falls is broken up into five divisions (districts). This allows officers to focus their patrol efforts and respond promptly to calls for service.



LIST OF STAFF

SWORN PERSONNEL-SUPERVISORS

Chief Chris Norfolk

Captain Gary Merton

Captain Chad Lengel

Lieutenant Dan Quior

Lieutenant Chris Davies

Lieutenant Dawn McIlvain

Lieutenant Brett Dirker

Sergeant Eric Roach

Sergeant Dominic Perella

Sergeant Brian Anders

Sergeant Brandon Good

Sergeant David Holzapfel

Sergeant Joe Braskie

Sergeant Robert Schmidt

Sergeant Ryan Alestock

Sergeant Brad Dobney

Sergeant Kevin Swab

Sergeant Nicholas Kirven

Sergeant Keith Maltby



SWORN PERSONNEL- POLICE OFFICERS

Anthony Avalos

Brett Barbe

Matthew Beale

Skye Bissell

Joseph Bitong

Christian Bullock

Trevon Burgins

Tyler Butler

John Campbell

Billy Carper

Jeremiah Carr

Perry Chronister

Samuel Condon

Logan Davis

Maryssa Davis

Ted Davis
Samuel Demars
Ed Dennis
Patrick Edmonds
Austin Elkins
Naithan Elkins
Titus Fredd
Keri Gamble
Karla Garinger
Laura Glascoe
Taylor Grove
Jarett Heatwall
Christopher Hernandez
Cody Hudak
Cody Johnson
Kyle Johnson
Gregory Koch
Hailey Kreuzer
Jacob Kull
Bryce Lapierre
Brandon Lehnert
James Leonti
Kevin Lohse
Timothy McAleese
Matthew Miller
Joel Moledor
Lou Motta
Cory Myers
Dylan Paratore
Alan Pipes
Ramesh Rai
Brett Reynolds
Stacey Shedenhelm
Sean Sheets
Mickey Snyder
Charles Toussaint
Christopher Walla
Gregory Williams
Daniel Zacharias
Kaitlyn Zerbe



ADMINISTRATIVE ASST TO CHIEF

Kim O’Laughlin

YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

Amber Anderson

RECORDS SUPPORT STAFF

Ruth Anderson

Jenny Boyce

Michelle Krobetzsky

Roianne Liska

Judi Peterhansen

Sharon Ray

Mariah Simpson

RESERVE OFFICERS

Adrianna Ayers

Ashley Booth

Tim Coons

Olivia Hahn

Peter Konig

Richard Kramer

Adam Powell

Austin Sams

Cody Vance

David Warren

Ron Woods

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Olivia Hanh

Matthew Pugh

Scott VanHouten



NEW OFFICERS

Cuyahoga Falls Police Department hired eight police officers in 2025.

Skye Bissell

Tyler Butler

Kyle Johnson

James Leonti

Matthew Miller

Lou Motta

Blake Seifert

Christopher Walla



PROMOTIONS

This year, the department celebrated five promotions!

July 14, 2025

Sergeant Kevin Swab



December 15, 2025

Captain Dawn McIlvain

Lieutenant Eric Roach

Sergeant Nicholas Kirven

Sergeant Keith Maltby



RETIREMENTS

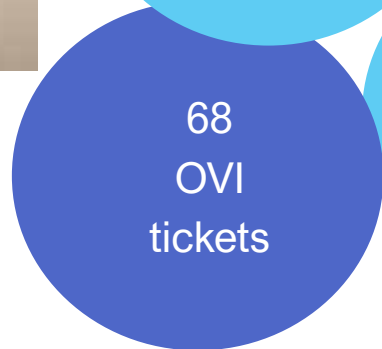
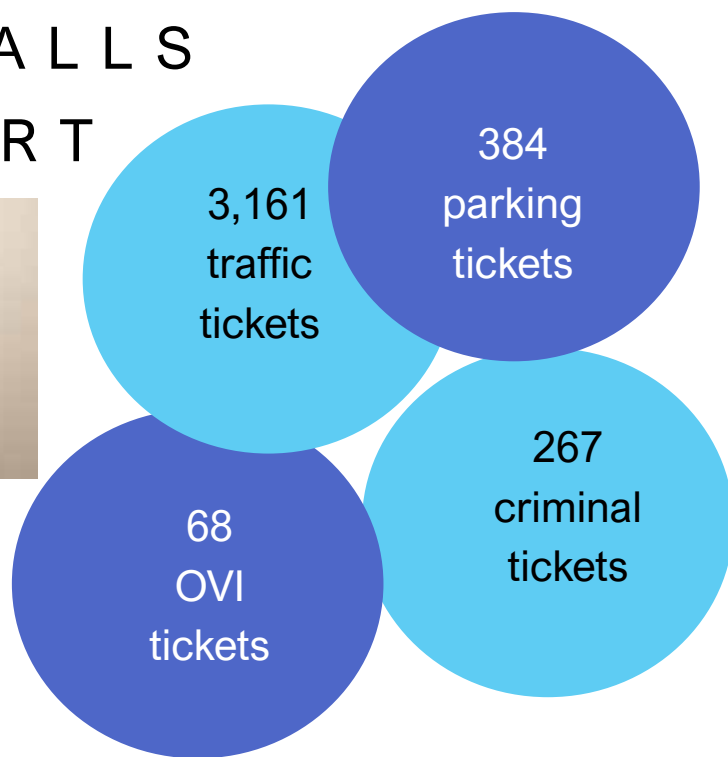


Officer Gary Tahsler retired
on January 1, 2025.

Officer Don Patterson retired
on May 2, 2025.

Captain Gary Merton retired
on December 1, 2025.

CUYAHOGA FALLS MAYORS COURT

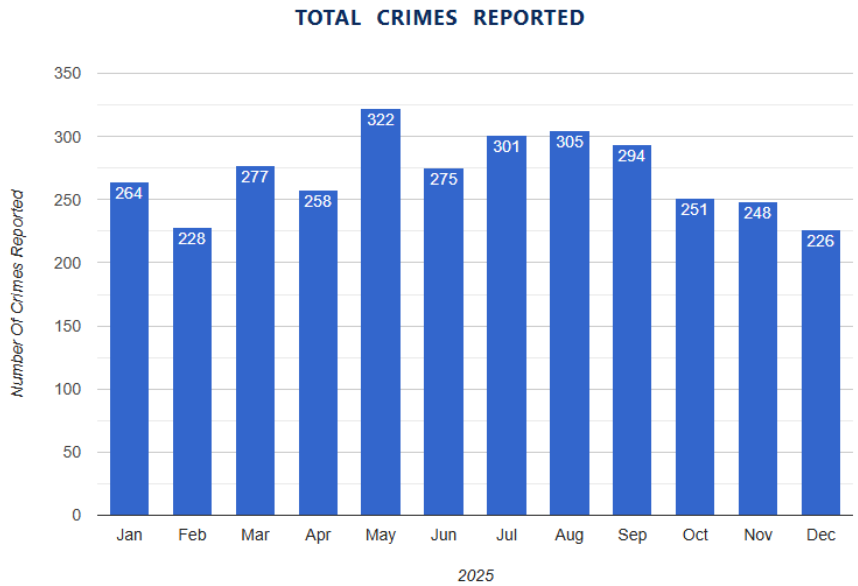


STOW MUNICIPAL COURT



CFPD CRIME STATS

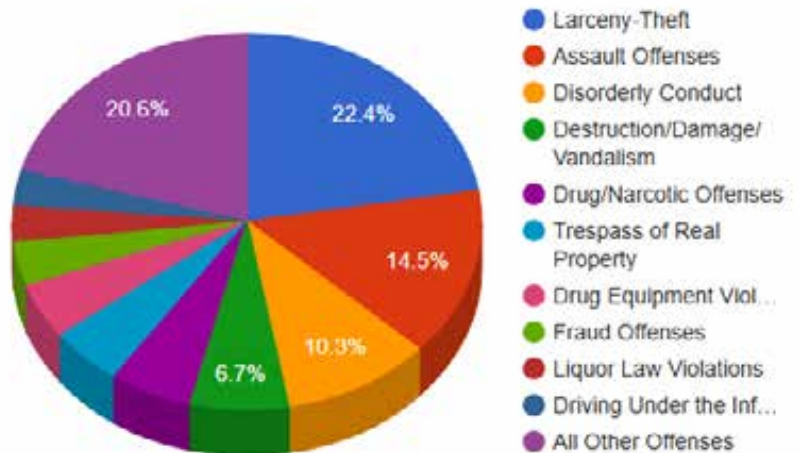
24-25 comparison	2024	2025	% of change
Murder/Involuntary Manslaughter	1	0	100%
Rape	16	16	0%
Robbery	6	3	50%
Aggravated Assault	13	15	+15%
Fraud	59	44	25%
Burglary/B&E	74	66	11%
Theft/larceny	902	767	15%
Motor Vehicle Theft	55	51	7%
OVI	198	179	10%



*2024 stats were updated and changed from 2024 annual report

TOP 10 CRIMES REPORTED

2025



SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Captain Chad Lengel was the Special Operations Commander in 2025. Captain Lengel oversaw the police department's Training Division, Detective Bureau, Records Division, Youth Services Bureau, Jail, National Night Out & Drug Take Back events, Training Center & Shooting Range, computer technology operations, Property & Evidence facilities, and is the department's liaison to the SECC (regional dispatch center).



Sergeant Bob Schmidt is the administrative sergeant who works closely with Captain Lengel. This vital position helps to keep the department's operations running smoothly and takes on tasks and projects as assigned by the captains or the Chief of Police.



OPERATIONS DIVISION

Captain Gary Merton commanded the Operations Division in 2025. This division includes the Patrol Division, which is the most visible division of the police department. The Patrol Division is divided into four squads of uniformed officers, each supervised by a lieutenant and two sergeants. This division also encompasses SWAT, School Resource Officers, the K9 Program, CIT, QRT, Community Service Officers, Reserve Officers, Recruiting, and most community engagements.

The Operations Division Commander is responsible for the leadership and direction of the work performed by patrol. The captain assists with developing and implementing operational programs, coordinates requests for police services, and provides administrative and budgetary support to the Chief of Police.

Uniformed patrol officers are the ones most of our citizens and visitors will interact with, as they assist the general public, respond to calls for service, and provide a visual deterrent to criminal behavior in the city. They will also perform proactive criminal and traffic enforcement to make the community a safer place to live and visit.



PATROL DIVISION

A Squad

B Squad

C Squad

D Squad



A SQUAD

Monday-
Wednesday,
every other
Thursday
6 am to 6 pm or
7 am to 7 pm

A Squad is led by Lt. Daniel Quior, a 24-year veteran of the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department. Lt. Quior is the SWAT Commander and brings years of experience from several divisions of the police department. Quior is the CIT Officer and the QRT Coordinator for the department, collaborating with the ADM to get help for those in need (and their families) from drug overdoses, alcohol addiction, and mental health crisis. He is assisted by two Sergeants, Sgt. Perella and Sgt. Anders.

Sgt. Dominic Perella is the senior sergeant on A Squad. Sgt. Perella has served as a police officer for 27 years. Perella is the coordinator of the city's Drug Takeback Program. Sgt. Brian Anders is a 22-year veteran of the police department. He is a CIT Officer. Sgt. Anders is currently the Extra Job Coordinator and department liaison for the Ohio Department of Health's Blood Alcohol Testing Certification.

Supervisors on A Squad have many additional responsibilities outside of overseeing patrol operations. They manage School Resource Officers, Community Service Officers, a Court Officer, as well as Patrol Officers. They are also responsible for the Cuyahoga Falls Jail and its inmates. A Squad works closely with the Stow Municipal Court and Cuyahoga Falls Mayors Court to make sure defendants are seen in a safe, secure, and timely manner.

A Squad officers respond to a wide range of calls for service, including: Domestic Violence, Robbery, Sexual Assault, Change in Mental Status, Child Abuse, Assault, Weapons Violations, Theft, Drug Trafficking, Suspicious Persons, Missing Persons, Intoxicated Drivers, and Disorderly Conduct, among other incidents. 2025 saw an uptick in calls for service involving homeless individuals, and people in mental crisis.

Officers who work A Squad have multiple responsibilities besides answering calls for service, including: Neighborhood Patrol/Community Policing, Business Checks, School Checks, Traffic Enforcement, Proactive enforcement like using GPS trackers for thefts, Bicycle Patrol, and Civilian tours, to name a few. They also work well with special task forces and neighboring agencies, utilizing mutual aid when necessary.

Several A Squad officers have specialized training in different areas and are assigned to specialized units, including: Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), Field Training Officers (FTO), SWAT, Criminal Interdiction Training, Quick Response Team (QRT) which assists overdose victims with treatment, Bicycle Unit, Summit Metro Crash Team, and a Drone Pilot. Some A Squad officers are U.S. Military Veterans and bring a wide range of leadership and knowledge to the team.



Officers on A Squad range anywhere from 27 years of service to several months. These officers bring a vast array of diversity, leadership and experience to the squad, uniting to make an energetic group, and working together to achieve the goal of protecting our citizens while providing the highest level of service to the community.

B S Q U A D

B Squad is led by Lt. Dawn McIlvain. She is assisted by Sgt. Brad Dobney and Sgt. Kevin Swab, who joined B Squad upon his promotion in July 2025.

6 am to 6 pm
Friday through
Sunday, every
other Thursday

B Squad's routine duties include responding to and documenting thousands of calls for service, providing high-visibility presence at schools and businesses, enforcing traffic and criminal laws, investigating accidents, conducting parking enforcement, and patrolling neighborhoods. In 2025, B Squad made 717 criminal and warrant arrests (an increase of 209 from 2024), conducted 3,026 traffic stops, and completed more than 3,368 school, business, and other community-based policing contacts, in addition to countless hours of neighborhood patrol. The squad also made 38 impaired driver arrests, underscoring that impaired driving is a public safety concern at all hours of the day.

Beyond their routine patrol responsibilities, many B Squad officers pursue specialized training and support broader CFPD operations. Officers Bullock, Carper, and Condon serve as Field Training Officers (FTOs) – a critical role in developing new patrol officers. Most B Squad officers are certified members of the Summit County Crisis Intervention Team. Officers Carper and Fredd serve on the U.S. Marshals Service Violent Fugitive Task Force. Several squad members have completed Advanced Roadside Impaired Driver Enforcement (ARIDE) training. Sgt. Dobney coordinates the CFPD Reserve Officer Program. Sgts. Dobney and Swab, and Officers Fredd and Carper, are members of the SWAT Team, and Lt. McIlvain serves as SWAT Crisis Negotiator Team Leader. Officers Condon and A. Elkins are trained in Assist 77 peer support. In 2025, B Squad monitored several protest-related events, contributing to peaceful outcomes through presence and communication. Several B Squad officers have also proudly served in the United States Armed Forces.

B Squad strives to provide the highest level of service and takes pride not only in serving the community, but truly being part of it. In addition to the accomplishments noted above, B Squad enthusiastically supported numerous community engagement events and programs throughout 2025, including but not limited to mental health follow-ups, Coffee with a Cop, Battle of the Badges charity basketball game, National Night Out, the Akron St. Patrick's Day Parade, Touch-a-Truck, Cone with a Cop, Shop with a Cop, and a wide variety of Downtown Cuyahoga Falls activities and festivals.



C S Q U A D

C Squad is led by Lieutenant Christopher Davies, who has been with the Cuyahoga Falls police department for 24 years and is assisted by two Sergeants, Sergeant Holzapfel and Sergeant Good.

Monday-
Wednesday,
every other
Thursday
6 pm to 6 am

Sergeant David Holzapfel is a 21-year veteran of the department. He is also a current K9 officer and a member of the SWAT team. Sergeant Brandon Good is also a 21-year veteran and a member of the SWAT team.

Both sergeants are tasked with supervising and coaching the 10 patrol officers assigned to the squad, and assisting them with performing various patrol duties.



The officers assigned to C squad perform many duties during their shifts. Some of those responsibilities are responding to calls for service, responding to individuals in crisis, proactive criminal and traffic enforcement, OVI enforcement, accident investigations, parking enforcement, and patrolling neighborhoods and businesses in the city.

The officers of C squad take pride in providing high-quality police services to the city's citizens and businesses. We want to be responsive to

the requests and needs of our city and its citizens. Citizens and businesses alike can request extra patrol for their concerns, which may include things like requesting extra patrol for a building that cannot be secured, a business that has been broken into, speed enforcement on a particular street, suspected drug activity, or a variety of other things. Our squad has logged over 1,700 checks in response to these requests in 2025.



In addition to their patrol assignments, C Squad officers are active in other aspects of the department as well. Several of our officers serve on the SWAT team, Honor Guard and the Summit Metro Crash Response Team.

D SQUAD

D squad is led by Lieutenant Brett Dirker, a 13-year veteran of the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department. He is responsible for overseeing the general operations and administrative functions of the shift. Lieutenant Dirker is the police department's Jail Administrator. He is assisted by Sgt. Braskie and Sgt. Alestock.

6 pm to 6 am
Friday through
Sunday, every
other Thursday

Lieutenant Dirker is assisted by Sergeant Joseph Braskie, a 12-year veteran of law enforcement. Sergeant Braskie helps oversee the recruiting program for the police department. He is a Drug Recognition Expert and a member of the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department S.W.A.T. team.

Also assisting Lieutenant Dirker is Sergeant Ryan Alestock, an 11-year veteran of law enforcement. Sergeant Alestock brings to D squad several years of experience as a detective with the police department, and is currently a team leader on the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department S.W.A.T. team.

Sergeant Braskie and Sergeant Alestock directly supervise the officers on D squad, respond to calls for service with officers to provide direct supervision, assist officers during their tours of duty and ensure initial investigations are thoroughly handled so the department may provide the highest level of service to the citizens of Cuyahoga Falls.

D squad officers respond to and investigate all types of calls for service. These include critical incidents, major crimes, felonies, fight calls, reports of domestic violence,

intoxicated persons, crisis intervention calls, handling criminal reports, and quality-of-life calls. Officers also diligently engage in self-initiated activity, including criminal and traffic enforcement, intoxicated driving enforcement, neighborhood and business patrols and general proactive policing to deter criminal activity.



The officers of D squad are proud to provide the highest level of service to the citizens of Cuyahoga Falls. In 2025 D squad officers served the citizens of Cuyahoga Falls through aggressive enforcement of criminal and traffic laws, OVI enforcement, and vigilant patrols of neighborhoods and businesses. In 2025 officers assigned to D squad made over 700 arrests for felonies, misdemeanors, minor misdemeanors and warrants, nearly 100 arrests for OVIs, issued over 1,100 traffic citations, and made over 3,400 traffic stops, some of which led to narcotics and firearms being seized.



QRT AND CIT

QRT

Lt. Quior is the Coordinator for CFPD for the Quick Response Team (QRT). The QRT visits individuals who have experienced a drug overdose. The end goal is to provide resources to those individuals and help them with treatment options.

Summit County launched its first QRT's in 2017 and collaborators include the ADM Board, first responders from Hudson, Cuyahoga Falls, Stow, Tallmadge, Akron, Barberton, Coventry, Munroe Falls, and Green, and representatives from Summit County Public Health, Oriana House, and Community Health Center.

Since Summit County's QRT started in 2017, 55% of the individuals who were referred to QRT sought treatment.



CIT

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is a partnership between the ADM Board, EMS workers, law enforcement, as well as mental health, and addiction professionals. The team works with individuals living with mental health or substance use disorder, loved ones affected by mental health or substance abuse disorder, and community advocates. The CIT's goal is to reduce harm to those involved in a crisis situation as well as those responding to the situation. This promotes not only officer safety but also the safety of those involved in the crisis.

Officer Karla Garinger trained all department officers on QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) during in service training. This is a technique used to prevent suicide and aid in getting help for those with suicidal thoughts. **CFPD has 41 officers who are certified in CIT.**

In 2025, there were 625 CIT incidents handled by CFPD.

DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau is comprised of one supervisor and eight Detectives. In 2025, Sergeant Eric Roach supervised the bureau. Two of the eight Detectives are assigned strictly to narcotics and vice crimes.

Detectives conduct follow-up investigations of reported criminal activity, ranging from petty thefts to homicides. The Detective Bureau Supervisor reviews all reports and assigns them to a Detective for follow-up, prioritizing more serious offenses based on several factors related to solvability.



Detectives are responsible for collecting and analyzing evidence, interviewing witnesses, identifying and arresting the offender(s), recovering stolen property, and preparing the evidence for presentation in court. In serious crimes, Detectives are called to the scene to perform these functions and assist the Patrol Division, even after Patrol Officers have arrested the offender(s) while committing the crime.

The Detective Bureau is also responsible for collecting, analyzing, and acting on intelligence information that may expose unreported criminal activity or potential threats to public safety and well-being.

Detectives are assigned cases based on the crime's category and severity. Detectives work utilizing a team concept, and cases are assigned primarily to one of two desks: Persons Crimes (which includes child abuse, sexual assaults, assaults, and domestic violence), Robberies, Burglaries, Thefts, and Frauds (which provides for credit card theft, identity theft, petty theft, and bad checks), and Homicides are assigned to specific Detectives by the Detective Supervisor.

In 2025, Detectives Kevin Lohse and Anthony Avalos worked on crimes against persons. Detectives Joey Bitong, Joel Moledor, Greg Koch, and Trevon Burgins were assigned to investigate robberies, burglaries, thefts, and frauds.

NOTABLE CASES

- Between June 22nd and July 2nd, several local businesses, The Wheel and Wrench, Rocco's Pizza, Chanin's Hair Connection (twice), and Midwest Home Care, were broken into. During these incidents, cash and various items were stolen from the premises. Through evidence collection and diligent investigative work, detectives identified a suspect connected to the burglaries. A search warrant was executed at a local residence, where investigators located multiple items of evidentiary value. The suspect was later interviewed and confessed to the crimes. Several stolen items were recovered and returned to their rightful owners. This case remains pending court proceedings.
- The Cuyahoga Falls Police Department responded to reports of shots fired on Howe Avenue near Main Street. The area was heavily populated at the time of the incident, raising significant concerns for public safety. Detectives responded to assist the Patrol Division in processing the scene for evidence. Through a series of search warrants and interviews, investigators identified three individuals involved in the shooting. Warrants were subsequently issued for Attempted Murder, Felonious Assault, Tampering with Evidence, Discharging a Firearm within City Limits, and several related offenses. Detectives collaborated closely with multiple law enforcement agencies throughout the investigation, highlighting the effectiveness of interagency cooperation. This case is pending court proceedings.
- Detectives conducted a comprehensive investigation into allegations of sexual abuse involving two minors residing with the suspect. The investigation determined that the abuse began in 2014 and continued until it was reported in 2024. Following an extensive investigation, the suspect was arrested and charged with multiple sexual offenses, including Rape. On September 15th, 2025, the suspect was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole after ten years.



NARCOTICS AND VICE

Two Detectives are responsible for investigating narcotics and vice cases. One is assigned to the Summit County Drug Unit as a full-time member, and the other to the FBI Safe Streets Task Force as a full-time member.

These Detectives initiate their cases and assist other agencies conducting narcotics-related investigations. Unit members work closely with other law enforcement agencies and become involved in multi-jurisdictional investigations. Therefore, they have developed excellent working relationships with their counterparts in neighboring cities and counties, as well as with state and federal agencies.

Narcotics Detectives build cases and act on information from other law enforcement sources, citizen complaints, and informants. They receive specialized training and use specialized equipment.



SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS

In recognizing the necessity for a highly trained, highly skilled tactical unit, the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department created a Special Response Team (SRT) in 1989. Since the team's inception, the officers who have been selected to serve on SWAT have come from all divisions of the police department and serve voluntarily in this collateral duty. Interested officers must earn their spot on the team through a rigorous selection process. The team is supported by several trained Crisis Negotiators who work in unison with on-going operations to bring a peaceful resolution to dynamic situations. Tactical Medics, who are select members of the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department, are also integrated into the team. Lieutenant Daniel Quior is the SWAT Commander and Sergeant David Holzapfel is the Assistant Commander. Lieutenant Dawn McIlvain is the Crisis Negotiator Team Leader, and Fire Lieutenant Konrad Lenk leads the Tactical Medics. Members of the team train regularly in a variety of advanced skills like Close Quarter Battle, Marksmanship, Crisis Negotiations, Precision Rifle Operations, Breaching, and Electronics. SWAT officers also train with a variety of technology, chemical munitions, and equipment that are critical to their mission. SWAT officers need to think and act quickly in high stress situations, communicate, and work together as a cohesive unit. This on-going training has given the team the ability to take control of a multitude of situations, including high-risk arrest and search warrants, armed barricaded suspects, vehicle interdictions, and dignitary security details. The Cuyahoga Falls SWAT team also trains with several other area teams to enhance capabilities to safely resolve critical incidents with a joint response, should it be necessary.



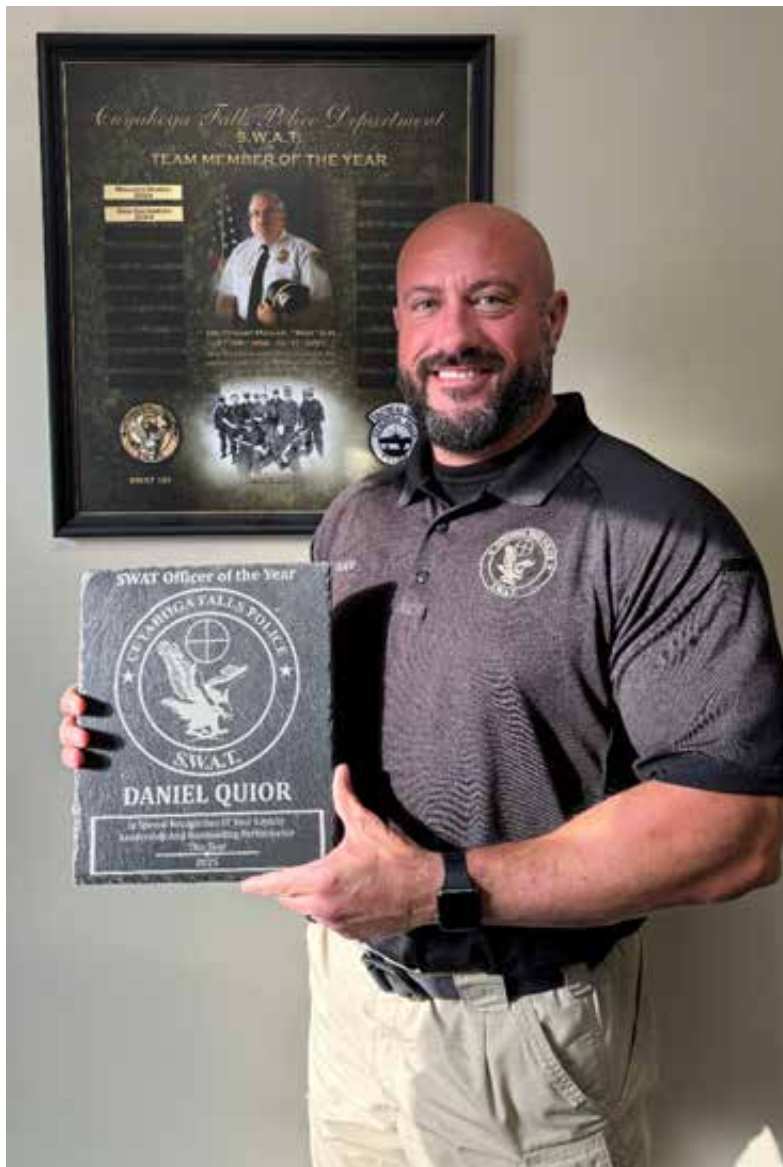
The Cuyahoga Falls Police SWAT Team has proven to be a valuable asset to the police department and citizens of the community by providing a professional, tactical response to critical incidents that were beyond the scope of normal patrol operations.

Ptl. Billy Carper was added as an Operator, and Ptl. Nick Kirven was added as a Crisis Negotiator this year.

Lt. Quior resigned as the SWAT Commander this year, passing on his duties to Sgt. Holzapfel starting in 2026. Lt. Quior served on the SWAT team for 22 years holding positions as Operator, Team Leader, Sniper, Assistant Commander, and ultimately Commander. We wish him the best in his future!

SWAT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

In 2025 Lt. Daniel Quior was awarded the SWAT Team Member of the Year Award. This award was created in honor of Retired Lieutenant Mike Gay, who was an integral member of the creation and success of the Cuyahoga Falls SWAT Team. This award is presented to the team member who goes above and beyond what is asked of them. Lt. Quior was recognized for his Leadership, Loyalty, and Integrity. Congratulations Lt. Quior!



K 9



The K9 Unit currently consists of three canines; Dan-C, Figo and Conor. Dan-C, a veteran of eight years with the department, is partnered with School Resource Officer Ed Dennis. Figo works with his partner, Sergeant David Holzapfel, as part of the Patrol Division and has just begun his seventh year with the department. In 2025, we added our third K9, K9 Conor, with his handler, N. Elkins. K9 Conor was purchased after we received a grant for the entire cost of the dog, training, and equipment from Firehouse Subs. K9 Conor finished up his six-week academy with Officer N. Elkins in May and hit the streets shortly after.

All the canines are certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission in multiple areas of training, including narcotics detection, tracking, article searching, building and area searching, and criminal apprehension. They each get tested along with their handler every year in these areas and are required to perform at a high level on a regular basis.

In 2025, the K9 teams saw 119 canine uses that ranged from building searches, residential searches, and tracks for suspects, lost and missing persons. The numbers include vehicle sniffs, as well as some public demonstrations.



The K9 Unit also assists in the yearly Citizens' Academy that showcases the K9 teams' abilities with a presentation and demonstration.



It should be recognized that the K9 Unit has strong community support. Pet Supplies Plus donates all the dog food that the unit needs. Hudson Veterinary Hospital has always helped us with making sure to keep the dogs' health at their best. They continually work with vendors to supply our K9s with medication at no cost to the city. It is businesses like these that make it a great community in which to work and live.



HONOR GUARD



The Cuyahoga Falls Police Honor Guard serves the community by representing the police department at ceremonies, memorial services, and special events. Their presence brings professionalism, tradition, and respect to both the department and the greater Cuyahoga Falls community.



TRAINING

The Cuyahoga Falls Training Center & Shooting Range hosted dozens of agencies in 2025 for classroom and firearms training. The Cuyahoga Falls Police Department provided our civilian employees, police officers, and detectives with approximately 7,320 hours of training in 2025. The Training Division is run by Officers Alan Pipes and Dan Zacharias, who have provided our police officers and city employees with countless hours of new and continuing training.



RECORDS

The Records Bureau consists of four full time employees and three part time employees. The Records Bureau continues to be a busy, integral part of the police department. They handle all requests from the public, Law Department, and other agencies for copies of reports. The Record Bureau is also responsible for ensuring that court subpoenas are distributed to the officers and that all evidence needed for court is prepared. All property including, but not limited to, evidence, found property, contraband, and seized/forfeited items are also processed by the Records Bureau.

3,354
report
requests

2,827
pieces
of property
processed

271
body cam
footage
requests

46,624
reports



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Officer Ted Davis and Officer Ed Dennis were assigned as the School Resource Officers in 2025. Cuyahoga Falls has approximately 19 schools in its jurisdiction, including two public school districts; Cuyahoga Falls and Woodridge.



Officer Davis spends most of his time in the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools, maintaining relationships with both the students and faculty, acting as a liaison between all parties. He worked closely with Ben Gessford, Cuyahoga Falls District Security Supervisor.

Officer Ed Dennis spends his shifts at Woodridge High School, Middle School, and Elementary School. He works with students and faculty at each school to maintain positive relationships. Officer Dennis also works closely with his favorite four-legged partner, Dan-C!

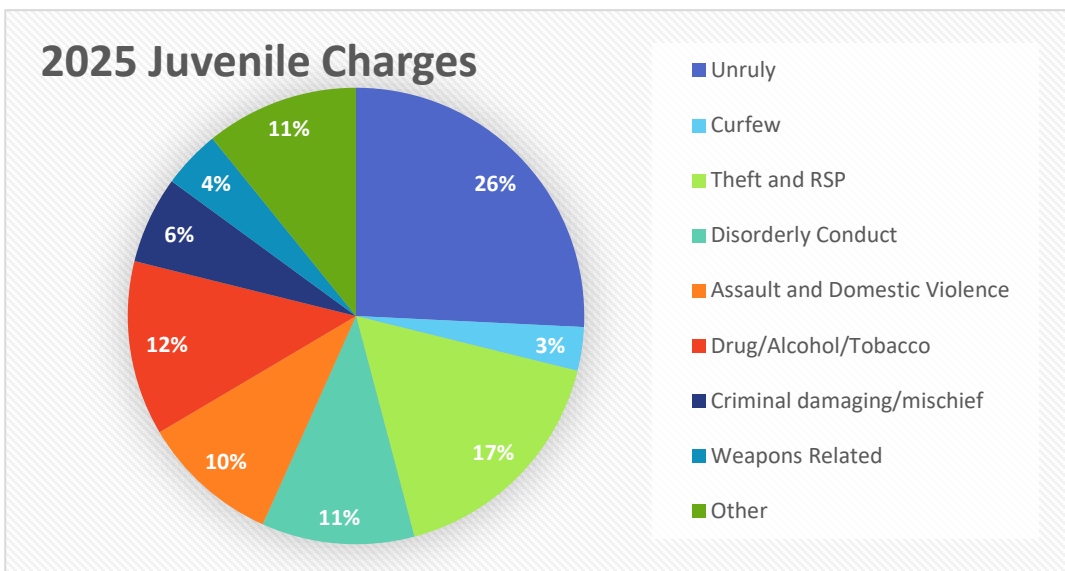


YOUTH SERVICES

The Youth Services Bureau of the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department started its Diversion Program in 1989. The Diversion program provides an alternative to Juvenile Court by allowing juveniles with certain misdemeanor charges to enter and complete, instead of appearing in Juvenile Court. The bureau acts as a liaison between parents, schools, and the Juvenile Court. The program also acts as a referral service for the community, schools, parents, and juveniles to address concerns. While in the program, juveniles address their behaviors that lead to their charges, meet with the Youth Services Coordinator, and complete community service hours. Additionally, the juveniles may have to complete certain programming or classes specific to their case or pay restitution for damages. The CFPD Diversion Program offers youths the chance to make better choices and have their charges sealed. The youth must complete Diversion successfully to have those charges sealed.

Amber Anderson is the Youth Services Coordinator for the Department. As Coordinator, she identifies the cases of juveniles who are eligible for the Diversion Program. Once eligibility is determined, an intake is scheduled for the juvenile to attend with their parent/guardian. After the intake is completed, the juvenile is supervised by Amber. Supervision can include meetings with the juvenile, school visits, phone calls to parents/guardians, coordinating with other agencies, and verifying participation in community service, programs, classes, and schools. Additionally, Amber ensures that all paperwork is completed for Juvenile Court and collects and disburses all restitution funds.

In 2025, 181 charges were referred to the Diversion Program. Out of those, 58 were placed into Diversion, 24 were referred to other agencies based on the juvenile’s residence, and 99 were referred to Juvenile Court. Those juveniles involved in Diversion completed 352.5 total hours of community service. These hours were completed working at the Community Gardens by Keyser Park, picking up trash along the road, shoveling snow, cleaning at the Natatorium, and/or other small projects around the City of Cuyahoga Falls.



SAFETY TOWN

Each summer, during the month of June, the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department assists the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department with the Safety Town program. Safety Town is offered to children who reside in the city and are entering kindergarten. During Safety Town, the kids learn a lot about safety, including bus, electrical, water, fire, gun, animal, bicycle, and pedestrian safety. Additionally, the kids learn about lockdown procedures that they will experience once they start kindergarten, stranger danger, and facts about littering and recycling.



BUCKLE UP WITH BRUTUS



Buckle Up With Brutus was started in 2024. In 2025, the program was presented to second/third grade students at Dewitt Elementary, Richardson Elementary, Price Elementary, Preston Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Silver Lake Elementary, Woodridge Elementary, Redeemer Christian School, and



Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Buckle Up with Brutus is a program geared towards second and third graders to encourage seat belt and booster seat usage, while showing the kids how to be good passengers in the car. Buckle Up with Brutus came about from a collaboration between the Ohio Traffic Safety Office, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), and the Ohio State University. Officer Davis did an amazing job teaching the safety material to the kids. He even got to have a lot of fun breaking eggs to show the dangers of riding in a car without a seatbelt.



KIND SAFE CHOICES

Kind, Safe Choices started in 2025 and was developed by Youth Service Coordinator, Amber Anderson. Kind, Safe Choice was created to address a variety of issues that our youth are experiencing and replaced Not Me, I'm Drug Free. Officer Davis and Officer Dennis, along with Amber Anderson teach three sessions to the 5th grade students at Dewitt Elementary, Richardson Elementary, Price Elementary, Preston Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Silver Lake Elementary, and Woodridge Elementary.

The three sessions cover mental health concerns, kindness, respect, internet safety, the dangers of vaping and drug use, and how to make good and safe choices. This program was developed to cover aspects that are relatable to the current generation and address issues that they could possibly encounter in their lives.



SUMMIT METRO POLICE CADET PROGRAM

Benefits to Cadets

Community

The Cadet program allows like minded students to socialize and work together in a constructive, professional setting.

Service

Cadets volunteer with officers at a variety of community events, such as Shop With A Cop, Circle Fest, and Sunset Blast.

Experience

Cadets will learn about multiple criminal justice professions, including dispatching, prosecution, investigation, federal agencies, and military.

Explore

The Cadet program offers a unique way for teens to earn valuable life and job experience. Participation in the program has been shown to be useful on future job applications.

Ride Along

The Cadet program is the only way a minor can participate in law enforcement ride alongs with on-duty officers.

The Cuyahoga Falls Police Department is in collaboration with Stow and Tallmadge Police Departments for the Summit Metro Police Cadet Program. This program is for youths who have completed 8th grade and are ages 14-20. The youth must also be a resident of Stow, Tallmadge, Munroe Falls, Cuyahoga Falls, or Silver Lake.

Officer Edmonds is the representative from CFPD. There is currently one cadet in the program from Cuyahoga Falls.

The Summit Metro Police Cadets are a division of Public Safety Cadets, who provide mentorship training for advisors. For more information on the program, visit publicsafetycadets.org



CROSSING GUARDS



The Youth Services Bureau of the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department also oversees the city's school crossing guard program. That includes programming, scheduling, monitoring, and payroll for the city's crossing guards and posts.

Our crossing guards do an excellent job of guiding the kids across to help them get to school safely. The City of Cuyahoga Falls is privileged to have Crossing Guards who have a desire to help keep kids safe!



R E S E R V E S U N I T

The Cuyahoga Falls Police Reserve Unit is a volunteer unit composed of dedicated citizens who donate their time to the police department while maintaining separate employment. They receive training in police department procedures and operations, first aid/CPR, and the use of various pieces of police department equipment.

Officers of the Reserve Unit are tasked with numerous duties. The primary responsibility of the Reserve Unit is to assist the Patrol Division by patrolling city properties and neighborhoods and responding to dispatch calls. These calls could include lockouts, disabled vehicles, and animal calls. Additionally, they assist in overseeing the juvenile community service program, assist the Training Division, and assist with parking enforcement. Reserve Officers are influential in helping with traffic control and aiding in keeping the Memorial Day Parade safe for the citizens. The Reserve Officers also participate in many other city-sponsored events and charity fundraising events, such as the Police Memorial Service, the Veteran's Day Ceremony, the City's Trick or Treat Day, and the Shop with a Cop event.

Members of the Reserve Unit have stepped up and proven themselves a valuable asset to the department and the City of Cuyahoga Falls.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Cuyahoga Falls Police Department has three Community Service Officers. The department is fortunate to have CSOs who help handle service calls for the City.

Some of the duties and tasks they complete are:

- Jail security
- Supervision of prisoners in jail, including showers, medication, and meals
- Jail cleaning and observation checks
- Jail logs and jail forms
- Jail visitation
- Jail office and storage room
- Vehicle lockouts
- Animal calls





WHAT A YEAR

Here are some highlights from the year!

NEW K9, CONOR

On April 2, 2055, CFPD introduced their newest K9, Conor. Conor works with his partner, Nait Elkins. He is a great addition to CFPD!



BATTLE OF THE BADGES

Each year, both CPPD and CFFD participate in a charity basketball game. The event brings the community together and raises money for the Falls Cancer Club, Inc.

On April 4, 2025, the police department lost 32-52 to the fire department.



MEMORIAL EVENT

On May 14, 2025, Cuyahoga Falls Police Department and Silver Lake Police Department held the Police Memorial Service as part of Police Memorial Week. This week is held as a dedication to those who have lost their lives in the line of duty and to celebrate the dedication of those who continue to serve.

The Police Memorial Service is an annual event by the Cuyahoga Falls and Silver Lake Police Memorial and Honor Guard Foundation that honors members of the police department. The event showcases members of the police department, both past and present and encourages community awareness.



RELAY FOR LIFE

Captain Lengel took part in the annual Relay for Life event at Lincoln Elementary School on May 20, 2025. They assisted in judging for the banner contest.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Captain Gary Merton represented CFPD by driving in the Memorial Day Parade this year!



STUFF THE CRUISER

On May 31, 2025, Cuyahoga Falls PD along with Silver Lake PD took part in the Stuff the Cruiser event that benefited the Akron Regional Food Bank.



GUARDIANS GAME

On June 10, 2025, Officer Ed Dennis sang the National Anthem at the Cleveland Guardians game!



T O R C H R U N

On June 10, 2025, members of the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department took part in the Special Olympics Torch Run!



COFFEE WITH A COP

Detective Moledor, Officer Fredd, and Officer Rai participated in Coffee with a Cop on July 10, 2025.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 5, 2025, Cuyahoga Falls Police hosted National Night Out! This was a collaboration with multiple different agencies to come together for a fun event for children and their families.



During National Night Out, the three K9s and their partners did a demonstration for the public to show their skills and the work that they do.



KINDERGARTEN READINESS

On August 6th and 7th, 2025, Officer Ted Davis visited the elementary schools for their Kindergarten Readiness Program. He was able to meet incoming kindergartners and talk to them about the police department.



BOB MEADER TRAINING

On August 22, 2025, CFPD hosted the Legally Confident, Tactically Confident training. Other departments attended and took part in the instruction from Bob Meader and Scott Hughes.



QUILT PRESENTATION

In September 2025, the Cuyahoga Falls Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) honored Officer Perry Chronister with a quilt in recognition of his prior military service and his continued dedication as a Cuyahoga Falls police officer.



GRADUATE

Sgt. Ryan Alestock graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College Class 92 on November 14, 2025.



SHOP WITH A COP

On December 13, 2025, Cuyahoga Falls Police Department, along with other local agencies participated in the annual Shop with a Cop event. This event is made possible due to local sponsors and donations.



OTHER PICTURES



