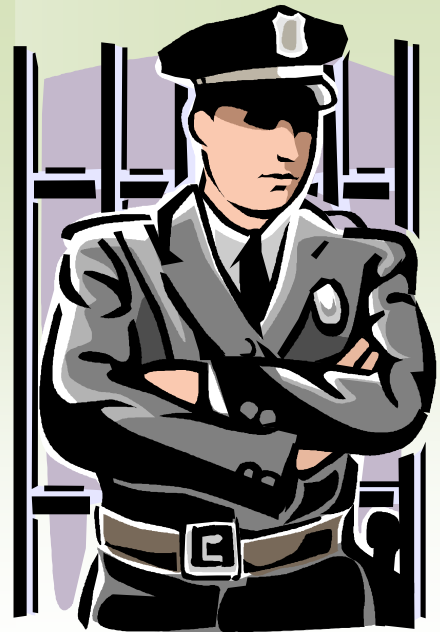


The OVPOA Report



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.... MARK ZACKERY OVPOA PRESIDENT

Here it is well into 2009. Last year was a year of looking forward to an election year with all of its changes. As I begin 2009 as the Association President I am looking to fill in the missing members of the executive board that have been vacated over the last couple of years. These vacancies includes District Directors who work with the Executive Board and the membership in the areas they represent.. We continue to have members from all over the state working for many law enforcement agencies. These include; auxiliary, reserve, specials, deputies, full and part time officers. All who benefit from the OVPOA insurance program. We are also in the planning stages of the 2009 training calendar, and, if you have any ideas or suggestions of what you would like, let us know so we can try to get instructors and make it happen this year.. In the past, we have been successful with training in defensive driving, IED recognition, hazmat, building searches, and terrorism identification. We have conducted this training in the Cleveland and Columbus areas to make it easy for our members to attend. We have been successful in keeping the training costs to a minimum and we will continue to provide this training at the best possible cost. . At this time, every city should have completed NIMS and ICS100/200 to be eligible for federal grants. As you know 2008 was an election year which brought candidates and other dignitaries traveling around the state. With motorcades in your area, and your agencies I am sure we all had some responsibilities in securing part of the route. This was a great responsibility and a duty I know you all performed with the utmost diligence and care. As you continue to perform these duties and all of your other duties, please remember to always be careful out there



The Ohio Volunteer Peace Officers Association

“Promoting The Interests and Concerns of Ohio’s
Volunteer Officers since 1985”

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Members Benefits Continue.... Michael D. York OVPOA Secretary

In 2008 the OVPOA continued to provide its members with the most important benefit of membership; Disability Insurance. In the last nine years over \$35,000.00 in claims benefits have been disbursed to our members. Since the benefits program began, we have stayed consistent with our membership dues and have not raised our membership fees. This year due to losses the Insurance Carrier has taken a slight rate increase. In 2008 we did not pass the rate increase on to our members, and chose to absorb the cost from our existing treasury. As a result 2009 membership costs saw a very slight increase over the previous year's cost. We know the importance of this benefit and we will continue to provide our members with the best possible programs and benefits. As an association supported by memberships, your continual support through membership is more important now than ever. Our benefits continue to be the most cost effective in the business and if you have any questions concerning your OVPOA benefits please contact us at (614) 443-7664.

The OVPOA Story

In 1985 when many issues arose within the law enforcement community, some which threatened the very existence of the Volunteer Officer, the Ohio Volunteer Peace Officers Association was formed to address these issues. Twenty Three years later it remains the only Association in the State of Ohio whose mission is to promote the "Interests and Concerns" of Ohio's Volunteer Peace Officers.

Your support of the OVPOA through membership will ensure that our mission continues and Volunteer Officers continue to be provided with the best possible benefits. We thank you for your support!

Parma Auxiliary Police Continue Child ID Program....

The Parma Auxiliary Police unit participates in safety fairs throughout the year. The Auxiliary Officers pass out safety literature and create Child ID kits. These kits contain fingerprints, a photo and physical description of a child that can help law enforcement agencies locate a missing child.

The Parma Auxiliary Police Unit has purchased new equipment for producing Child ID kits. The new equipment will produce an ID card about the size of a driver's license that will have a photo, fingerprint and physical description of the child printed on it. The back of the card will have safety tips for parents to review with their child.

This new equipment will speed up the process of making a Child ID kit, allowing us to serve more families at the Safety Fairs. Parents can carry the Child ID card with them and quickly give the information to law enforcement should their child go missing.

The Parma Auxiliary Police serves to support the Parma Police Department. These volunteer officers assist the full time officers with traffic control, serve as partners on patrol, and provide security at city and school events. The Parma Auxiliary Police Unit is a Charter Member of the OVPOA



Parma Auxiliary Police

www.cityofparmaauxpolice.com

Featured Units...

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary

The OSHP Auxiliary was formed in 1942 when many commissioned troopers began entering the armed forces during World War II. At that time, membership was limited to the members of the American Legion which was largely made up of war veterans who were unlikely to be drafted into service.

After the war, the Auxiliary was a critical component of Ohio's Civil Defense Plan, with officers assigned to vital crossroads to assist with evacuation and convoy movement.

Today, Auxiliary members contribute thousands of hours in an assortment of functions. Each is required to log a minimum of 120 hours per year to remain active. Membership is no longer limited to American Legion Members

Columbus Police Reserve

The Columbus Auxiliary Police was organized during World War II as part of the Civil Defense Administration for use in Civil Defense emergencies. After the War, this organization was abandoned.

In 1951, the Auxiliary Police was reactivated by the Columbus Division of Police with the Chief of Police as Commanding Officer. A Police Lieutenant, assigned as Liaison Officer between the Columbus Division of Police and the Columbus Auxiliary Police, was placed in charge of all Auxiliary Police activities. A similar structure presently exists. In July 1988 the name was changed to the Columbus Police Reserve.

The Columbus Police Reserve is staffed by Volunteer Police Officers from all walks of life, who are devoted to serving the citizens of Columbus by volunteering time to assist the force of full-time police officers. Their time is spent working in a police cruiser alongside a full-time police officer and / or working parades and special events.

Any person over the age of 21 interested in becoming a Police Reserve Officer must make application on a standard form, which can be requested by contacting the Columbus Police Reserve at (614) 645-7136. After returning the completed personal history questionnaire, the applicant will be subjected to a criminal record check, a background investigation, an in-home interview, a polygraph examination, a physical exam, and an oral board interview. Upon successful completion of the requirements, the candidate will be accepted for training.

The training consists of over 650 hours of classroom and practical training conducted by experienced, certified instructors. The training sessions are usually conducted Monday-Thursday between the hours of 6 PM and 10 PM. There are also many 8-hour Saturdays included in the training. Most of the training is at the Columbus Police Training Academy, 1000 North Hague Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.



OHSP Auxiliary

The requirements to become an Auxiliary are as follows:

- U.S. Citizen
- Ohio Resident with valid Ohio driver license
- Good physical condition
- Between ages 21-55 (except for retired OSHP officers)
- No prior felony convictions
- Availability for training and service
- Submit to and pass a background investigation
- Ability to read and write, and convey thoughts in a clear and concise manner
- Weight proportionate to height (OSHP standard plus 10 percent)

Applicants are required to pass a medical examination which must be conducted by a physician at the applicant's expense. Applicants must additionally pass written and physical tests, then complete OSHP Auxiliary training. Members are also required to conform to grooming standards and purchase a uniform.

To inquire about a possible position in the OSHP Auxiliary, call [your nearest Patrol post](tel:your nearest Patrol post) or e-mail wwwOHP@dps.state.oh.us to get in touch with an OSHP Auxiliary officer.

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Columbus Police Reserve Continued

The training received at the Training Academy is in excess of the State of Ohio minimum for training. Upon graduation from the Training Academy, Reserve Police Officers are certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council. While on duty, the Reserve Police Officer has the same authority, arrest power, and responsibility as a full-time police officer.

Upon successful completion of the course of instruction, each graduate is assigned to a Company unit, which conducts one training session per month where up-to-date police methods are further studied. Each member is required to attend eight (8) of these meetings per year, as well as devote a minimum of eight (8) hours per month to in-service training duties, such as working in a police cruiser with a full-time officer.

The members of the Columbus Police Reserves are proud of their achievements and are grateful for the opportunity to have served the Division of Police, as well as the City of Columbus, and its citizens.

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