

# LEBANON DIVISION OF POLICE

## 2015 Annual Report



*"Dedicated to Excellence in Public Service"*



# TABLE OF CONTENTS

General Information	2
Message From the Chief	3
Mission	4
Financial Information	5
Personnel	6-7
Organizational Chart	8
Canine Program	9
Traffic Crashes	10-11
Traffic Enforcement	12
Criminal Investigations	13-14
Training	15
Agency Activity	16-19



# GENERAL INFORMATION



Population: 20,033

Division of Police Established: 1952

## Lebanon Division of Police

Chief Jeffrey W. Mitchell

25 W. Silver Street

Lebanon, Ohio, 45036

[lebanonohio.gov](http://lebanonohio.gov)

Like us on  
**facebook**



FOLLOW US ON  
**twitter**



**Lebanon Police**  
@LebanonPolice

Call Officer Oehler if you need assistance with your car seat install. 932-2010

**Buckle Up For Life** @BuckleUpForLife

Frustrated with installing your car seat? We can help you choose the right car seat and find where to install them  
[buckleupforlife.org](http://buckleupforlife.org)



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The Lebanon Division of Police continues a proud tradition of providing professional police services and this annual report reflects our accomplishments, challenges, and partnerships. Our full service police department is committed to serving the citizens and visitors of Lebanon. An internationally accredited police agency through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, our agency is triennially reaccredited on all aspects of the Lebanon Division of Police's policy and procedure, management, operations and support services. Our reaccreditation scheduled for 2016 will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> year of this commitment to excellence. We are grateful for the support and confidence of the citizens we serve and truly recognize the importance of our community partnerships.

*"We live in a democracy based on principles and the rule of law. But as Plato understood, any democracy would need guardians whose mission it would be to preserve those principles, to promote fundamental fairness, and to uphold the rule of law.*

*In every community, the guardians are present – always – perhaps not visible, but they are there. Be it at the local, county, state, or federal level, there are men and women prepared to respond without question or pause in service of a worthy cause.*

*The reality of policing is that our officers serve in the most challenging of environments – often misunderstood, often criticized, and far too often placed into circumstances demanding a split-second decision out of which there can be no winners. Too often, policing does the greatest harm to those willing to take the oath and wear the badge.*

*Yet, these noble and peaceful warriors embrace the challenge knowing that they serve a cause bigger than self – they serve a greater good!" - The Nobility of Policing*

On behalf of the Lebanon Division of Police I am extremely proud to present this annual report.

## 20/20 Vision

*To be the regional leader in providing professional police services through innovation, collaboration, education, and training.*

# MISSION



## Mission Statement

**The Lebanon Division of Police shall serve all people with respect, equality and compassion. The Lebanon Division of Police is dedicated to the protection of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We will strive to enhance the quality of life and public trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards and ethics.**

**The Lebanon Division of Police is committed to the prevention of crime; the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace, order and safety; the enforcement of laws and ordinances and the safeguarding of constitutional rights.**

**To fulfill our mission, the Lebanon Division of Police is committed to providing a professional agency through effective training, leadership and citizen participation.**



## GENERAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

<b>Budget</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Wages & Benefits	\$4,252,986	\$4,149,499
Education & Training	\$46,350	\$60,690
Contractual Services	\$400,261	\$433,124
Materials & Supplies	\$124,373	\$155,532
Capital	\$141,752	\$130,000

# DIVISION PERSONNEL

## New Employees



Noah Barber  
Patrol Officer



Eric Holmes  
Patrol Officer



Crockett Brummett  
Patrol Officer



Mindy McClain  
Communications Officer

## Promotions



Captain Dave Gehringer



Sergeant Matthew Weithofer



Sergeant James Burns

## Retirements / Resigned Employees

Thomas Andrews	Communications Officer	2-10-2015
Shannon C. Covey	Patrol Officer	3-31-2015
Christopher E. Garrison	Patrol Officer	10-30-2015

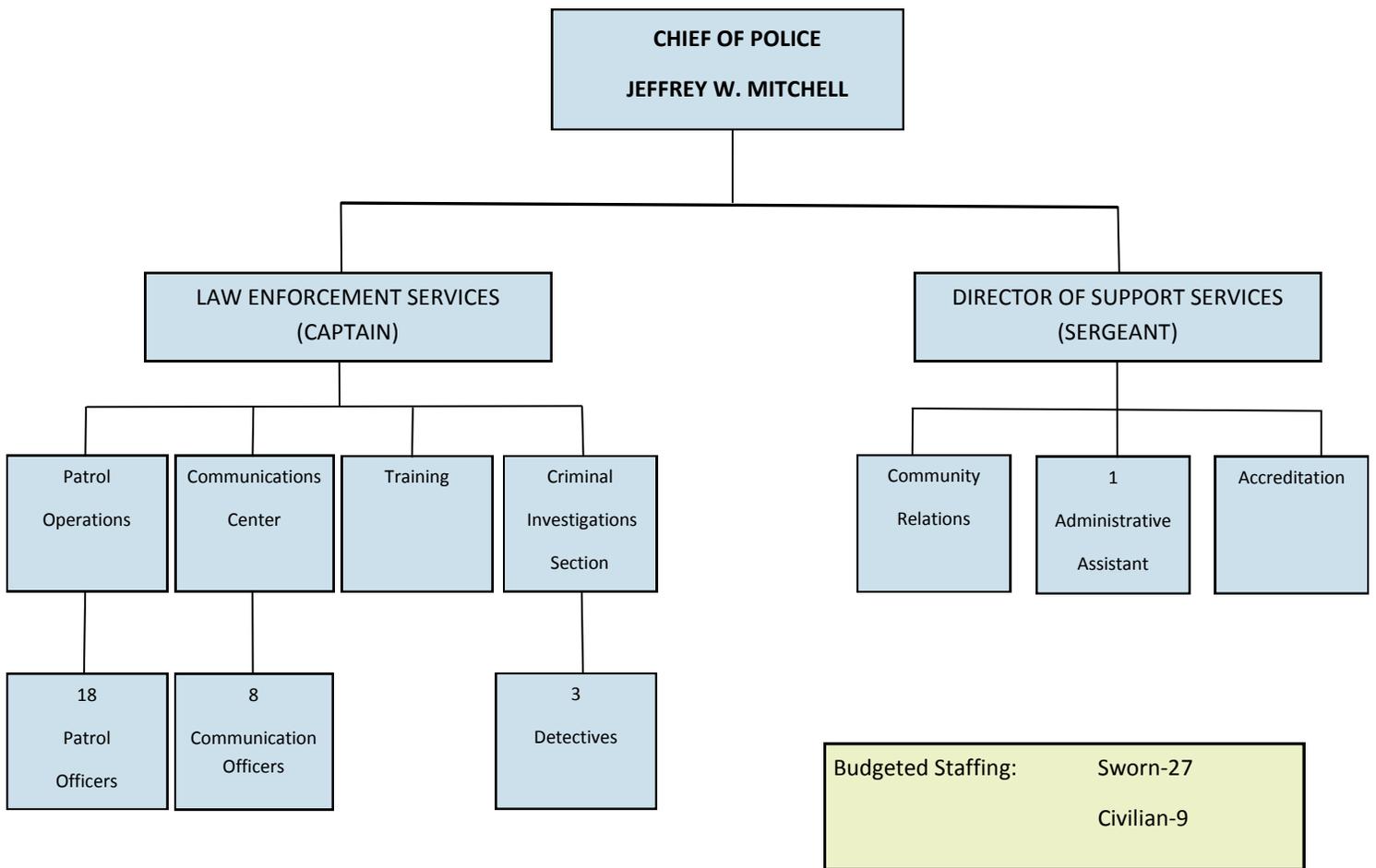
# DIVISION PERSONNEL

## Personnel on Staff at end of 2015

Personnel	Title and/or Rank	Hire Date
Jeffrey W. Mitchell	Chief of Police	08-17-98
David W. Gehringer	Captain	01-03-89
Mark D. Allen	Sergeant	04-07-93
Michael E. McCutchan	Sergeant	07-06-04
Matthew J. Weithofer	Sergeant	02-22-06
James H. Burns IV	Sergeant	03-29-01
Jon P. Oehler	Patrol Officer	04-24-95
Christopher D. Brock	Patrol Officer	09-09-98
John M. Wetzel	Detective	09-22-99
Stephen J. Drake	Patrol Officer	04-02-01
Joshua A. Holbrook	Patrol Officer	07-06-04
Steven C. Morris	Patrol Officer	07-06-04
Patrick R. Jenkinson	Patrol Officer	05-21-07
Travis W. O'Neill	Patrol Officer	05-29-07
Timothy M. Cooper II	Patrol Officer	05-05-08
Gregory B. Spanel	Detective	05-05-08
Gregory N. Trout	Patrol Officer	06-26-08
Jeffrey M. Haller	Patrol Officer	06-29-10
Gregory Stallard	Patrol Officer	10-31-12
Dustin Kurilko	Detective	10-31-12
Marcus N. Todd	Patrol Officer	10-02-13
Daniel G. Fry	Patrol Officer	01-22-14
Crockett Brummett	Patrol Officer	01-07-15
Noah Barber	Patrol Officer	01-07-15
Eric Holmes	Patrol Officer	01-07-15
Todd D. Tolliver	Communication Officer	05-21-86
Cathy L. Gearhart	Communication Officer	06-03-91
Gerald Nicholson	Communication Officer	09-08-99
Traci Gallagher	Communication Officer	04-30-02
Keith Phillips	Communication Officer	06-20-07
Scott A. Carlisle	Communication Officer	12-29-14
Catherine Marie Johns	Communication Officer	05-23-10
Malinda McClain	Communication Officer	06-01-15
Cathy L. Stephens	Administrative Assistant	09-16-76

Rank Structure end of 2015	
Chief	1
Captain	1
Sergeant	4
Patrol Officer / Detective	19
Communication Officer	8
Administrative Assistant	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# CANINE PROGRAM

## Retirement / New Canine



In 2015 Kaiser, the division's K9 retired after seven years of service. Kaiser will now enjoy retirement while living with his handler Sgt. Burns. K9 Kaiser assisted with hundreds of arrests over his career, most of which were narcotics related. Some of his more serious arrests included robbery, drug trafficking, domestic violence and felonious assault.

Kaiser's favorite part of the job was group demonstrations and interacting with kids.



Lebanon Division of Police's newest K9, Brix, is a male German Shepherd born January 5, 2013 in the Netherlands. K9 Brix and his handler, Officer Haller, completed a six week training course in May, 2015 at Shallow Creek Kennels in Pennsylvania. The K9 Unit passed the required State of Ohio certification and began working the road shortly after. K9 Brix is trained in narcotics detection, locating evidence at crime scenes, building/area searches, handler protection and criminal apprehension. K9 Brix lives with Officer Haller when he is not working.

## Canine Activity

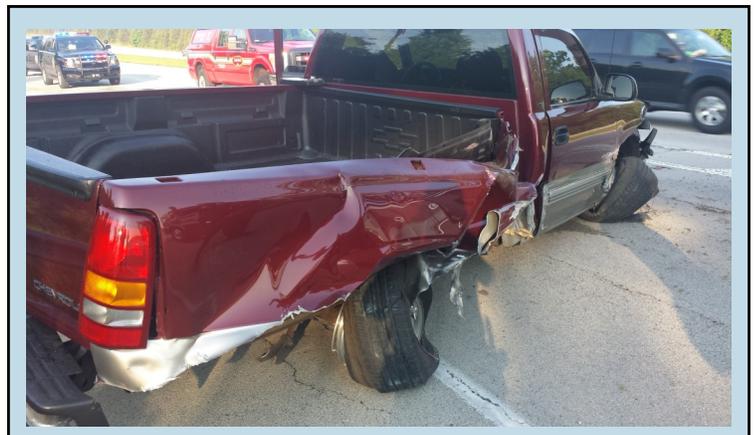


K9 BRIX ACTIVITY	# OF USES
Drug Arrests/Assists	10
Tracks	4
Narcotic Searches	33
Area Searches	1
School Searches	3
General Patrol Assists	3
Building Checks / Assists	3
Article Searches	0
Demonstrations	7

# TRAFFIC CRASHES

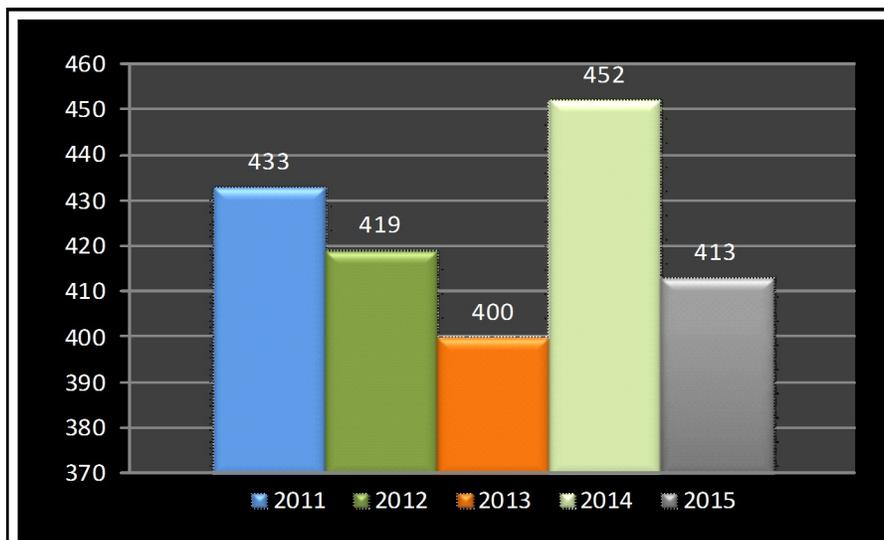
Traffic crashes with injury and citations issued from 2011 to 2015.

Year	Accidents	Injuries	Deaths	Citations
2011	433	81	0	271
2012	419	80	0	267
2013	400	100	1	284
2014	452	73	0	325
2015	413	91	0	299



## Traffic Crash Five Year Comparison

The chart below is a comparison of the total Traffic Crashes 2011-2015.

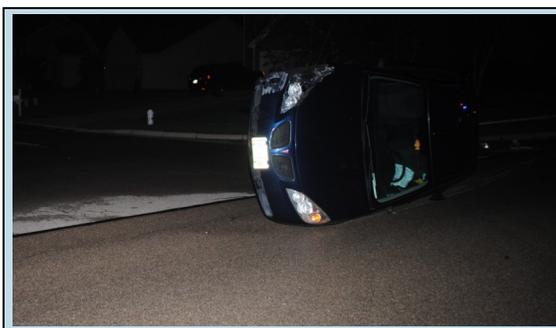


# TRAFFIC CRASHES

## Accident Citation Rate

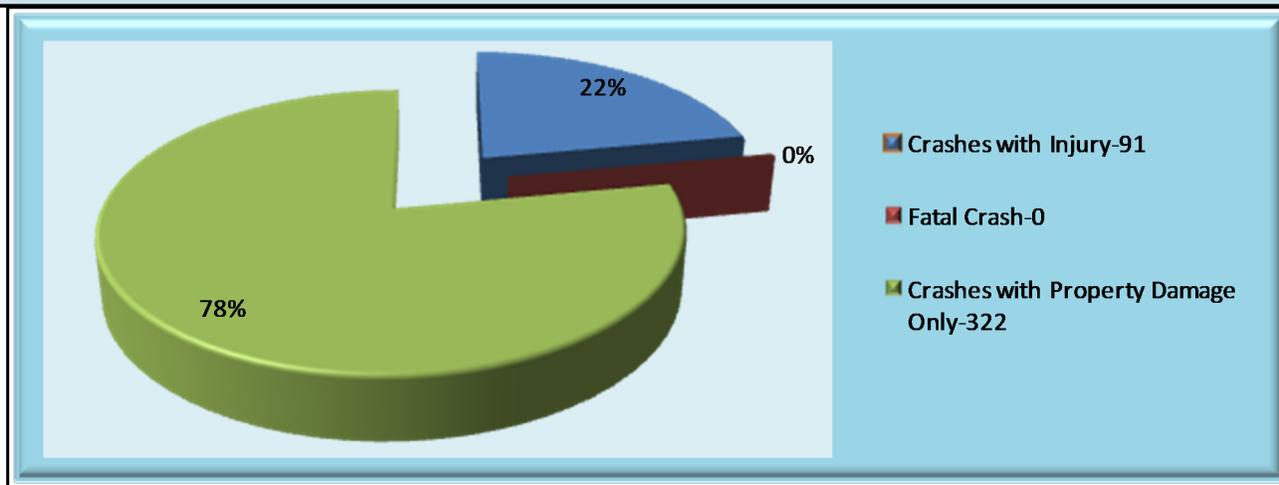
The Accident Citation Rate is the ratio between the number of accidents that occur and the number of citations issued. The National Average is 55%. Below is our Accident Citation Rate.

Citations	299	=	72.40%
Crashes	413		



## Crash Severity Ratio

The following is a breakdown on the severity of the crashes that occurred in Lebanon (Crash Severity Ratio).



The Lebanon Police investigated a total of 579 motor vehicle crashes in 2015. This was a combined total of 413 crashes that were reported to the State of Ohio and 166 private property crashes.

As a result of these investigations, there were ninety-one injuries reported to the police, thirty-five of the crashes involved a juvenile driver, 299 traffic citations were issued as a result of the crashes and there were ten arrests for Operating a Vehicle While Impaired.

Pedestrians were struck in three crashes and there were no crashes involving bicycles. There were no motor vehicle fatalities in 2015.

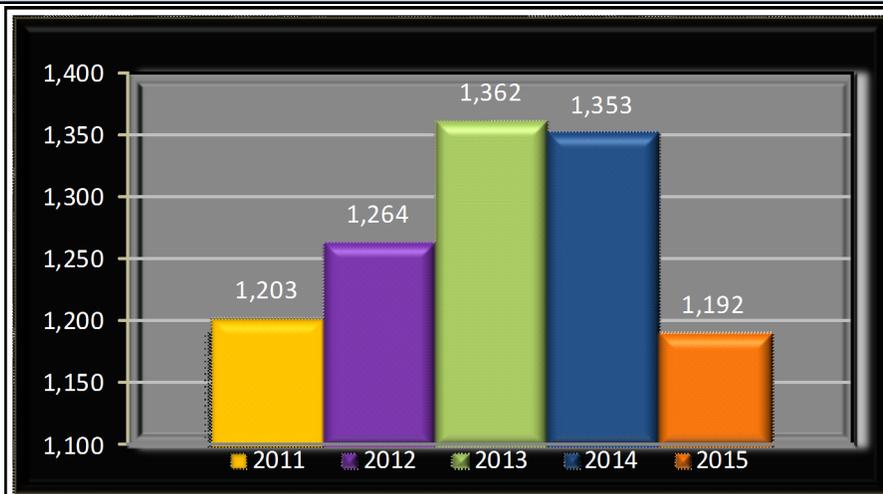
# TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Officers from the Lebanon Division of Police issued 1,192 traffic citations in 2015.

Month	Adult Citations	% of Year Adult	Juvenile Citations	% of Year Juvenile	Total Citations	% of Year Total
January	114	9.6%	3	0.3%	117	9.8%
February	67	5.6%	2	0.2%	69	5.8%
March	124	10.5%	1	0.1%	125	10.5%
April	93	7.8%	5	0.4%	98	8.2%
May	128	10.7%	3	0.3%	131	10.9%
June	72	6.0%	3	0.3%	75	6.3%
July	75	6.3%	0	0.0%	75	6.3%
August	114	9.6%	0	0.0%	114	9.6%
September	100	8.4%	0	0.0%	100	8.4%
October	89	7.5%	4	0.3%	93	7.8%
November	118	9.9%	4	0.3%	122	10.2%
December	86	7.2%	2	0.2%	88	7.4%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>97.9%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Five Year Traffic Citation Comparison

The graph below shows a comparison of Traffic Citations issued by the Division of Police for the period of 2011 to 2015.



# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Uniform Crime Report represents the figures submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The seven crimes shown are known as the crime index. These figures represent actual offenses where a report was taken and the crime can be substantiated; therefore, the figures are somewhat less than those figures appearing on the Calls for Service Summary.

The Figures shown on the Calls for Service Summary represent the total number of calls received by the Lebanon Police Division. Quite often the call is unfounded or is classified as a civil complaint instead of a criminal complaint.

Type of Crime	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Murders & Attempts	1	0	0	0	0
Rapes & Attempts	12	12	9	9	9
Robberies	8	4	7	3	0
Felonious Assaults	15	4	7	8	2
Burglaries	52	54	47	39	40
Larcenies	289	416	357	418	289
Motor Vehicle Thefts	5	11	14	17	15

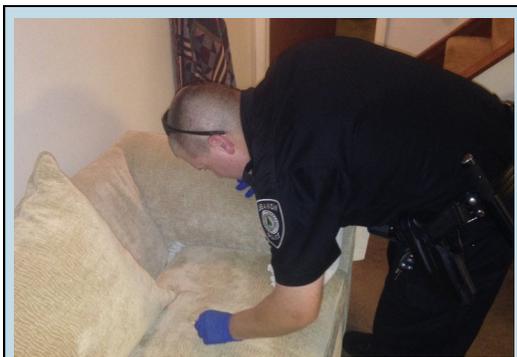
Cases Cleared By Exception or Arrest	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Murder s& Attempts	1	0	0	0	0
Rapes & Attempts	5	6	3	2	3
Robberies	3	3	3	3	0
Felonious Assaults	9	3	5	7	2
Burglaries	11	22	13	16	13
Larcenies	102	148	152	209	122
Motor Vehicle Thefts	2	6	5	6	6

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

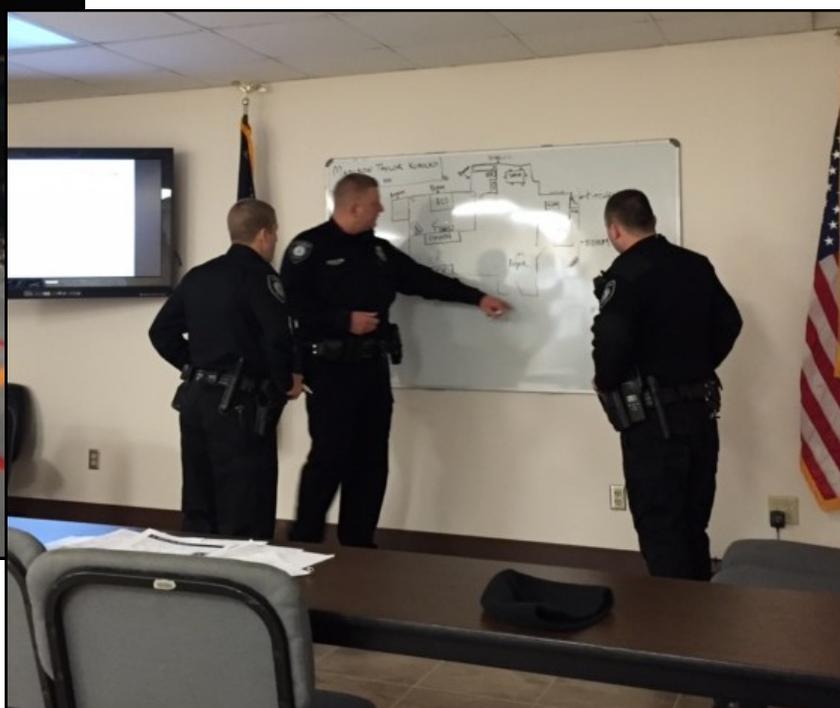
## Lost / Recovered Property Summary 2015

Below is a table that shows the actual number of robberies, burglaries, thefts and motor vehicle thefts reported. This table shows the value of the property taken and a total value of property recovered.

Offense	Number of Offenses	Amount
Robbery	0	0
B & E / Burglaries	40	\$54,574.00
Thefts	289	\$251,003.00
Motor Vehicle Thefts	15	\$81,143.00
Total Value		\$386,720.00
Property Recovered		\$67,619.00



# TRAINING



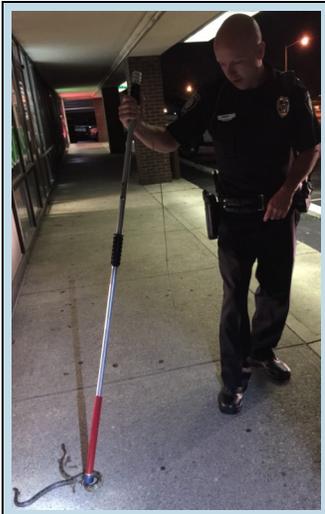
A goal of providing continuing education to all division employees is to enhance their skills, knowledge, and abilities, in an effort to reduce liability and provide the community with a well-trained and educated police force. The Lebanon Division of Police provides this education through Roll Call and In-Service training. We also use several educational institutions for in-service training with the majority of the training taking place at the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy in London, Ohio.

Certified instructors provide roll call training on ethics, legal updates, mental health responses, biased based policing, use of force, pursuits, emergency medical dispatching and the all hazard plan. Officers also receive annual training with their handgun, patrol rifle, shotgun, EMD (Electronic Muscular Disruption device), baton and chemical agent.

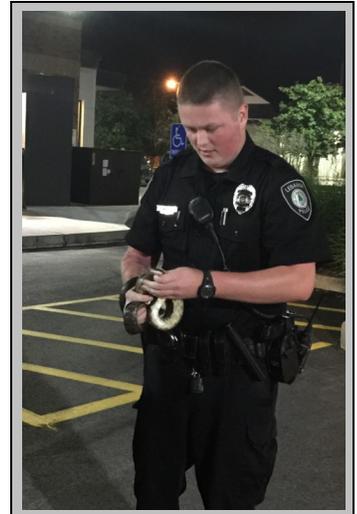
# AGENCY ACTIVITY



Officer Dan Fry on bike patrol in a Lebanon neighborhood.



Officer Steve Morris and Officer Noah Barber respond to separate calls involving snakes.



Lebanon Division of Police's Honor Guard, Officer Patrick Jenkinson, Officer Greg Stallard, Officer Nate Trout and Officer Naman Todd on the field at the Dayton Dragons baseball game.

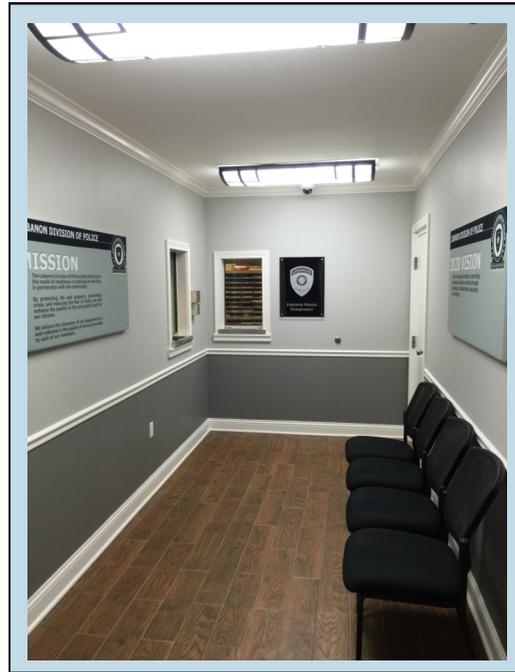
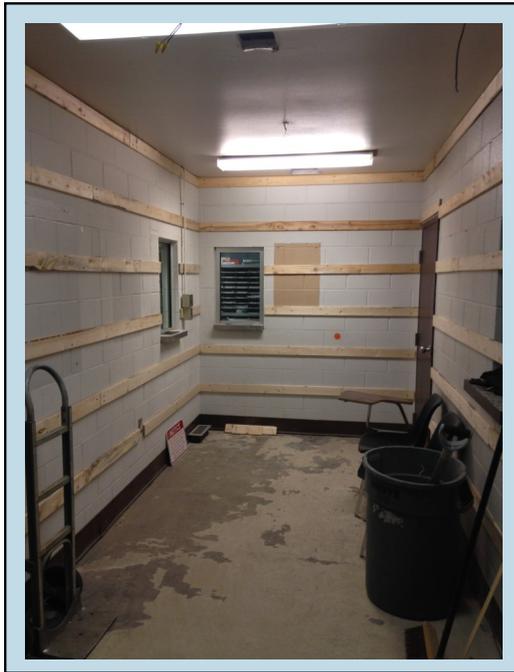


# AGENCY ACTIVITY

## STAFF MEETING & LOBBY REMODEL



Lebanon's City Manager Mr. Clements speaks to the staff at the annual department meeting held in February.



In 2015, the lobby of the Police Division was remodeled and upgraded to better represent the image and goals of the division.

The windows in the building were also replaced. The original windows were from 1974.

# AGENCY ACTIVITY

## SHOP WITH COPS



# AGENCY ACTIVITY

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



In 2015, the Lebanon Division of Police once again hosted National Night Out. The event was held at the Countryside YMCA. The event was an opportunity for members of the community to meet and interact with the men and women of the Lebanon Division of Police. National Night Out included police vehicle demonstrations, a K9 demonstration, Taser demonstration, and free food and drinks. There were also vehicle's from Case Towing, Warren County Drug Task Force, Warren County Tactical Response Unit, Premier Health, Lebanon Fire Division and a vehicle rescue demonstration by the Fire Division.

