



MILFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Newsletter

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Mahan and Belcher Promoted

Officers Keith Belcher and Sean Mahan were selected from a pool of seven officers who took part in the promotion process, which consisted of a written examination, and oral interviews. The written examination encompassed the Milford Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual, the Milford Codified Ordinances, the Ohio Criminal Law Handbook, the Personnel Commission Rules and Regulations and the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The oral interviews focused on leadership ability and were conducted by Councilman Jeff Lykins, Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce Board Member Ron Burke and Chief Scott Snow of the Reading, Ohio Police Department. The process also included bonus points for college education, years of experience, a lack sick time use and a lack of disciplinary issues. Sergeant Keith Belcher has been with the Milford Police Department since

1999. His primary responsibilities have been as a patrol officer and acting supervisor. His secondary assignments include honor guard, and in-service instructor in the areas of firearms, defensive tactics, ASP baton and chemical defense. Sergeant Belcher holds an Associate's Degree in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati and is a graduate of the Supervisor Training Education Program (STEP) sponsored by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police.

Sergeant Sean Mahan has been with the Milford Police Department since 1997. He has served assignments as a patrol officer, acting supervisor, narcotics investigator, and detective. His secondary assignments include accreditation, collective bargaining unit representative, and property room custodian. Sergeant Mahan has a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Cincinnati and is also a graduate of the Supervisor Train-

ing Education Program (STEP) sponsored by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police.

City Manager Jeff Wright stated that "Officers Belcher and Mahan have performed the duties of a police officer and represented the department in an excellent manner and I look forward to them serving their department and the residents in leadership positions. Chief Mills and I were lucky to have such a difficult decision to make in that we were blessed to have so many qualified candidates." Mayor Ralph Vilardo Jr. was also impressed with the caliber of officers who applied for the position. "We are fortunate to have such highly qualified officers with a desire to lead" said Vilardo. The sergeants will start on July 18th with a swearing in ceremony on July 19th at the Milford City Council Meeting.

Lane Assigned to Detective Unit

The promotion of Sean Mahan resulted in a vacancy in the investigative section. Officer Paul Lane was selected by Chief Mills to replace Mahan and assume responsibility for the investigation of all unsolved felonies and serious misdemeanors. Detective Lane has been with the Department since 1999, and has served primary assignments as a

patrol officer, acting supervisor and D.A.R.E. instructor. Lane's secondary assignments include; OVI task force coordinator, awards committee, and recruitment and selection committee. Lane has completed several training courses that have prepared him for an assignment in investigations including; Reid Interview and Interrogation,

Crime Scene Processing 1 & 2, Crime Scene Investigation, Crime Scene and Evidence Management, Fire Investigation, Incident Command and Emergency Management, Lane is a Milford High School alumni and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from U.C.. Chief Mills described Lane as a self starter with tremendous work ethic.

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Activity Recap

- 1215 Police Reports
- 63 Accident Reports
- 413 Citations
- 4 OVI Arrests
- 32 Arrests





National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 2nd, the Milford Police Department participated in the 28th Annual National Night Out. The event, which was sponsored by the National Association of Town Watchman and co-sponsored by the Union Township Police Department, took place at Veterans Park. National night out is designed to: Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for local anti-crime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships, and; send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting

back. National Project Coordinator Matt Peskin said "This is a night for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation. On NNO, we invite neighborhoods nationwide to join us in Giving Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party." Chief Mills along with Officers Bovenzi and Kibby showcased one of the new patrol SUVs as well as the ever popular Segway. National Night Out is supported by TARGET, a



Officers Bovenzi and Kibby

national corporate sponsor. Over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S, territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world participated with an estimated attendance of over 37 million people.

The MPD Honor Guard



Great American Ball Park

The Milford Police Department Honor Guard is a team of specially trained officers that reflect the commitment to excellence, spirit of professionalism and the esprit de corps of all the members of the Milford Police Department. The Honor Guard has been requested to participate in many formal ceremonies and events throughout the community. The team leader is also assigned to the Hamilton County Police Association's Honor

Guard, which consists of agencies throughout Hamilton County. The Milford Police Department Honor Guard is available for special events and memorials. The unit has posted the colors at Great American Ball Park, D.A.R.E. graduations, military memorials, 911 memorials and other ceremonies. The unit also leads the annual Milford Frontier Days Parade. The honor guard consist of Sergeants Crider and Belcher and Officers

Heller and Kenney.



Spc. Dohrenwend Memorial

“Doing the Right Thing”



Fighting 4 Landon Fundraiser

On July 14th, the residents at SEM Terrace were treated to a cookout hosted by Channel 12's Tim Hendrick. The cookout, which consisted of enough goetta sausage to feed 200 guests, was donated by Patsy Shilts, who won the drawing from WKRC's "Grilling with Tim" promotion. Shilts stated that her mother was a former resident of SEM Terrace and she knew how much the residents

would enjoy the cookout. Radio station Q102 was also at the event. Several residents had the opportunity to appear on live television with Tim Hendrick as he gave the weather forecast. For her commitment to the community, Patsy Shilts was presented with the Milford Police Department's Challenge Coin on live television. Patsy's generosity was an excellent example of doing the right thing.



Meteorologist Tim Hendrick

Officer Heller's Pride and Joy

Being assigned to fleet maintenance could be considered a thankless job. It's a secondary assignment with a lot of responsibilities but Officer Heller hasn't missed a beat since assuming the responsibility from Sergeant Burroughs whom retired in May. Heller led the research and development that went in to the decision to purchase two Sport Utility Vehicles for patrol. After the decision was made and approved, Heller had the daunting task of purchasing and up-fitting the SUVs. He didn't have the benefit of a prior SUV to follow; instead he started from scratch and developed a plan. The end

result is a professionally outfitted patrol vehicle that won first place in the Madeira Police Car Show on August 14th. But it's not just about looks, the new SUVs will allow the Department to respond more efficiently and effectively to a multitude of situations.



National Night Out



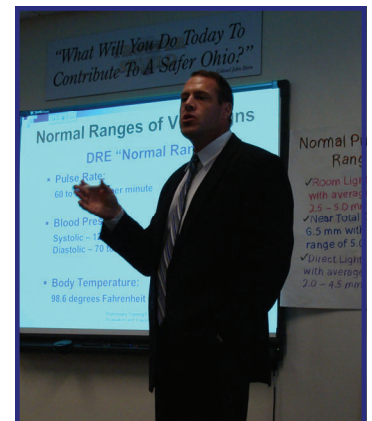
PO Heller at the Madeira Police Car Show

Kenney teaching at OSHP Academy

As a certified drug recognition expert. Officer Russ Kenney is qualified to assess and identify the affects of drugs on a person's ability to operate a vehicle. That is a valuable resource when dealing with an OVI arrest where alcohol is not suspected. Officer Kenney has testified in several OVI trials where the driver was intoxicated on substances other than alcohol. Kenney is also a state certified police instructor and has taught

in-service courses on the impairment of alcohol and drugs at the Milford Police Department and at area police academies. Recently, the Ohio Department of Public Safety asked Officer Kenney to teach courses at the State Highway Patrol Academy. The course consisted of nine days of classroom instruction in the areas of *Drugs in Society*, *Drug Recognition Classifications*, *Alcohol as a Drug*, *Vital Signs*, *Physiology of Drugs*, *CNS Stimulants*,

and *Dissociates Anesthetic*. There were twenty officers from around the State that were selected through an application process to receive the training. The officers will have to spend one week conducting actual evaluations at the Maricopa County, AZ Jail prior to taking a final certification examination. Officer Kenney holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Dakota Wesleyan University and has been a Milford officer since 2007



Mahan Earns Bachelor Degree

Sean Mahan reached two milestones during the month of June. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Cincinnati. Sean pursued his college education while working full time. Earning a college degree is an impressive accomplishment on it's own but Mahan did it while helping restructure the Milford Police Department. During the first

half of 2011, in addition to serving as the only investigator, he served as the collective bargaining unit representative at the contract negotiations, served on the selection committee and conducted back ground investigations for part time officers, coordinated the National Drug Take Back, and filled in on night shift patrols as needed. Sergeant Mahan is truly an asset to the Milford Police Department.



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A photograph from the 1950s taken at Milford South Elementary demonstrating that the Milford Police Department has a long history of community partnerships.

The FBI's Child ID App; *Putting Safety in Your Hands*

You're shopping at the mall with your children when one of them suddenly disappears. A quick search of the nearby area is unsuccessful. What do you do? Now there's a free new tool from the FBI that can help. Our just launched Child ID app—the first mobile application created by the FBI—provides a convenient place to electronically store photos and vital information about your children so that it's literally right at hand if you need it. You can show the pictures and provide physical identifiers such as height and weight to security or police officers on the spot. Using a special tab on the app, you can also quickly and easily e-mail the information to authorities with a few clicks. The app also includes tips on keeping children safe as well as specific guidance

on what to do in those first few crucial hours after a child goes missing. For its part, the FBI is working to publicize the app with the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA)—its long-time partner in the National Child Identification Program, which provides a physical kit to gather your child's pictures, fingerprints, personal characteristics, and even DNA to keep with you in case of emergency. The AFCA is producing a public service announcement about the app and will spread the word at various football games during the upcoming season. Right now, the Child ID app is only available for use on iPhones and can only be downloaded for free from the App Store on iTunes, but we plan to expand



this tool to other types of mobile devices in the near future. And we'll be adding new features—including the ability to upload other photos stored on your smart phone—in the coming weeks and months.

An important note: the FBI (and iTunes for that matter) is not collecting or storing any photos or information that you enter in the app. All data resides solely on your mobile device unless you need to send it to authorities. Please read your mobile provider's terms of service for information about the security of applications stored on your device