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INTRODUCTION OF SHERIFF EUGENE L. COON

Sheriff *EUGENE L. COON*, presently in his sixth term, has served as Sheriff longer than any other person in the history of Allegheny County.

Graduated from high school in 1947, he attended the University of Pittsburgh as a pre-law major.

He served two separate tours of duty with the U.S. Army: 1947-1948 with the 7th Infantry Division, and 1950-1951 as a Combat Infantryman with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea.

In October, 1952, Coon was sworn-in as a patrolman in the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police. He started as a beat patrolman, worked patrol cars, and eventually was assigned as a detective in the Narcotics Squad.

In 1957, he was promoted to Police Sergeant and assigned to the North Side Police Station.

In 1962, while head of the Squad, he was cited for his undercover work in breaking up a major narcotics ring in the City. His undercover investigation resulted in the arrest and conviction of 22 narcotics pushers. During the same year, he placed first on a competitive Civil Service examination and was promoted to Detective Lieutenant and Supervisor of a detective shift.

The following year, after placing first on another Civil Service examination, Coon was promoted to Detective Captain and placed in command of the Homicide Unit.



From a record of traditionally low murder solutions, the Homicide Squad solved 81 out of 82 murders during Coon's command of the Squad. His Homicide Unit also solved two murders which occurred before 1963.

In 1965, he was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Police and was named Commanding Officer of the Detective Branch.

By 1968, Coon was assigned as Commanding Officer of the Service Division in charge of the Police Training Academy, responsible for all in-service recruit officer training, police radio communications equipment and personnel, and criminal identification procedures and related services.

In 1969, Gene Coon resigned from the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police to run for the office of Sheriff of Allegheny County. He was elected to his first term in November 1969, receiving 326,740 votes, the largest number of votes received by a candidate running for County Office. He took office in January 1970.

Sheriff Coon was re-elected to a second term in 1973, and to subsequent terms in 1977, 1981, 1985, and 1989.

In 1990, the International Police Association, (the largest organization of law enforcement officers in the world), inducted Gene Coon into the Police Hall of Fame, "in recognition of his exceptional and meritorious performance in the police and law enforcement profession."



INTRODUCTION

The Sheriff's Office In History

The history of the Office of Sheriff is really a history of man's self-government.

While some historians maintain that the Office of Sheriff derives from either the Roman proconsul, or the Arab Sharif, (nobleman), it is generally accepted that the Office goes back historically to Anglo-Saxon England, (A.D. 500-1066).

According to Anglo-Saxon custom, if someone broke the law it was not just a crime against the victim, but a crime against the whole community.

The Anglo-Saxon kings expected their subjects to keep good order, which they called "keeping the peace." A crime was an act against the peace and some of the more serious crimes were said to be "against the King's Peace." Eventually, the idea grew that all crimes were against the King's Peace.

Under Anglo-Saxon rule it was the duty of the citizens themselves to see that the law was not broken, and if it was, to catch the offenders. All the males in the community between the ages 12 and 60 were responsible for this duty.

They were organized in groups of about ten families, and each group was call a "tything": At their head was a "tythingman." Each member of the tything was held responsible for the good behavior of the others. Ten tythings were led by a "reeve."

If one member committed a crime, the others had to catch him and bring him before the court, or the "moot" as the Saxons called it.

If they failed to do so they were all punished, usually by paying a fine.

If anyone saw a crime he raised a "hue and cry" and all men had to join in the chase to catch the criminal and bring him before the court.

Under Alfred the Great, (A.D. 871-901), reeves began to be combined, forming "shires" or counties. Each shire was led by a reeve.

For minor offenses, people accused of crimes were brought before the local "folk moot." More serious cases went to the "Shire Court" which came under the "shire reeve," (meaning "keeper and chief of his county"), who came to be known as the Sheriff.

After the Normans conquered England in A.D. 1066, they adopted many Anglo-Saxon law-keeping methods, including the system of tythings, the use of the hue and cry, and the Sheriff's courts.

In A.D. 1085, King William ordered a compilation of all taxable property in a census, and decreed that the Sheriff was to be the official tax collector of the king.



In A.D. 1116, King Henry I established a new penal code. While the Crown reserved to itself the power to punish for violations of the penal code, it delegated to the Sheriff the power to investigate and arrest.

Through the next century, as the power of the king increased, so did the power of the Sheriff. During the Westminster Period, (1275-1500), the offices of "baliff" and "sergeant" were created to supplement the Sheriff. However, county government remained in the hands of the Sheriff.

By the year 1300, the Sheriff was the executive and administrative leader of the county. In addition to being the tax collector for the King, the Sheriff was head of the local military and was charged with assuring that the peace was maintained.

The Sheriff presided over the prisoners and the court, and his authority was unparalleled by any other county official.

When settlers left England to colonize the New World, they took with them many of their governmental forms. When the first counties were established in Virginia in 1634, the office of Sheriff in America began.

Maryland soon followed this pattern, and in both states the Sheriff was delegated the same powers as the Sheriff held in England.

As in England, respect for the Sheriff was strictly enforced by the law. A special seat was often reserved for the Sheriff in churches. Contempt against the Sheriff was an offense punishable by whipping. At this time, Sheriffs were responsible for both enforcing and punishing offenders.

By the time of the American Revolution, all of the colonies had Sheriffs. When the American frontier began to move westward, so did the Sheriff. The 19th century was the golden age of the American Sheriff, with characters like Wild Bill Hickok, Wyatt Earp, and Texas John Slaughter becoming a colorful part of American history.

Today, the office of Sheriff is found in every state in the Union. The Office of Sheriff was brought to the colony which would become the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by Dutch and English colonists before the time of William Penn. The Office was constitutionally mandated by all five of Pennsylvania's Constitutions, in 1776, 1790, 1838, 1873 and 1967.

Throughout the years, the Sheriff in Pennsylvania has acquired many and varied responsibilities and obligations. The Sheriff acts in the capacity of peace officer, where his duty is to keep the peace and quell riots and disorders.

He has jurisdiction to make arrests anywhere in the county, to make searches of premises, and to seize items or property owned or used in violation of the law. He is called upon to remove certain nuisances, and he issues licenses to sell or to carry firearms.

While the Sheriff was originally the major, and sometimes only law enforcement officer in the county, other departments and offices developed which evolved into the present state police and local municipal police departments.



For the most part, these departments relieve the Sheriff of the primary duty of keeping the peace and maintaining law and order, although he retains his full powers to do so, and often assists the municipal police departments when they request such assistance.

The Sheriff is empowered to appoint deputies, and the deputies have the same powers as the Sheriff when performing their duties.

The Sheriff is also invested with the power of the "posse comitatus," (the power or force of the county), which is the power to call upon "the entire population of the county above the age of fifteen, which the Sheriff may summon to his assistance in certain cases, to aid him in keeping the peace, and in pursuing and arresting felons."

The Office of Sheriff in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is authorized and established by the Constitution of 1788 and the current revisions under which our State Government now operates. This Constitution provides that a Sheriff shall be elected in each county for a four-year term, and that his powers, duties and compensation be prescribed by law. The first election of a Sheriff in Allegheny County was held in 1789, and regular elections have been held every four years since that time.

The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer of the county. While most police work is now done by local and state police, the Sheriff's broad police powers authorize him and his deputies to make arrests for any and all violations of criminal statutes and ordinances.

The Sheriff is called upon during riots, prison breaches, strikes and other emergencies which are or may be a breach of the peace. In those instances, he is empowered to call upon all able-bodied male adults. The Sheriff's Office lends assistance to boroughs and townships in the case of any disturbance or emergency which their police department is inadequately staffed or equipped to handle.

Among the duties of the Sheriff are service of all writs issued by the Courts, transportation of prisoners to and from Court and between places of confinement, custody of prisoners during trials, and the summoning to duty of all Criminal Court and Civil Court jurors. The Sheriff also issues permits for firearms and conducts the sale of real and personal property at the request of litigants, including the City, County and State.

The Sheriff is also a statutory member of the Board of Prison Inspectors, (Prison Board).

The Allegheny County Sheriff's Office is staffed by 137 full-time employees, as follows: 1 Sheriff; 1 Chief Deputy Sheriff; 1 Solicitor, 1 Commander; 1 Captain; 5 Lieutenants; 13 Sergeants; 93 Deputies, 1 Manager of Constable Services, 7 Communications Technicians and 13 Clerical.

For the year 1993, the adopted budget of the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office is \$7,627,351.



THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

Sheriff's Deputies are covered by Pennsylvania Civil Service Laws within the Second Class County Code. Once every three years, the Allegheny County Civil Service Commission tests applicants and thereafter certifies to the Sheriff a list of eligible deputy candidates. When vacancies occur in the force of Deputies the Sheriff selects replacements from this Civil Service eligibility list.

As a condition of continued employment, all newly-hired Deputy Sheriffs are required by the Sheriff to complete the Basic Police Training Course at the Allegheny County Police Training Academy, and thereafter to semi-annually complete 20 hours of in-service training classes on a variety of subjects. This is the same basic police training that all municipal police officers are required to take under the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Act, (Act 120).

The basic training course includes 44 hours of training in Law Enforcement operations, 81 hours of professional development, 99 hours of Criminal Law and Procedures, 30 hours on the Motor Vehicle Code, 40 hours on Patrol Procedures and Operations, 41 hours on Investigations, 30 hours on Communications, 13 hours on Handling Violent or Dangerous People, 20 hours on the Mechanics of Arrest, Searches and Transporting Prisoners, 48 hours of First Aid and CPR, 52 hours of Firearms Training, and 26 hours on the Operation of Patrol Vehicles. This amounts to 524 hours of basic training.

In addition to the Act 120 training, all Allegheny County Deputy Sheriffs attend an additional 40 hours of training at the Deputy Sheriffs' Training Academy at Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Therefore, all Allegheny County Deputy Sheriffs receive a total of 564 hours of basic training.

Even prior to 1974, when mandatory training for municipal police officers began, the current Sheriff required his deputies to attend basic training at the State Police Academy in Hershey.

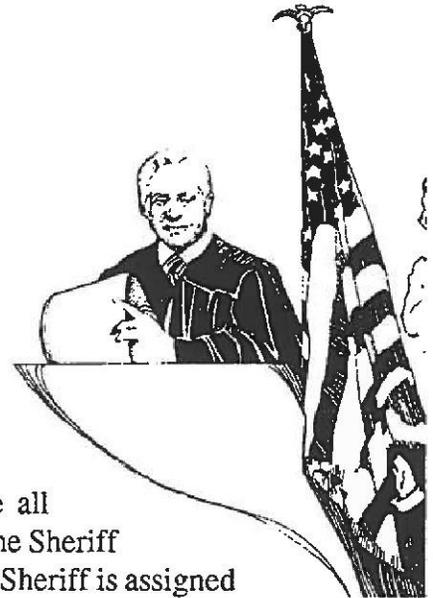
The Allegheny County Deputy Sheriffs are represented in collective bargaining by the Allegheny County Deputy Sheriff's Association, a bargaining unit formally recognized by the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board.



THE COURTS DIVISION

The Courts Division functions are divided into five general areas:

1. Criminal Court
2. Family Court - Adult Section
3. Family Court - Juvenile Section
4. Orphans Court
5. Transportation



CRIMINAL COURT

It is the responsibility of Criminal Court to adjudicate all criminal charges brought in Allegheny County. The role of the Sheriff in the Criminal Court System is an important one. A Deputy Sheriff is assigned to each Courtroom, and has the responsibility of maintaining custody of incarcerated defendants who are required to appear before the Court.

In many cases more than one Deputy may be required to maintain security, depending on the particular circumstances of each individual trial. At times, as many as a dozen deputies have been assigned to a Courtroom.

This Division handled over 14,000 criminal defendants in 1992, and almost 52,000 criminal defendants over the past four years.

FAMILY COURT - ADULT SECTION

The Adult Section of Family Court has jurisdiction in family matters which involve such types of cases as non-support of spouses, indigent parents and children, complaints of custody or visitation rights, divorces and annulments and protection from abuse.

This area of the Court is a very sensitive one due to the nature of the circumstances which bring individuals to the Court. Emotions usually run high, and tempers are easily ignited in such an atmosphere. For this reason, Deputies assigned to this section are selected for their abilities to exercise tact and understanding in the performance of their duties.

Over the past four year period, the Family Division handled 89,967 non-support cases, 7,680 protection from abuse cases, and executed 3,696 non-support warrants.



FAMILY COURT - JUVENILE SECTION

This branch of the Court handles cases involving individuals under the age of 18. All Deputies assigned to Juvenile Court are selected for their abilities in handling juveniles, and they also receive specialized training in this area.

The Deputies are responsible for the transportation of in-custody juveniles between Shuman Center and the Court which is located on Forbes Avenue in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh. Along with maintaining the safety and security of all Court participants, Deputy Sheriffs also transport juveniles to and from various detention facilities throughout Pennsylvania.

The Juvenile Section handled 19,956 Juvenile Court hearings in 1992, and 73,342 hearings since 1989.

ORPHANS COURT

Under the Mental Health and Retardation Act, the Sheriff's Office is required to present before the Court individuals who are to be considered for court-ordered commitment to various hospitals or institutions. To insure the safe custody of these respondents, a male respondent is always accompanied by two specially-trained male Deputies. Female respondents are escorted by one female Deputy in addition to the male Deputies.

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

The Transportation Division is responsible for transporting all Allegheny County prisoners to and from prisons, courts and hospitals throughout Pennsylvania. Trips are also made throughout the United States to return prisoners to Allegheny County for court trials or incarceration.

In conjunction with Allegheny County Jail officials' efforts to regulate population limits, the Sheriff's Office Transportation Division in recent years has experienced a drastic increase in the number of man-hours necessary to transport prisoners.

When jail population exceeds regulated standards, inmates are transported to neighboring counties, and subsequently returned to Allegheny County for appearances in court for sentencing, hearings, or trials.

In 1992, Transportation Division deputies made close to 10,000 trips and covered close to 1.2 million miles. During the last four-year period, they made 42,354 trips and logged 4.4 million miles.



WRITS DIVISION

This Division of the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the physical service of all writs. In order to effect efficient service of writs throughout the 745 square miles in Allegheny County, we have divided the County into eleven geographical districts.

Deputy Sheriffs are then assigned to particular areas and are delegated the responsibility of serving all writs issued for that area. When the work-load in any specific district is extremely heavy, the district Deputy may be assisted by additional personnel.

Each writ is numbered, starting with 1 at the beginning of each year, and ending with the number assigned to the last writ of the year. This is designated as the writ "Red Number". This number identifies the particular writ, but does not mean that there was only one service involved in that writ.



A writ can have as few as one, but as many as a thousand or more services under one "Red Number". Therefore, the actual services are usually 60 to 65 percent higher than the number of writs.

In 1992, Writ Division deputies logged over 780,000 miles while making 106,908 actual services.



REAL ESTATE DIVISION

This division has the responsibility of processing and docketing Civil Court papers such as divorces, trespass, and assumpsit actions, executions against personal property, and miscellaneous writs dealing with respondents and the transportation of prisoners. This division also has the duty of notifying by mail prospective jurors who are to serve in the Criminal and Civil Divisions of Common Pleas Court.

The Real Estate Division also collects and docketes the cash fees received by the Sheriff's Office for services performed. All fees collected are then transmitted to the Allegheny County Treasury. These fees constitute revenue to Allegheny County and offset the operating costs of the Sheriff's Office.

More than 370,000 actions passed through this Division in the past four years, 90,153 of them in 1992.

The cash fees for services which were collected and turned over to the Allegheny County Treasury totaled over 6.4 million dollars since 1989. Almost 1.6 million was generated in 1992 alone.



REAL ESTATE DIVISION STATISTICS: 1989 - 1992

	1989	1990	1991	1992
Juror Summons	63,245	64,700	62,245	64,204
Arbitration Docket	10,417	9,130	11,921	8,353
Civil Docket	6,910	7,081	7,854	7,651
Foreign Writs	9,161	8,131	4,670	4,967
Liens & Mortgages	1,754	1,922	1,934	1,803
Real Estate Executions	1,282	1,373	1,436	1,474
Miscellaneous Writs	824	1,056	909	589
Writs of Execution	707	770	0	0
Divorce Docket	64	106	60	265
TOTAL ACTIONS:	94,364	94,269	91,029	89,306

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CASH FEES COLLECTED: 1983 - 1992

YEAR	CASH FEES
1983	\$757,537
1984	\$886,518
1985	\$1,129,435
1986	\$1,250,420
1987	\$1,475,959
1988	\$1,356,326
1989	\$1,349,017
1990	\$2,000,464
1991	\$1,508,816
1992	\$1,568,886

TEN YEAR TOTAL \$13,283,378

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PORT AUTHORITY PATROL

The Port Authority Section is primarily responsible for the safety and well-being of the drivers and passengers of the Port Authority Transit System. In addition, Deputies patrol PAT property to protect against theft and vandalism.

Sheriff's Office vehicles assigned to this detail are equipped with radio receivers which enable the Deputies to monitor radio transmissions on PAT radiophone frequencies and City Police channels. This system drastically reduces response time to emergency calls and calls for assistance.

The Patrol shifts are staggered in such a way as to provide peak hours for criminal activity. The Sheriff's Office PAT Patrol acts as an effective deterrent to crimes against PAT passengers, drivers and property.

Over the past four years, PAT Patrol Deputies have responded to close to 10,000 incidents and made close to 1,000 arrests. The statistics for 1992 are listed on the next page.

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PAT PATROL OFFENSES - INCIDENTS: 1992

OFFENSE - INCIDENT 1992

Assaults on Passengers	9
Assault on Transit Vehicle Operator	4
Burglary	11
Conspiracy	4
Criminal Mischief	23
Disorderly Conduct	50
Disorderly Passengers	77
Driving Under the Influence	1
Drug Offenses	1
Firearms Offenses	8
Harassment	13
Intoxicated Passengers	56
Miscellaneous Offenses	184
Prohibited Offensive Weapons	2
Propulsion of Missiles	49
Public Drunkenness	101
Receiving Stolen Property	6
Reckless Endangerment	12
Robbery	13
Sex Offenses	2
Terroristic Threats	4
Theft of Property	16
Theft of Service	3
Transit Vehicle Escorts	24
Trespassing	14

Total Incidents 687

Total Summary Arrests 150

Total Misdemeanor Arrests 46

Total Felony Arrests 5

Total Arrests 201



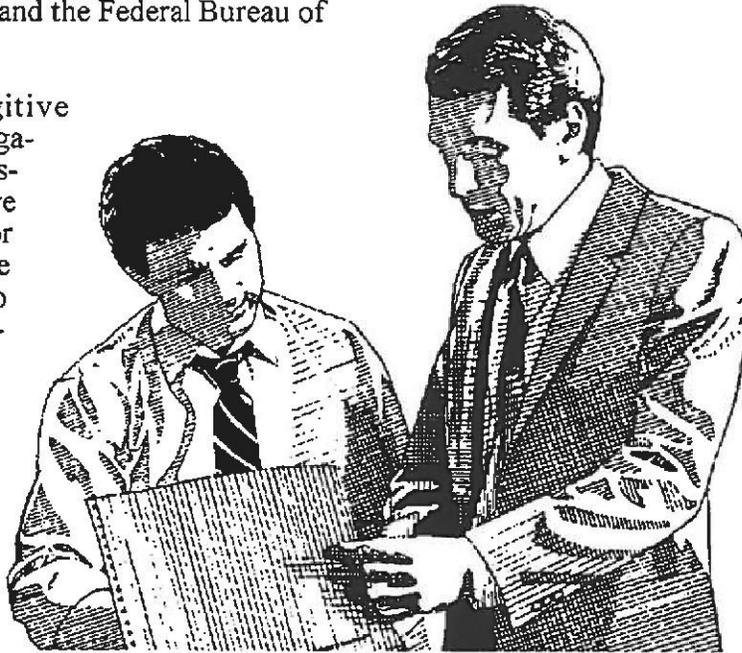
INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Allegheny County Sheriff's Office Investigation Division handles a wide spectrum of investigative duties. This division primarily concentrates on executing warrants, locating and apprehending dangerous fugitives. However, other investigations have included threats to public officials, attempted abductions, or county jail prisoner escapes.

In addition to the basic and in-service training required of all Allegheny County Deputy Sheriffs, the personnel assigned to this division must successfully complete a series of specialized firearms training classes using semi-automatic weapons, as well as shotgun and revolver training courses conducted by the Sheriff's Office, City Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Fugitive Squad section of the Investigation Division executes warrants for individuals who have been apprehended for with which they have or who have failed to court hearings or tri-

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Sheriff's Office Detectives also execute Foreign Warrants, or those warrants issued outside of Allegheny County, including those issued by other states for persons suspected of being in Allegheny County.

Since the Sheriff's Office instituted the Fugitive Squad concept in 1976, the number of fugitive warrant arrests has steadily increased each year, reaching a total of over 800 arrests in 1992.

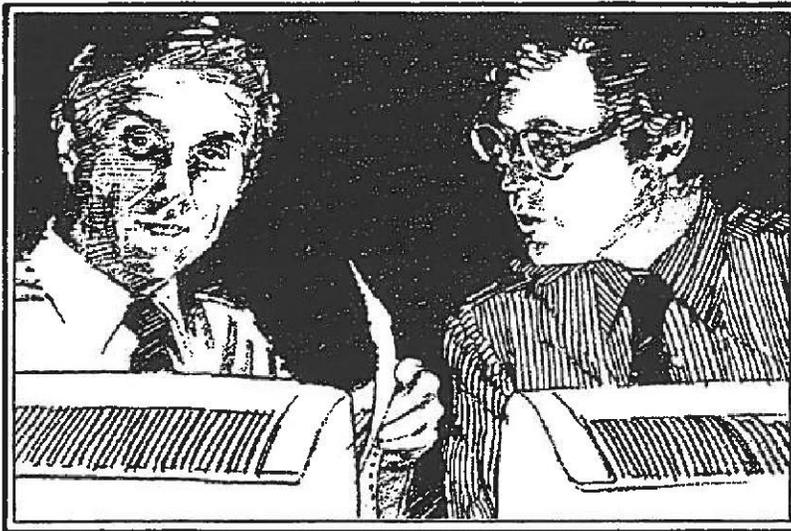
The Allegheny County Sheriff's Office Fugitive Squad also actively assists other Federal and State agencies in the apprehension of fugitives.

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For example, in 1984, two Sheriff's Deputies were assigned for several months to FIST 7, the Fugitive Investigative Strike Team, which was a joint fugitive arrest operation funded by the Federal Government and made up of United States Marshal's Deputies, Allegheny County Sheriff's Deputies, City of Pittsburgh Police and members of the Pennsylvania State Police.

This operation, which encompassed an eight-state area, was the largest fugitive roundup in the history of the United States. In the Pittsburgh/Western Pennsylvania region, 306 arrests were made by the Fugitive Investigative Strike Team for crimes ranging from murder and rape to narcotics, robbery and weapon charges, among others.



Detectives from the Investigation Division have also served on the Allegheny County Joint Narcotics Task Force, and the Homicide Task Force.

The Narcotics Task Force consisted of Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) investigators, Allegheny County Deputy Sheriffs, City and municipal police officers functioning as undercover narcotics investigators.

The Homicide Task Force was formulated in response to a series of unsolved homicides occurring in Western Pennsylvania in the late 1970s. Deputy Sheriffs served as homicide investigators along with investigators from the State Police, the County Police and the District Attorney's Office. Through the joint efforts of the investigators from these agencies, the person suspected of committing the series of murders was identified. He is currently serving a series of consecutive life sentences in another state for offenses committed there.

In March 1989, the "Greater Pittsburgh Fugitive Task Force" was formed by various law enforcement agencies, headed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Pittsburgh Office. This task force continues to include Deputy Sheriff Investigators from the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office.

The stated purpose of the formation of this unit was to better coordinate, and to handle more efficiently, the location and arrest of fugitive felons in the Pittsburgh area. Each of the agencies involved in the searching for fugitives provide manpower, equipment, and the expertise to hunt for such dangerous fugitives wanted by various law enforcement agencies in this area.

To date 2,310 fugitives have been located and apprehended by this task force, on charges ranging from homicide, kidnapping and rape, to extortion and drug dealing.

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In the spring of 1992, the U.S. Department of Justice chose Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to be a "demonstration site" for "Operation Weed and Seed". This initiative was proposed by the President of the United States to combine law enforcement activities with social service and urban revitalization programs, especially targeting the war on drugs.



Once again, the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office is contributing manpower and equipment from the Investigation Division to assist the Weed and Seed Task Force in locating and apprehending violent drug offenders ranging from major suppliers to street-level dealers.

To date, 221 actors have been arrested by this task force.

In describing "Operation Weed and Seed" Attorney General William P. Barr stated that, "Only an approach combining tough law enforcement with the economic and moral revitalization of high-crime areas offers the prospect of a safer America. One of the critical structural shortcomings of the past has been the failure to coordinate our social programs and integrate them with law enforcement. The challenge for the '90s is to deploy and focus both our law enforcement assets and our social resources—at the same time, at the same place, and the same mutually reinforcing way."

The Allegheny County Sheriff's Office is proud to be an effective participant in striving to meet this challenge.

INVESTIGATIONS AND ARRESTS: 1990, 1991, 1992

YEAR	TOTAL WORKED	CLEARED BY ARREST
1990	664	550
1991	605	471
1992	738	569
Totals	2,007	1,590

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COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

The Communications Division is a multifaceted computerized operation maintained by the Sheriff's Office Communication Technicians, all of whom are skilled in diverse areas of law enforcement technology. These areas include not only specialization in radio dispatch, but also extensive knowledge of both the N.C.I.C. (National Crime Information Center) and C.L.E.A.N. (Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network) computer systems which are vital to ensuring officer safety. The Communications Division operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year-round.

The National Crime files for use in the daily operations, including fugitive warrants, persons, securities, missing per-

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In accordance with the Protection From Abuse Act, the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office is the central registry for all final Protection From Abuse Court Orders issued by the Family Division of the Court of Common Pleas. The orders and terms are recorded on the County Integrated Criminal Information Computer System (I.C.I.S), and a copy of the original order is kept on file in the Communications Division. This enables all law enforcement agencies within Allegheny County to access this crucial information at any given time.

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By state law, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for performing a complete background investigation on all citizens of the county who seek to purchase a firearm, or who apply to the Sheriff's Office for a permit to carry a concealed weapon. This process is accomplished via N.C.I.C. and C.L.E.A.N.

The Communications Division has been consistently successful in assisting the Sheriff's Office Investigation Division, the Greater Pittsburgh Fugitive Task Force and the Weed and Seed Task Force with essential findings from the law enforcement computer systems. This data is received in an accurate and timely manner allowing for the detection and apprehension of wanted persons.

The Sheriff's communication center acts as an interface to N.C.I.C. for numerous offices, including the Allegheny County Courts, the District Justices, Constables, and the Allegheny County Jail.

Having the ability to enter and retrieve information through our nation-wide computer hook-up is an invaluable aid to the efficient operation of judicial services in Allegheny County.

The array of functions performed in the Communications Division has resulted in the continued safety and welfare of not only the Deputy Sheriff, but also the residents of Allegheny County.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION STATISTICS, 1992

Other Traffic - Messages Received	326,642
Other Traffic - Messages Sent	258,150
Criminal History Requests	70,966
Jail Lists	16,767
Firearm Purchases	17,493
Bureau of Motor Vehicle Inquiries	17,270
NCIC Entries: Wanted Persons	6,072
Criminal History Requests - Rap Sheets	7,714
Warrants Issued	5,665
Warrants Cancelled	5,067
Firearms Licenses - New	5,943
Firearms Licenses - Renewals	5,375
Warrants Cleared By Sheriff's Office	1,648
Other Traffic - Administrative	1,960
Protection From Abuse Orders	1,395
House Arrests	719
Total Volume	748,846



ASSISTANCE TO MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS



When a municipality hires a new police officer to fill a vacancy on its police department, it is required by law to send the new officer through a thirteen-week basic police training program.

Obviously, the police department will be short-handed for this thirteen-week period. Many of the smaller police departments find this to be a severe hardship. In such cases, the municipality may then request that a Deputy Sheriff be assigned to its police department for the three months that the police officer will be in training.

In some cases, such as where a police department wanted to send one of their police officers to optional training, such as the F.B.I. Academy or to other specialized classes, the Chiefs of Police have told us that, without our assistance, the officer would not have been permitted to attend such training.

Whenever it is possible for us to do so, we are pleased to be able to assist the municipal police departments in this manner.

(Attached to the end of this report is a representative sample of letters from Chiefs of Police requesting the loan of a deputy. We have on file letters requesting the loan of a deputy sheriff from virtually every Chief of Police from every city, borough and township in Allegheny County.)

When a deputy replaces a municipal police officer, he serves and functions the same as a municipal police officer would. He fills a shift and has all of the same duties and responsibilities that any other police officer would.



From the years 1974 through 1989, (the most recent year for which statistics are readily available), the Sheriff's Office expended 62,669 manhours in loaning deputy sheriffs to municipal police departments. This is an average of 3,917 man-hours per year.

These statistics do not include requests for *emergency* assistance. We do not keep statistics on the hundreds of hours each year that the Sheriff's Office responds to requests from Chiefs of Police for emergency assistance.

Emergency assistance frequently includes crowd control at concerts, sporting events and other large gatherings. It should not be overlooked, nor can it be overemphasized that these types of situations pose substantial danger of injury or even death to the local police officers trying to control or contain an unruly crowd, given their limited manpower.

There is little doubt, based upon the hundreds of incidents we have been called upon to respond to that we have been able to prevent serious injuries to police officers by being able to respond to their requests for emergency assistance.



COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CRIME PREVENTION

The Allegheny County Sheriff's Office is deeply committed to serving the residents of Allegheny County in as many ways as possible with the limited personnel of the department. It is our continued intention to provide the best possible service at the lowest possible cost without sacrificing the quality of such services.

The Allegheny County Sheriff's Office participation in Crime Prevention is quite extensive.

For example, Deputy Sheriffs certified as Crime Prevention Officers teach Crime Prevention to municipal police officers in their respective departments.

We also provide Crime Prevention programs, and technical assistance in setting up Crime Prevention programs, to numerous organizations, corporations and small and large businesses. These organizations include:

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency; municipal police departments; all school districts in Allegheny County; Federal, State, County and Municipal agencies; the Allegheny County Housing Authority; the Allegheny County Center for the Victims of Violent Crime; the Allegheny County Police Training Academy; the Western Pennsylvania AAA Motor Club; hospitals; colleges; community-based Crime Prevention organizations; community clubs; organizations and associations, the Allegheny County Department of Aging, the Western Pennsylvania Safety Council, the Federation of Allegheny County Aging Service Providers, and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America.

Foremost among our many Community Relations/Crime Prevention programs is the Sheriff's Office "Billy the Talking Bicycle" program.

The Deputy Sheriff assigned to this program makes hundreds of appearances each year at schools throughout the County, speaking on all aspects of child safety and Crime Prevention.

Thanks to the generosity of several area corporations, these appearances feature a unique bicycle, specially equipped with multiple blinking lights and a speaker which is connected to a cassette tape player.

By changing cassettes, the program can be tailored to the age level of the audience. This system allows the bicycle, "Billy the Bike", to conduct the program with the "assistance" of a Deputy Sheriff. Brochures on bike safety, as well as ones on Crime Prevention in general, are given to the students to read and take home to their parents.

Testimony of Allegheny County Sheriff Eugene L. Coon
Before the Judiciary Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives



In addition, the Sheriff's Office conducts the Safety City Program at various shopping malls throughout the County. Consisting of miniature houses, traffic lanes, traffic signs, and signals, children are invited to ride tricycles through the Safety City streets while receiving instructions from Deputies on proper safety procedures and the meaning of signs, signals, and road markings.

While the children are riding through Safety City, parents are supplied with numerous brochures dealing with safety, covering topics such as child poisoning, First Aid in the home and many others.

On the average, more than 15,000 youngsters per year throughout the County participate in these programs. The demand and popularity of these presentations is evident by the large number of positive telephone calls throughout the year from teachers, parents and students.

Every year there are hundreds killed and hundreds of thousands injured in this country in accidents involving bicycles. The Sheriff's Office is doing its part in Allegheny County to instruct as many children as possible in safe bike-riding practices which can help avoid such mishaps.

In addition, the Sheriff's Office conducts several other programs on such topics as Drug Abuse Prevention, Child Abduction, Firearms Safety, Rape Prevention, and Crime Prevention. All of these programs are tailored for audiences of all ages and are presented to community organizations and schools throughout the year.

In recent years, we have expanded our efforts to develop Crime Prevention programs that are effective in reducing the incidence of crime through organized citizen involvement including the physically and mentally challenged.

In addition to specific programs on Home and Apartment Security, Personal Safety, Fraud and Bunco, Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens, and Corporate Crime Prevention Strategies, we assist municipal police departments who wish to establish Crime Prevention or Crime Watch Programs, and we assist the Allegheny County Housing Authority by conducting periodic security surveys of all Senior Citizen high-rises operated by the Authority.

Altogether, these programs provide many beneficial services to all segments of Allegheny County residents of various age groups on a broad range of Crime Prevention and safety topics.

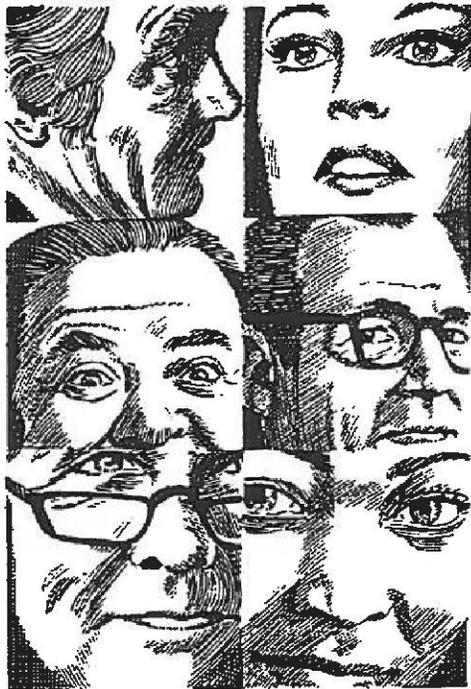
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Before the Judiciary Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives



THE SHERIFF'S RESERVE

The Allegheny County Sheriff's Reserve is yet another example of an important community service provided to all the citizens of Allegheny County by the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Reserve is a well-trained, efficient, standby unit, ready and able to assist the Sheriff's Office in emergency situations. Since 1971, this organization has become a reserve law-enforcement unit unsurpassed by any similar component in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



The Sheriff's Reserve consists of approximately 270 men and women who volunteer their time when needed, and who purchase on their own all of their uniforms and equipment. The operation of this unit costs the taxpayers of Allegheny County nothing. They come from all walks of life and from all parts of Allegheny County.

Each member must pass a thorough personal examination, undergo extensive training and purchase his or her own uniforms and equipment. Training consists of a rigid police training curriculum administered by certified professionals.

The Sheriff's Reserve is most visible to the public at parades and ceremonial functions. A contingent of motorcycles and other vehicles manned by

Reserve personnel are to be found at many parades throughout the year.

In cooperation with the Coast Guard and the Fish and Game Commissions, Sheriff's Reserve Patrol Boats assist in the maintenance of order and safety procedures on the three rivers during Regattas and other river-related activities.

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Before the Judiciary Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives



Reserve personnel also assist the Sheriff's Office in conducting numerous public educational programs held in various communities year round. Bicycle Safety, Dangerous Drugs, Weapons Awareness and Hunter Education are but a few of the presentations designed to provide educational services to the public.

By far the most extensive activities of the Reserve in terms of man-hours are the crowd-control services provided to local communities and to charitable organizations. This assistance at carnivals, festivals, parades and other special events not only assures an added measure of public safety, but also in many cases frees the use of local police officers for normal duties.

Many small communities would not be able to handle such events without this assistance, and could certainly not afford the cost in man-hours of the services which the Sheriff's Reserve provides free of charge.

The man-hours involved in Reserve endeavors has nearly tripled since 1980. In recent years, Reserve Deputies have averaged close to 20,000 man-hours per year providing services to communities in virtually every part of Allegheny County.

While the citizens of Allegheny County derive numerous benefits from the activities of this organization, the Allegheny County Sheriff's Reserve is a totally self-supporting unit which costs the taxpayers nothing. It is completely volunteer, and all funds spent are those of its members.

ATTACHMENT A

**Representative samples
of letters from
Chiefs of Police
requesting assistance
from the
Allegheny County
Sheriff's Office.**

City of Pittsburgh



Pennsylvania

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

RALPH D. PAMPENA
Chief of Police

Gateway View Plaza
1600 West Carson Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
(412) 255-2814

May 3, 1989

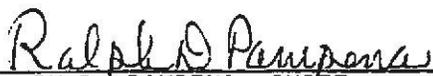
Sheriff Eugene Coon
Allegheny County Court House
Room 111
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Sheriff Coon:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the assistance you provided at the Grateful Dead Concert. As you know from the news accounts of the incident, the event was out of hand for a brief time and put our officers at risk. Our original call for additional help was monitored by your personnel, and, as usual, they were on the scene within minutes ready to help in any way possible. In addition to their initial response, they remained on the scene with our personnel until the detail was secured.

This is a perfect example of the long-standing cooperation between the Sheriff's Office and the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police. Please convey my personal thanks to Chief Deputy John McNamara and to the sergeant and deputies who responded.

Sincerely,


RALPH D. PAMPENA, CHIEF
Pittsburgh Bureau of Police

RDP/jsv

City of Pittsburgh



Pennsylvania

October 24, 1974

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

BUREAU OF POLICE

Robert E. Colville
SUPERINTENDENT

Assistant Superintendents

Ralph Yovetich
Albert L. Mills
Robert J. Coll
James P. Curran

Eugene Coon, Sheriff
Sheriff's Office
County of Allegheny
Room 111, Courthouse
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

A/S #200-74

Dear Sheriff Coon:

I am writing to express my appreciation for the cooperation afforded the Homicide Section of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police by Sergeant Oatneal and Deputies Al Lecne and James Ward.

On October 22, 1974, a teletype bulletin was put out on a one Delores Smith and her automobile. This subject was wanted for the shooting-murder of Donald Mitchell. Your deputies recognized the car in question on the evening of October 22, 1974, stopped this car and apprehended the subject.

It is most encouraging to see this type of cooperation displayed and we look forward to a continued relationship in all areas of mutual concern.

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Coll, A/Superintendent
Investigations Branch

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**Borough of Blawnox
Police Department**

GEORGE P. BUCHA
CHIEF OF POLICE

January 9, 1989

376 Freeport Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
Office: (412) 828-4141
Radio: (412) 961-0600

Honorable Sheriff Eugene L. Coon
Allegheny County
Room 111 Court House
Pittsburgh, Penna. 15219

Dear Sheriff Coon:

The Blawnox Police Dept. has been working for the pass ten (10) weeks without a day off due to the fact a police officer whom we hired August 1988 terminated his employment as a police officer in November 1988. This leaves us with a Chief(myself) and two (2) police officers to work the three daily shifts seven days a week without any days off.

The Mayor and Council are in the process of interveiwing the other remaining candidates from the civil service list of April 1988 to see if they can fill the police officer position. If none of these people are picked then it would be April 1989 before civil service tests would be given for the police officer position.

In the past we have called on you for assistance and I feel it is necessary to ask for your help again. If possible Gene I would appreciate for now a Deputy Sheriff to work two(2) days a week Saturday and Sunday. This would allow for the time being one of the three officers to have off a weekend off until we see what direction Boro Council is taking in hiring a police officer. Gene if by some chance we have to wait until April 1989 for Civil Service to retest I would be getting back to you and would most likely be requesting a Deputy Sheriff five days a week to work our regular police schedule until a police officer is hired.

Thanking you in advance for any consideration you can give us in this matter.

Sincerely

George P Bucha

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Avalon Police Department
BOROUGH OF AVALON
640 California Avenue
AVALON, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15202

Telephone
761-0352

February 7, 1989

Sheriff Eugene Coon
Room 111
County Courthouse
Pittsburgh, PA. 15219

Dear Sheriff Coon:

Once again I must request assistance from your department. A new officer will be attending the Police Academy beginning February 14 for the required thirteen weeks. One of our senior officers had shoulder surgery January 31 and his length of recuperation may run into two or three months.

Could a Deputy Sheriff be assigned to us for the thirteen week period? Your immediate attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John J. Downey
John J. Downey
CHIEF OF POLICE

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Rep Robert Michler

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CRAFTON BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT



PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15205

Phone: 921-2014

April 10, 1989

Eugene L. Coon, Sheriff
County of Allegheny
Court House
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219

Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and the thanks of the entire department for the use of Deputy William Hershberger during the period of my absence. By having Deputy Hershberger here we were able to avoid overtime and maintain our usual rotation allowing the men to have their regular pass days and shifts.

As has been the case in the past, Deputy Hershberger proved once again that he is totally professional and readily adapted to our routine and our personnel. Deputy Hershberger had served our department in the past, and once again did his outstanding job for our department and our community.

It is a pleasure to know that Deputy Hershberger was, and we hope is available to us. Please express our gratitude and thanks to him for a job well-done.

Thanks for your assistance. If we can be of service to you or your department, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold A. Rost, Jr.".

Harold A. Rost, Jr.
Chief of Police
Borough of Crafton



Borough of Green Tree

Police Department

978 Greentree Road • Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15220

John R. Bonassi
MAYOR

Telephone: (412) 921-1110
(412) 922-3600

Timothy P. Logue
CHIEF OF POLICE

August 18, 1988

Sheriff Eugene L. Coon
Allegheny County Sheriff's Office
111 Courthouse
Fifth and Grant
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Sheriff Coon:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the members of your Police Department that responded to our request for assistance on Tuesday, August 16, 1988 at the Parkway Center Complex. The situation, in my opinion, was extremely volatile. We had approximately 110 construction workers from two (2) different unions at odds with each other, armed with such items as chains, boards with nails through them, hammers and pipes.

Without the assistance of the Departments on our radio hook-up, I do not believe that the confrontation could have been resolved as it was; peacefully, with no one being injured.

On behalf of the Mayor, members of Council and our Police Department, I would again like to thank you and hope some day we may be of assistance to your Department and Community.

Yours truly,

Timothy P. Logue
Timothy P. Logue, Chief
Green Tree Police Dept.

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KENNEDY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

340 Forest Grove Road, Coraopolis, Pa. 15108

OFFICE OF
THE CHIEF OF POLICE
331-8184

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August 29, 1988

Sheriff Eugene Coon
County Court House, Room 111
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219

Dear Sheriff Coon,

I am requesting a Deputy Sheriff to cover Kennedy Township on September 9, 1988.

Kennedy Township officers are scheduled to qualify on the firing range at the Police Academy on this date.

If possible, I would appreciate Deputy Richard Fersch for the detail. Deputy Fersch has assisted Kennedy Township on numerous occasion's and is familiar with our streets and residents. Deputy Fersch is also an excellent officer and is a credit to your department. Please advise as soon as possible if you are able to comply with my request.

Sincerely,

Samuel J. Karpa jr

Chief Samuel J. Karpa

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Deputy ~~[Signature]~~ Michler

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STOWE TOWNSHIP

POLICE DEPARTMENT

STEPHEN HOMER - Chief of Police

1301 ISLAND AVENUE • McKEES ROCKS, PENNSYLVANIA 15136

PHONES: (412) 331-4010 / 331-4011 / 331-4012

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August 24, 1988

Sheriff Eugene Coon
Allegheny County Sheriff's Office
Room 111 Court House
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Dear Gene,

I am requesting the use of one (1) of your Deputy Sheriff on Friday, September 16, 1988 to work the 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. shift so that the members of the Stowe Township Police Department can go to the Allegheny County Police Academy to qualify on the Firing Range.

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Thank You,

[Signature: Stephen Homer]
Stephen Homer
Chief of Police

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TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEER
POLICE DEPARTMENT
DONALD SIMONETTI - CHIEF
Phones: Office 265-1100 Radio 443-7844
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
BOX 2, Russellton, PA 15076

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May 6, 1988

Sheriff Eugene L. Coon
Room 111
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219

Dear Sheriff Coon:

This Department is requesting the assistance of Sheriff Jerry Hanlon on May 20, 1988 to cover our 3 p.m. till 11 p.m. shift.

All of our Officers will be attending the Police Academy for firearms qualification. Sheriff Hanlon has assisted this Department many times and is very familiar with the Township. This will be a vital asset to us while we are at the Academy.

Please get back to me as soon as possible in regard to this.

Thanking you in advance,

Don Simonetti
Don Simonetti, Chief
West Deer Police

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**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BUREAU OF POLICE**

**DONALD G. LOFGREN
CHIEF OF POLICE**

**MUNICIPAL BLDG., 4011 DICKEY ROAD
GIBSONIA, PA. 15044**

**TELEPHONE:
Emergency: 443-7844
Office: 443-7848**

April 15, 1988

Sheriff Eugene L. Coon
111 Court House
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Sheriff ~~Coon~~, *Gene*

I have received the honor of acceptance to the National Academy by the Federal Bureau of Investigations training program. I must report to Quantico, Virginia on June 26th, and I will graduate September 9th.

Richland Township has never had an officer granted acceptance to this program. I, as well as the Richland Township Board of Supervisors, are looking forward to this training, and value my attendance at this program.

My absence is going to present a problem in providing adequate scheduling for shift coverage. In addition, scheduling problems will be compounded by attempting to facilitate vacation leave and possible unforeseen absences such as sick time.

I wish to request, and would greatly appreciate if you could provide us with a replacement patrol officer for this eleven week time period. We have received assistance from the Sheriff's Office on many occasions, but we have never requested assistance for such an extended period. I am hopeful you can accommodate this request.

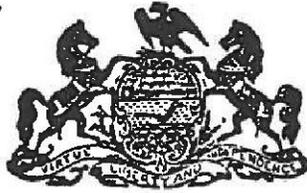
In addition, if you are able to assist us on this matter, I would like to request Deputy Sheriff Jerry Hanlon. Jerry is familiar with the area and has expressed an interest in working this detail. However, if you are unable to assign him, I am confident in any individual you would assign to us.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter and I shall await your reply.

Sincerely,

Donald G. Lofgren
Chief of Police

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BOROUGH OF MOUNT OLIVER

(INCORPORATED NOVEMBER 9, 1892)

County of Allegheny - State of Pennsylvania

MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 150 BROWNSVILLE ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15210

Council Meets Third Monday of Each Month



January 2, 1978

Sheriff Eugene Coon
Sheriff's Office
Court House
5th & Ross Sts.
Pgh., Pa. 15219

Dear Sir:

Recently, in the Borough of Mt. Oliver, we have had some vandalism on a rather large scale in the business district at night. This vandalism is being caused by some very defiant juveniles in the area. The glass damage is concentrated in a certain area where they can hurl rocks or red bricks and disappear up a side alley to an adjoining street. They have rocks on the roofs in some areas which they seem to control and have even broken out two windows in the Police Van while the officers were inside. Also, pellet guns were used to shoot out the windows in the Borough Building.

Our present force consists of nine men, including the Chief of Police. Therefore, this limits our ability to handle the situation.

We would like some assistance from your Department if you have men to spare between 10:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. in the area. Just a visible patrol vehicle would make these vandals realize that we are not alone in our efforts to apprehend them.

Saturday, December 30, 1978, we had a very serious confrontation between our police and these vandals.

Sincerely yours,

John V. Hindmarch
John V. Hindmarch
Chief of Police

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Thompe M. Smith, Mayor

COUNCIL

Richard E. Jackson, President
Henry Witas, Vice-President
William Adamsky
George Bubash
Robert G. Jenets
John Petronic
William B. Ward Jr., Esq.

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Hilda A. Utiss, Secretary

825-4652

Borough of Blawnox

Allegheny County

376 FREEPORT ROAD

BLAWNOX, PITTSBURGH, PA. 15238

January 5, 1976

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~~George P. Bucha~~, Chief of Police
George Bucha

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Honorable Sheriff Eugene L. Coon
Allegheny County
Room 111 Court House
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Dear Sheriff Coon:

Recently Michael J. Belotti, Chief of Police of Blawnox Borough Police Department retired from his position and left a vacancy in our department.

This retirement has caused a serious problem in the work schedule of our policemen in Blawnox Borough. Normally we have a four man police force. This enables us to have a man working each of the three daily shifts and one man off duty. However, with only three police officers we must work seven days a week with no time off.

The Mayor and Borough Council have appointed me Chief of Police and they are making every effort to hire a new police officer as soon as possible. I expect the new police officer to be hired by the middle of February.

In the past we have called on you for assistance and I feel it is necessary to ask for your help again. I would appreciate the service of one of your deputies until a new police officer is hired and can be partially trained by working shifts with our veteran police officers. I feel sure the hiring and training of this man would not exceed March 1, 1977.

Thank you in advance for any consideration you can give us in this matter.

Sincerely,

George P. Bucha

George P. Bucha
Chief of Police

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BOROUGH OF ETNA

437 BUTLER STREET ETNA, PGH., PA. 15223
Phone: 961-0600 — 781-6271

Anthony Damiano
Mayor

Gabriel Pagliaro
Chairman of Police

Ronald Harris
Chief of Police

August 7, 1986

Sheriff Eugene Coon
Allegheny County Sheriffs Dept.
Allegheny County Court House
Grant St.
Pgh. Pa. 15219

Dear Gene,

On September 3, 1986 I have a patrolman starting the Police Academy for his mandatory training.

I would consider a great favor if you would assign one of your deputies to assist my department during this period.

Fraternally yours,
Ronald C. Harris
Ronald C. Harris
Chief of Police

P.S. The Etna Borough Council is presently drafting a proclamation, thanking you for your help during the May 30, 1986 flood.

I personally however thank you, the fine men under your command, for a job well done.

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Borough of Blawnox
Police Department

GEORGE P. BUCHA, CHIEF OF POLICE

March 24, 1983

376 FREEPORT ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PA. 15238
(412) 828-4141

Honorable Sheriff Eugene Coon
County of Allegheny
Room 111 Courthouse
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Dear Sheriff Coon:

The Allegheny County Police Academy have scheduled a "Breathalyzer Operator" course at the Academy and my two (2) officers are scheduled for the course on June 6-10, 1983 from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. daily. Gene, it is important for me to have these officers certified as Breathalyzer Operators to elliviate me having to call an off duty officer out during the middle of the night to run the Breathalyzer machine. With two (2) men going to the Academy, that only leaves myself and another officer to work the five (5) days at twelve (12) hrs. per day while these officers are attending classes.

Gene, what I'm asking of you once again, is that if you could assist me by having one of your Deputy Sheriff's work the 3:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. shift from June 6 thru June 10, 1983.

Thanking you in advance Gene, for any consideration you can give me in this matter.

Sincerely,

George P. Bucha,
Chief of Police

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OFFICE PHONE
782-1403

POLICE RADIO
961-0600

O'HARA TOWNSHIP
Department of Public Safety
POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
RAYMOND A. SCHAFER, JR.

325 FOX CHAPEL ROAD PITTSBURGH, PA. 15238

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April 19, 1977

Sheriff Eugene Coon
Allegheny County
Pittsburgh, Penna. 15219

Dear Sheriff Coon:

I am requesting the assistance of one Deputy for my department from July 10th, 1977 through September 25th, 1977.

I have been accepted to attend the F.B.I. National Academy during this time.

Your help in the past has been most appreciated.

Thank you,

Raymond A. Schafer, Jr.
Raymond A. Schafer, Jr.
Superintendent of Police

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EARL K. GRABENSTEIN
Superintendent of Police



Ross Township

Department of Public Safety

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MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Perry Highway and Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15229
Phone: 366-7600

May 2, 1979

Sheriff Eugene Coon
Allegheny County Court House
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Dear Sheriff Coon:

I am writing in regard to a situation presently existing in our Township that was discussed in detail yesterday, May 1, 1979, between Captain Nick Manno of your office and Lt. Guthrie of this department.

Undoubtedly, Captain Manno has informed you of a near riot situation we were confronted with last Saturday night (Sunday morning) when a very large disorderly crowd, holding a beer party, was repeatedly ordered to disperse. Upon their refusing, we requested assistance from the Pittsburgh Police Department and were informed they were not permitted to respond. It then became necessary to request all available assistance from surrounding communities. The end result being an injured officer, damage to a police vehicle and threats made on an officer and his family's life. As a result, it has become necessary for us to furnish around-the-clock police protection for the officer and his family.

There is a possibility of another large party within the next couple week-ends as we have received information to that effect, and we have no intentions of allowing this type of a situation to repeat itself.

If it should become necessary for us to request assistance from your department, I would appreciate all the available manpower that you would be able to provide.

With warm regards,

Earl K. Grabenstein
EARL K. GRABENSTEIN
Supt. of Police

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PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY
Beaver and Island Avenues
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15233
(412) 237-7000

November 18, 1986

Mr. Eugene L. Coon
Sheriff, Allegheny County
Court House - Room 111
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Gene:

Since January 1, 1986 to present date, there were twenty-four Port Authority Operators assaulted while on duty.

Due to excellent police work of the Deputy Sheriffs and Port Authority Police, there were twenty-six arrests for these assaults. All cases were cleared by arrest on each assault.

Just wanted to make you aware of the professional work being done by your deputies. They work and have excellent rapport with Port Authority Police and all other municipal police officers.

Thank your men for a job well done. We work well together.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Ehland
Chief of P.A.T. Police

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cc: Chief McNamara
Mr. Paul P. Skoutelas

Director of Corporate Services.



EMSWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

171 CENTER AVENUE

EMSWORTH, PITTSBURGH, PA. 15202

Office of Chief of Police

June 27, 1972

Sheriff Eugene Coon
County Court House
Pgh. Pa. 15219

Dear Sheriff Coon:

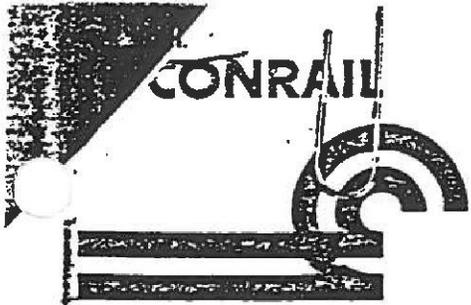
I want express the appreciation of the Boro Of Emsworth and myself for the assistance rendered by the men from your office during the recent flood emergency. On Friday, June 23, approximately 5' of water on the Ohio River Boulevard (Rt 65), made it necessary to close the road and detour traffic over local streets. I called Captain Manno and requested two men to work traffic detail on the midnight to 8:00 A.M. shift. Deputys William Bailey and Ron Schuster reported here and spent a chilly, wet, miserable night directing traffic. This gave our Police, both the regular men and the Auxillary, a chance to get some needed rest and start fresh on Saturday.

Fortunately, the water receded and by 10:00 P.M. Saturday, we were able to re-open the highway and no furthed assistance was needed. Again, I would like to say Thanks, and remain

Sincerely,

Herman Pappert Jr.
Chief of Police

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CONRAIL

May 26, 1987

RE: C#1540-87 File: I

Mr. Eugene L. Coon
Sheriff
Allegheny County
111 Courthouse
5th & Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Dear Sheriff Coon:

On April 8, 1987, at approximately 1600 Hours, a Conrail train reported several juveniles throwing stones at new automobiles being transported in the consist of the train as it passed through the Homewood section of Pittsburgh.

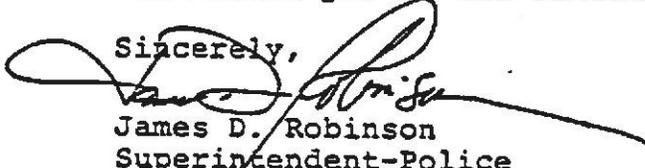
A Conrail Police Officer responded and spotted the youths walking away from the area and attempted to apprehend them. The youths fled and the Allegheny County Sheriff's Department was contacted for assistance since the area is boarded by the Allegheny County Port Authority Busway.

Deputy Sheriff M.J. Scherbanic responded and assisted in the capture and transportation of one of the youths. During questioning in the presence of the youth's mother, he admitted to the vandalism and identified the second juvenile. Deputy Scherbanic assisted the Conrail Officer and proceeded to locate and question the second actor.

Due to Deputy Scherbanic's assistance and cooperation, criminal charges of Criminal Trespass and Criminal Mischief were lodged against the juveniles and restitution in the amount of \$500.00 for broken windows is being requested.

Please express to Deputy Scherbanic my sincere gratitude for his professional assistance and obvious concern. His actions and quick response reflect most favorably upon the entire Allegheny County Sheriff's Department. If there is any way our department can assist you in the future, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



James D. Robinson
Superintendent-Police
Conrail Police Department
15 N. 32nd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 596-2029

cc: Mr. Joseph F. O'Neill- Director-Police

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March 13, 1987

Allegheny County Sheriff's Department
ATTENTION: Eugene Coon
Grant Street - First Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Sheriff Coon:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Allegheny County Sheriff's Department and to all the police officers from your department responding to the incident at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge on March 7, 1987.

Your quick response in coming to the aid of the Monroeville Police Department during a potentially dangerous situation is truly appreciated by me personally, the Public Safety Director and of course, all officers involved with the situation.

Again, thank you for your support and I am sure that this incident will be a reminder that team work is advantageous to all concerned.

If, in the future, I can be of service to you or to your department, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Yours truly,

MONROEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

John Garofolo,
Chief of Police

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961-0600

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325 FOX CHAPEL ROAD PITTSBURGH, PA. 15238

February 4, 1976

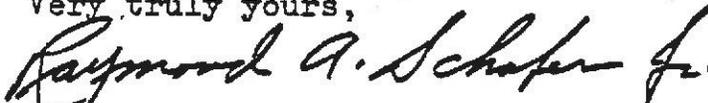
Sheriff Eugene Coon
Allegheny County
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Dear Sheriff Coon:

I want to call your attention to the excellent urgent assistance we received from two of your men, Deputy Brasso and Deputy Juran, on Monday, January 26, 1976 regarding the tragic brutal double murder in O'Hara Township.

You have a relieved feeling knowing that there are men of high calibre such as Robert Brasso and Sam Juran available to give emergency assistance when needed to smaller departments such as mine. Thanks to a great Allegheny County Sheriff Department.

Very truly yours,



Raymond A. Schafer, Jr.
Superintendent of Police

RAS, Jr./rw

cc: Robert Brasso
Sam Juran

JOSEPH M. KLETCH
CHIEF OF POLICE

Area Code 412
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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK
POLICE DEPARTMENT

5100 West Library Avenue
Bethel Park, Pennsylvania 15102
Telephone 833-2000

September 25, 1986

Eugene L. Coon, Sheriff
Allegheny County
Court House - Room 111
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Dear Sheriff Coon:

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude and to compliment two (2) of your Officers who assisted us in solving a major theft in Horne's Department Store at South Hills Village.

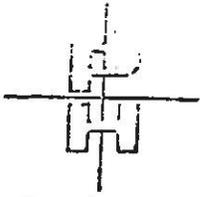
Detectives, Sgt. John Best and James Tully exhibited a professional attitude and demeanor throughout this investigation and without this determined effort this case would probably still be listed as open in our files.

I want to thank you personally for providing us with such excellent back-up personnel and, as always, it is a pleasure to work with the Members of your Department. If I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call.

Respectfully,


Joseph M. Kletch
Chief of Police

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Sheriff Eugene Coon
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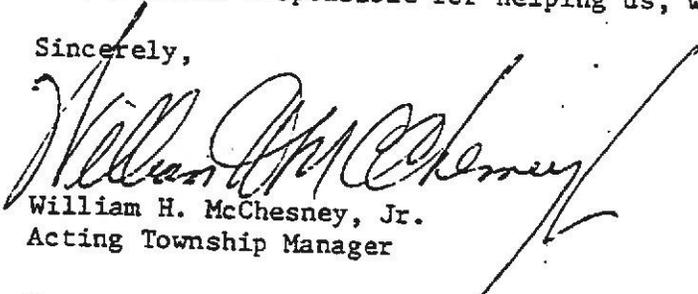
Dear Sheriff Coon:

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Penn Hills wishes to express its gratitude and sincere appreciation for the outstanding duties that your officers performed during the school crisis. We are in hopes that this letter of commendation can be duplicated and made a part of their respective personnel jackets.

We commend the officers for their outstanding professional approach to police security, protection, their knowledge of their profession and their restraint and exceptional control during a very tedious, trying and nerve-wracking situation. These men have shown a true professional approach to police work.

To all those responsible for helping us, we are truly grateful.

Sincerely,



William H. McChesney, Jr.
Acting Township Manager

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c: Lt. Joseph Blazeovich
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Council Meets: Second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Municipal Building, McClure Street

August 21, 1974

Sheriff Coon
Courthouse
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sheriff Coon:

I would like to thank you for the assistance
you gave us during the recent riots in the
Borough of Dravosburg.

Sincerely,



Howard E. Thompson
Mayor



PHONE
OFFICE 766-6164

Borough of Bellevue

537 BAYNE AVENUE
BELLEVUE, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15202

September 8, 1987

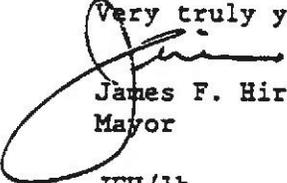
Sheriff Gene Coon
Allegheny County Courthouse
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219

Dear Gene:

On behalf of the other elected officials of Bellevue Borough and other citizens and officials of the North Boroughs, please accept my sincerest thanks for your efforts to help us address the traffic problem on Ohio River Boulevard. While police agencies of the North Boroughs assess the situation and conditions with State officials, the presence of your officers and the inherent publicity have caused the drivers using Ohio River Boulevard to exercise caution and care. Caution and care are so needed on this dangerous roadway.

You and your department have always been responsive to the concerns and needs of the North Boroughs. We thank you again for your assistance as we face the solving of this problem.

Very truly yours,


James F. Hirsch
Mayor

JFH/lb

cc: Bellevue Council
Bellevue Police Chief
Avalon Mayor, Council and Chief
Ben Avon Mayor, Council and Chief
Emsworth Mayor, Council and Chief
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JOHN J. DOWNEY

Avalon Police Department

BOROUGH OF AVALON
640 California Avenue
AVALON, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15202

Telephone
761-0352

September 9, 1987

Sheriff Eugene Coon
Allegheny County Courthouse
Pittsburgh, PA. 15219

Dear Sheriff Coon:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your support and assistance with the patrol of State Route 65, the Ohio River Boulevard.

The presence of your men and vehicles has helped greatly to slow the speeders on this roadway.

Thank you again for your immediate response to the concern of Avalon Borough and the other municipalities along Ohio River Boulevard.

== : Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Grande
Mayor, Avalon Borough

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