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Future Events

Tax Court
January
6th, 8th,
28th, & 29th

ONE on ONE with Detective Sergeant Mick McDermott

On February 26, 1979, Mick McDermott began his career a member of the Brunswick Division of Police. On February 10, 2010 (his projected last day of work), Detective Sergeant McDermott will end his 31 year career in service to the City of Brunswick.

Prior to coming to Brunswick, McDermott was an Auxiliary Police Officer in Stow, Ohio from 1975 to 1976.

As a member of the BDP, Det. Sgt. McDermott served in the Patrol Division from 1979-1988. He, then, served as a detective from 1988-1989. His next posting, as a Uniform Sergeant, began in 1989, and, in 1995, McDermott was assigned to the position of Detective Sergeant.

During his career, McDermott served 16 years on the S.W.A.T team with the last six as the team leader. His areas of expertise include that of being an evidence technician and a recognized fingerprint expert (in Medina County).

When asked why he chose law enforcement as a career, Sgt. McDermott responded, *I could give you the standard answers, but, truthfully, to me, law enforcement seemed like an exciting career that wouldn't keep me behind a desk my whole career.*

Why did you make the decision to become a detective? *As a uniformed officer, it is difficult to fully investigate a case. As a detective, there is a lot more time to get involved in major cases and see them through to the end of the investigative process.*

What are the duties of a detective sergeant with the Brunswick Division of Police? *As a detective sergeant I have had the following duties:*

- Case Management
- Evidence Room Management
- Liaison to the Prosecutor's Office
- Liaison to the Juvenile Court
- Review and code all reports
- Liaison to Job and Family Services
- Completion of all juvenile charges
- Complete background investigations
- Liaison to the Municipal Court
- Record all subpoenas and complete court schedules
- Liaison to the news media
- Detective Bureau Manager
- Liaison to the Drug Unit
- Warrants Manager
- Any job assigned by the Chief

Are there any cases that you remember more than others?

Because homicides are so rare in Brunswick, the three cases that readily come to mind are the Lekan case (3/31/95 - 4/2/95) where I served as the head of the S.W.A.T team); the Dean Heina case (1/6/99); and the Cleland case (2005).

Have the types of cases that you work on changed over the years? In addition to burglaries, assaults, and sex crimes, white collar crimes (scams, embezzlements, etc.) have become more prevalent over the last three to four years.

Why have you decided to retire at this time? After 31 years in law enforcement, it just felt like the right time to leave the department and start to spend some quality time with my family.

What do you plan to do in retirement? Eventually, my wife and I will be moving to South Carolina. And, of course, I will play some golf.

Any final comments? It has been great working for the Brunswick Division of Police. Not only have I had the opportunity to serve the community, but I have had 31 years of making memorable friendships.

This job has provided me with many opportunities to work with groups throughout city government and the community, including the BCPAAA.

This organization's volunteer service, to the department, is something that I value because not only have the AAA's efforts benefited the department and the community, but, indirectly, their willingness to serve has made my job easier.

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Mick McDermott has been married to Ann for 34+ years. They have three children: Kristy is a teacher; Nicholas is a captain in the U.S. Army; and Kelly is a nurse. McDermott is a 1971 graduate of St. Vincent's High School in Akron, Ohio. He is also a 1974 graduate of the University of Akron with a degree in Criminal Justice Technology.

VOLUNTEER OPS

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mayor's Court | Most Tuesdays |
| Brunswick Tax Court | Jan. 6th & 8th; 28th and 29th |

2009 Citizens' Police Academy graduate, **JAMIE COMELLA**, was selected; by her peers, to fill the vacant one year board member position on the Executive Board of the BCPAAA.
Congratulations to Jamie!

Dues are due by January 21st. 

VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS 2009

| JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | TOTAL | *See note | \$\$\$\$\$ |
|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----------|-------------|
| 354 | 230 | 201.5 | 278.5 | 254 | 206 | 199.5 | 219.5 | 298.5 | 365 | 330 | 314 | 3251 | \$18.77 | \$61,021.27 |

*The financial value of one hour of volunteer activity provided to government agencies charitable organizations in the State of Ohio.
Source: V.I.P.S.

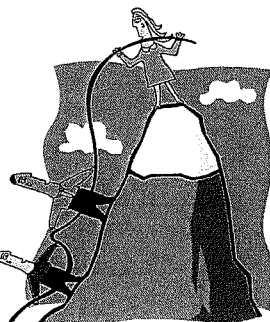
| Year | # of Hours | Dollar Value |
|------|------------|--------------|
| 2006 | 1783 | 28,706.30 |
| 2007 | 2809 | 52,724.93 |
| 2008 | 3506 | 65,807.62 |
| 2009 | 3251 | 61,021.27 |

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Volunteers in Police Service (V.I.P.S.)
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BCPAAA: Working with Others in Service to Brunswick



BOARD MEETING NO Members Meeting in
City Hall Meeting Room
Jan. 7th & 21st
7:00 p.m. **January**

2010 BCPAAA Executive Board

President: Dave Lindeman
Vice President: Bob Wasil
Treasurer: Millie Manning
Secretary: Sue Esker

Trustees:
Richard Atkinson, Jamie Comella, Linda Glassburn, Gordon Kulus, & Karen Nelson



Volunteers in Action

JUVENILE DIVERSION - 12/5: Bob Wasil shepherded juvenile diversion participants in activities on this day.



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS - 12/ thru 12/24: Triple A members could be found throughout the community ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. Kudos to Richard Atkinson for putting in 88 hours at the kettle.

EAGLES CHRISTMAS BASKETS - 12/24: Over 10 AAA'ers helped with the Eagles Christmas Basket Program by wrapping packages, packing boxes, and delivering food.

CITY OFFICIALS SWEARING IN CEREMONY: 11 BCPAAA volunteers attended the swearing in ceremony for new Mayor, Gary Werner, and councilpersons, Patricia Hanek, Ron Falconi, and Pat McNamara.

MEETING INFO

BOARD MEETING:

December 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - 7:25 p.m.

Seven Board members and Coordinator, Emil Stecki, were in attendance at this meeting which opened at 7:00 p.m. with Dave Linderman, President, leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Areas covered during the meeting, that ended at 7:25 p.m., included:

1. Accepting the secretary's minutes from the last meeting.
2. Announcing that there is \$1,542.56 in the treasury.
3. Determining the time and procedure for ordering winter coats (and other AAA gear).
4. Deciding the procedure for electing a new trustee from the ranks of the CPA-IV class.
5. Discussing the required Treasurer's audit and the courtesy Secretary's audit. Both will take place on January 21st. Gordon Kolus will chair the Treasurer's audit; Karen Nelson will chair the Secretary's audit.
6. Providing the agenda for the Member's Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS MEETING:

December 16, 2009, 7:35 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

19 members attended this meeting held in the BDP Training Room. Dave Linderman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with all in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following business was conducted at this meeting:

1. Suspending the reading of the Secretary's minutes from the November meeting.
2. Reporting on recent Treasury activity leaving the treasury with \$1,542.76.
3. Hearing the **Project Lifesaver** report as given by Wendy Linderman who reported that: Dave Orosz is learning the "ropes" of the program and that Stan Joswick will be joining the team as well; Christmas gifts will be given to the clients; and equipment issues that needed to be addressed have been taken care of recently.
4. Listening to **Coordinator**, Emil Stecki as he presented his report that included the following: Certification & recertification for Project Lifesaver will take place when the weather gets better (June?); providing background information on Project Lifesaver; relaying information on a recent meeting held with City Manager, Robert Zienkowski, and other city leaders to determine how to distribute \$10,000 given to the city by Gary Panteck of Brunswick Auto Mart; and detailing the procedures for ordering winter coats and other BCPAAA gear from Elaine's.
5. Dave Linderman providing a **President's Report** that informed those present: of the details concerning the Eagles Christmas Basket Program on the 24th; of Tax Court information and sign-up needs; that initiation fees and dues are due at the January 21st meeting (A hand out was provided with detailed information.); of volunteer needs for the Treasurer's audit on January 21st; that volunteer help is always accepted for Mayor's Court; and that there is a continuing need for Salvation Army bell ringers.
6. During the **Open Forum**, Ray Purcell spoke of the St. Ambrose Special Needs program to be held on December 19th; Evelyn Czyz mentioned a youth Christmas program provide by the MDP.
7. It was announced the current members will allow their winter coats to be used for sizing purposes at the January meeting.
8. Jamie Comella was chosen by her peers to fill the open one year term Board seat.
9. Millie Manning collected initiation fees and dues.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meetings will be held on January 21st at 7:00 p.m. (Board) and 7:30 p.m. (Members).