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<b>Organizational Structure</b>		



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## I. Introduction

- A.** The Columbus Division of Police utilizes a rank structure to oversee each organizational component. The Columbus Division of Police consists of the Office of the Chief of Police and ***two branches each comprised of three subdivisions. An assistant chief commands each branch and reports directly to the Chief of Police.*** A deputy chief commands each subdivision and reports to the ***assistant chief who oversees his or her subdivision.*** The next smaller components of the organization are bureaus and patrol zones, which are supervised by commanders or civilian managers designated by the Chief of Police who report to a deputy chief. A bureau is divided into sections and a zone is divided into shifts. Sections and shifts are supervised by lieutenants or civilian supervisors who report to a commander or civilian manager. The next smaller organizational components are units, precincts, and task forces, which are headed by sergeants or civilian supervisors who report to a lieutenant or a higher ranking civilian supervisor. Designated personnel ***outside of the Division's standard organizational components*** report directly to supervisors more than one rank higher. The Internal Affairs Bureau Commander has the authority to report directly to the Chief of Police.
- B.** The organizational charts included in this directive list all the ***branches, subdivisions, bureaus, sections, units, and some task forces*** and indicate the reporting structure for each component.

## II. Policy Statements

- A.** All changes to the structure of the organizational chart or to the names of any of its components shall be made only with the approval of the Chief of Police.
- B.** Authorized strength levels are established by the Chief of Police in accordance with City of Columbus ordinances. Any changes in the authorized strength levels of Division components must be approved by the Chief of Police.
- C.** All Division organizational components shall communicate, coordinate activities, and cooperate with each other to meet the overall mission of the Division of Police. Formal communication is accomplished through such forums as Executive and General Staff meetings; training coordinators'

meetings; and publications such as the Daily Bulletin, Legal Updates, Investigative Roll Call Bulletin, and Executive Staff Newsletter. However, the vast majority of communication takes place on a less formal basis, for example, by email.

### III. Structure

#### A. Office of the Chief of Police

Under the direction of the Director of Public Safety, the Chief of Police has the ultimate responsibility for the personnel and fiscal management of the Division of Police. The Office of the Chief of Police includes **media relations, organizational accountability, protection detail, and** an executive officer.

#### B. Support Branch

***The mission of the Support Branch is to provide internal and external support to the Division and the citizens of Columbus. The Support Branch is responsible for providing specialized tactical, investigative, and enforcement responses; processing, analyzing, and retaining property, evidence, and public records; and maintaining training standards and employee wellness. This branch also works to foster community relations and transparency by building public trust through Community Liaisons and the Cadet Program.***

##### 1. Public Accountability Subdivision

The mission of the Public Accountability Subdivision is to ensure the Division earns the trust of the public by establishing policies and procedures that hold Division personnel accountable to standards of excellence, reviewing personnel actions to validate they are adhering to those standards, and ensuring the Division adheres to fair practices in discipline. In addition, the subdivision's deputy chief acts as the liaison with city administration and labor unions.

##### 2. Special Operations Subdivision

The mission of the Special Operations Subdivision is to provide the citizens of Central Ohio with a comprehensive emergency management solution to catastrophic events, whether man-made, technological, or natural; provide aerial assistance and tactical support to other subdivisions; and provide the safe movement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic on city streets and freeways. ***This subdivision is also responsible for conducting specialized investigations of organized crime including gang activity, human trafficking, and drug-related crimes.***

### 3. **Support Services Subdivision**

***The mission of the Support Services Subdivision is to provide services and overall support to all other subdivisions within the Division. This subdivision is also responsible for forensic laboratory services, property and evidence management, facilitating employee wellness, and providing public records services to the community.***

### C. **Operations Branch**

***The mission of the Operations Branch is to promote public safety and enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Columbus through preventative, investigative, and enforcement services. The Operations Branch includes patrol duties, such as responding to calls for service and community policing, and investigative duties for crimes against persons, special victims, and property.***

#### 1. Criminal Investigations Subdivision

The mission of the Criminal Investigations Subdivision is to conduct specialized investigations of crimes against persons **and** property, leading to the identification, apprehension, and prosecution of offenders. ***This subdivision is also responsible for providing support in evidence collection, digital forensic analysis, and intelligence to increase the solvability of crimes.***

#### 2. **Patrol North and South Subdivisions**

The mission of the **Patrol North and South** Subdivisions is to coordinate and provide police services that positively impact the public both directly and indirectly. Patrol is a generalized function with the primary mission of preventing, identifying, and neutralizing crime and hazards that threaten public order, individual safety, or property. The mission is accomplished by directed preventive patrol techniques, responses to calls for service, preliminary investigations of offenses, traffic law enforcement, and the development of partnerships with community members and organizations.

### D. Legal Advisor's Office

The personnel assigned to this office are members of the City Attorney's staff and are not part of the Division's official organization.

### E. Volunteer/Public Safety Corps Programs

The individuals participating in these programs are unpaid and are not part of the Division's official organization.

### F. Human Resources

The personnel assigned to this office are members of the Department of Public Safety and are not part of the Division's official organization. Responsibilities include Background Investigations, Payroll, Benefits, Industrial Hygiene, and Personnel and Staffing.

## **G. Fiscal Management**

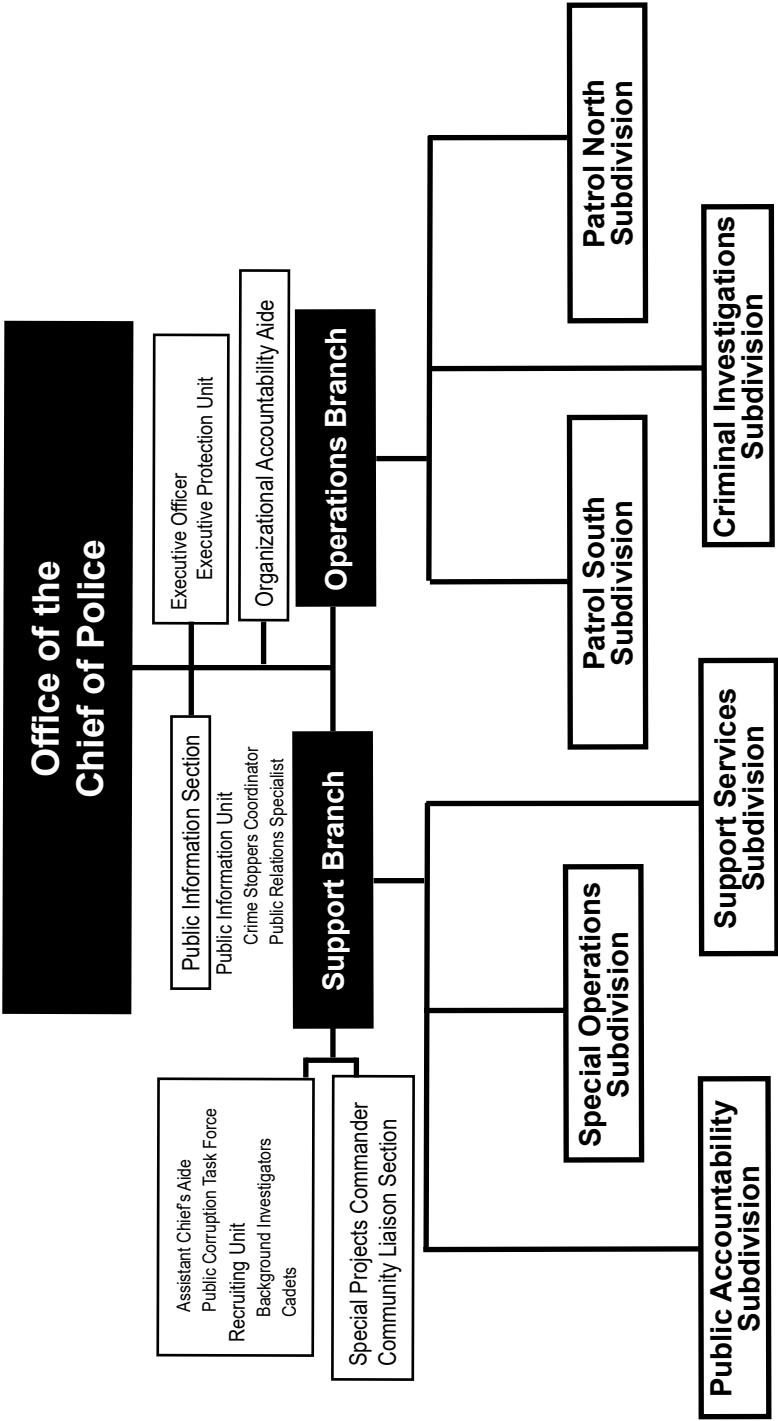
The personnel assigned to this office are members of the Department of Public Safety and are not part of the Division's official organization. Responsibilities include Fiscal Administration and Fiscal Operations.

## **H. Emergency Communications Center**

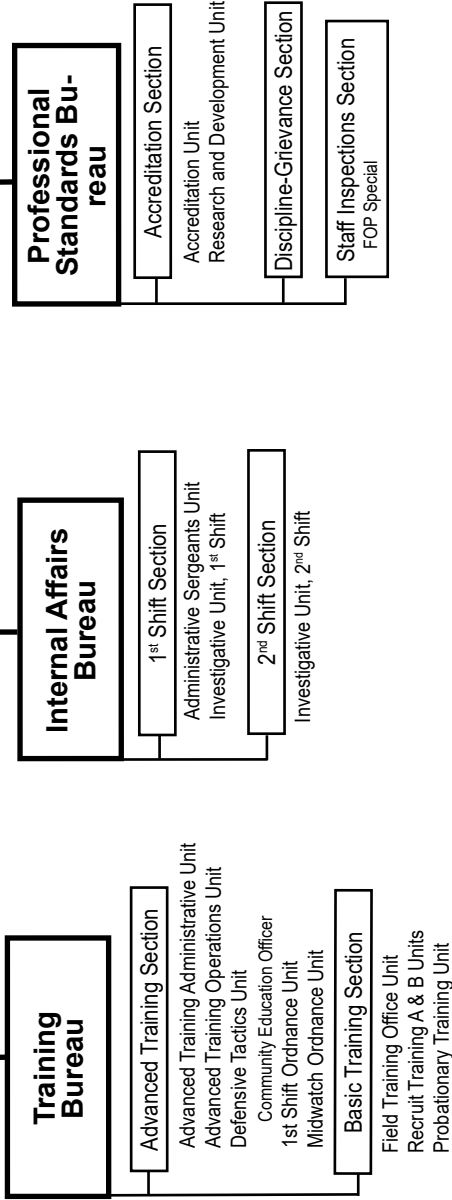
The personnel assigned to this office are members of the Department of Public Safety and are not part of the Division's official organization. Responsibilities include providing communications capabilities to the Divisions of Police **and Fire**.

## **I. Chaplains**

***The individuals participating in this program are unpaid volunteers and are not part of the Division's official organization. Responsibilities include providing support, encouragement, and friendship to all members of the Division, their families, retirees, and the public. The Wellness Bureau is the liaison for the Division Chaplain program.***



**Public Accountability  
Subdivision**



# Special Operations Subdivision

## Organized Crime Bureau

### Investigative Tactical Section

In/Tac A & B Units  
HIDTA Task Force 1 & 2

### Criminal Intelligence Section

Criminal Intelligence Analyst  
Criminal Intelligence A & B Units  
Gang Enforcement A & B Units

### Investigations Section

Criminal Intelligence Analyst  
DEA Task Force  
Investigative A & B Units  
Economic Crimes Unit

### Nuisance Section

ATF Task Force  
FBI Violent Crimes Task Force  
US Marshall SOFAST Task Force  
Police and Community Together (PACT)/Exploited Children Unit  
Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Officer  
Human Trafficking Task Force Unit

## Special Services Bureau

### Homeland Security Section

Criminal Intelligence Analyst  
Counter-Terrorism Unit  
Counter Terrorism Officer(s)  
Criminal Intelligence Officer(s)  
Joint Terrorism Task Force  
Marine Park Officer(s)

### SWAT Section

Day Midwatch Canine Unit  
Evening Midwatch Canine Unit  
Gold Unit  
Green Unit  
Red Unit  
Training Unit

### Aviation Section

1<sup>st</sup> Shift Helicopter Unit  
Evening Midwatch Helicopter Unit

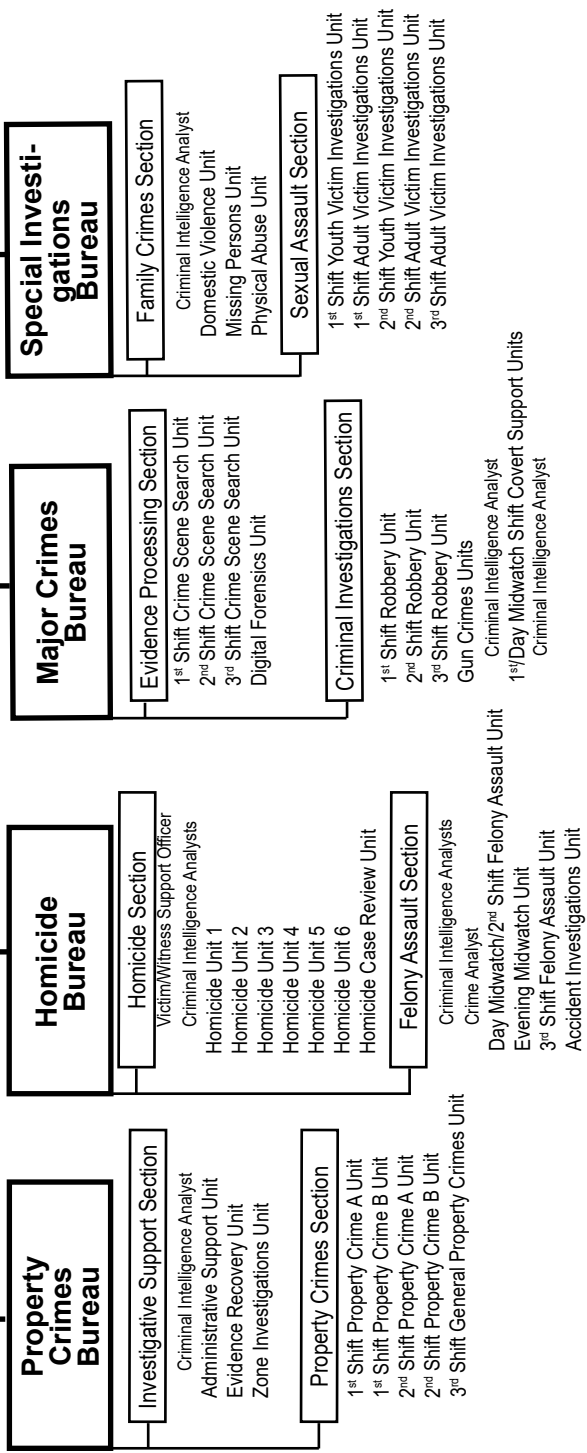
### Traffic Operations Section

OVI Countermeasures Sergeant  
1<sup>st</sup> Shift Freeway Patrol Unit  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Freeway Patrol Unit  
3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Freeway Patrol Unit  
1<sup>st</sup> Shift Motorcycle Unit  
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers  
Day Midwatch Motorcycle Unit

### Special Events Section

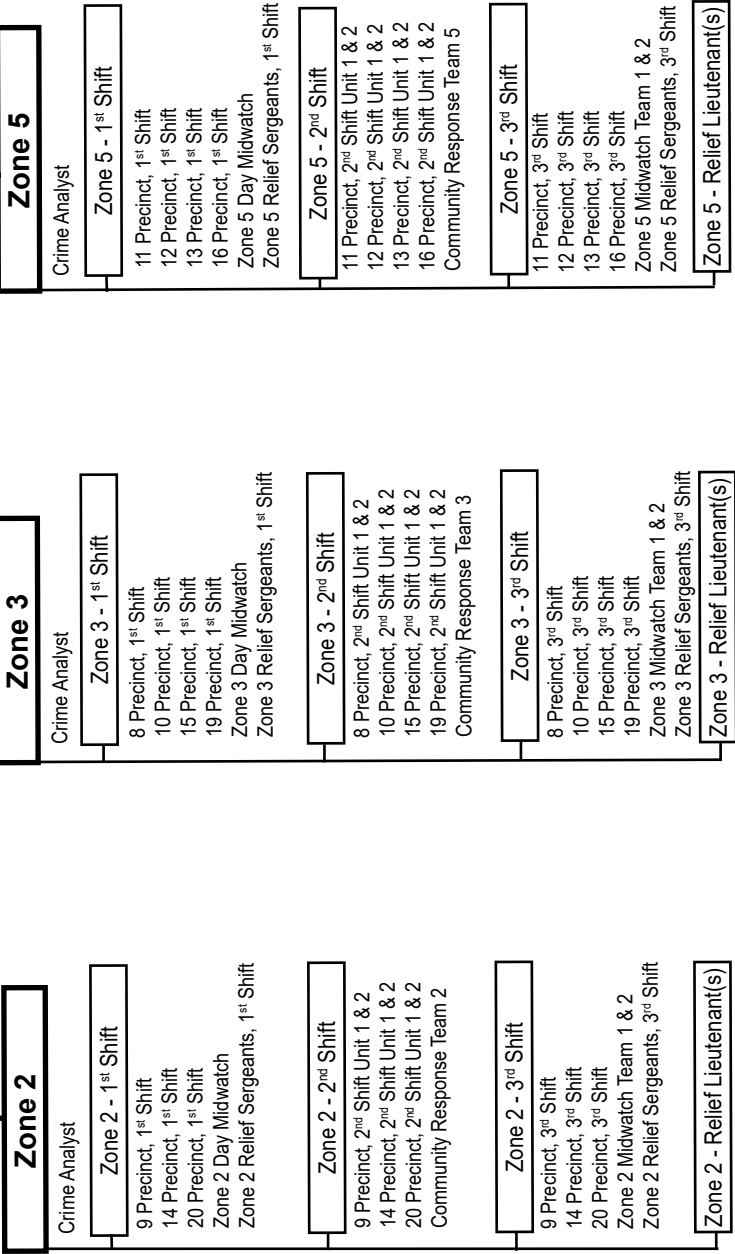
Special Duty Office  
Event Management Unit  
Special Events Office  
Mounted Unit

# Criminal Investigations Subdivision





# Patrol South Subdivision



# Patrol North Subdivision

## Zone 1

Crime Analyst

### Zone 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Shift

1 Precinct, 1<sup>st</sup> Shift  
6 Precinct, 1<sup>st</sup> Shift  
18 Precinct, 1<sup>st</sup> Shift  
Zone 1 Day Midwatch  
Zone 1 Relief Sergeants, 1<sup>st</sup> Shift

### Zone 1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift

1 Precinct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Unit 1 & 2  
6 Precinct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Unit 1 & 2  
18 Precinct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Unit 1 & 2  
Community Response Team 1

### Zone 1 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift

1 Precinct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift  
6 Precinct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift  
18 Precinct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift  
Zone 1 Midwatch Team 1 & 2  
Zone 1 Relief Sergeants, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift

Zone 1 - Relief Lieutenant(s)

## Zone 4

Crime Analyst

### Zone 4 - 1<sup>st</sup> Shift

3 Precinct, 1<sup>st</sup> Shift  
4 Precinct, 1<sup>st</sup> Shift  
17 Precinct, 1<sup>st</sup> Shift  
Zone 4 Day Midwatch  
Zone 4 Relief Sergeants, 1<sup>st</sup> Shift

### Zone 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift

3 Precinct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Unit 1 & 2  
4 Precinct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Unit 1 & 2  
17 Precinct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Unit 1 & 2  
Community Response Team 4

### Zone 4 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift

3 Precinct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift  
4 Precinct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift  
17 Precinct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift  
Zone 4 Midwatch Team 1 & 2  
Campus Walkie Crew  
Zone 4 Relief Sergeants, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift

Zone 4 - Relief Lieutenant(s)

## Zone 6

Crime Analyst

### Zone 6 - 1<sup>st</sup> Shift

2 Precinct, 1<sup>st</sup> Shift  
5 Precinct, 1<sup>st</sup> Shift  
7 Precinct, 1<sup>st</sup> Shift  
Zone 6 Day Midwatch  
Zone 6 Relief Sergeants, 1<sup>st</sup> Shift

### Zone 6 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift

2 Precinct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Unit 1 & 2  
5 Precinct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Unit 1 & 2  
7 Precinct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Unit 1 & 2  
Community Response Team 6

### Zone 6 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift

2 Precinct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift  
5 Precinct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift  
7 Precinct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift  
Zone 6 Midwatch Team 1 & 2  
Zone 6 Relief Sergeants, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift

Zone 6 - Relief Lieutenant(s)

# Support Services Subdivision

