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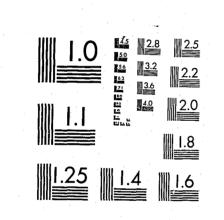
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The information in this brief report represents some of the findings of the 1979 Ohio Law Enforcement Survey, conducted by the Statistical Analysis Center of the Office of Criminal Justice Services with the approval of the Buckeye State Sheriffs Association and the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. Data were collected on-site in the summer and fall of 1979 from 82 sheriffs' departments and 182 police departments, representing approximately 90% of Ohio's jurisdictional population. This high level of cooperation from the State's chief executive law enforcement officers ensured that the results would not have to be constantly qualified by complex sampling considerations.

The Survey was never meant to be anything more or less than a comprehensive information gathering effort to allow better understanding of the "state of the art" of Ohio law enforcement. It is not intended to prove any pet theories about what police and sheriffs' officers should or should not be doing.

The Survey instrument itself was some twenty pages in length and covered a wide range of issues relating to budgeting, salaries and benefits, promotion policy, employment, hiring practices, education and training, technical assistance needs and capabilities, records facilities, and equipment. Additionally, the chiefs and sheriffs were asked eighteen "opinion" questions.

Hopefully, the prime benefactors of this information will be the chiefs and sheriffs who, while maintaining communications among themselves, seldom have access to a statistical overview of all law enforcement operations in the State. To make the information more relevant to each chief and sheriff, this report has divided the information on the basis of jurisdictional size (i.e., large, medium and small) and agency type (police and sheriff).

FOREWORD

Coverage

The Ohio Law Enforcement Survey was an information-generating study conducted in the summer and early fall of 1979 among two-hundred and sixty-four (264) local law enforcement agencies in the State. These included 82 of the 88 county sheriff's offices and 182 police departments. Because special emphasis was placed on securing information from sheriffs and larger police departments, the Survey was able to claim a "jurisdictional" coverage of 90% of Ohio's population.* This high response rate is important for two reasons:

- based on some criteria.

Questionnaire Development

While nothing quite like this Survey had been done before in Ohio, Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) researchers did consult several other similar research efforts in designing the questionnaire. These included:

Administrative Policies," (1977) --Police Executive Research Forum

"Police Manpower Distribution in Ohio," --Center for State and Local Government, Kent State University

"Survey of Statewide Advanced and Special Training Needs," --Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy

"Ohio Criminal Justice Manpower Survey: A Statistical Compendium of Crime Rates, Demographic Characteristics and Projected Demand for Human Resources in Law Enforcement." --Program for the Study of Crime and Delinquency, Ohio State University

Additionally, SAC researchers consulted materials from the National Sheriffs Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

*While the 264 surveyed agencies represent only 20%-25% of the total number of law enforcement agencies in Ohio, the 90% figure is partly based on the assumption that many small agencies (fewer than five sworn officers) rely heavily on the county sheriff for some patrol and investigation functions.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

1. The Survey results do not have to be qualified by the error factors associated with the use of a sample, and

2. The results constitute a largely complete data base of important aggregate data (eg. budgets, employees, etc.), rather than projections

"General Administrative Survey" and "Survey of Police Operations and

The questionnaire was designed in sections, each of which was subjected to three separate levels of review and editing, a process which took several weeks. The first level of review occurred at the staff level and involved SAC researchers, the SAC Research Administrator and two law enforcement planners (and the Planning and Research Bureau Chief) from the Office of Criminal Justice Services. Most of the Survey changes were made at this level of review. The second level involved "outside" persons with special law enforcement expertise, including representatives from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council, the Buckeye State Sheriffs Association and the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. A third and final review was done by top level management in the Office of Criminal Justice Services and by the SAC Advisory Board whose twelve members represent leadership in all of Ohio's Criminal Justice System components.

The final Survey instrument (actually two instruments, one for chiefs and one for sheriffs) was twenty pages in length and addressed numerous agency issues including budget, salaries, benefits, promotion policy, equipment, deployment, hiring practices, education and training, records and attitudes of chief executive officers.

Data Collection

In order to facilitate completion and return of the Survey, on-site visits were scheduled for all of the targeted law enforcement agencies, some 160 in all. These included all sheriff departments, and police departments serving more than 10,000 people. Mailings were used to secure most of the 139 responses from small police departments.

Prior to these visits and mailings, three separate contacts were made with each of the agencies. Initially, a letter was sent from the Assistant Director of the Department of Economic and Community Development, which houses the Office of Criminal Justice Services and SAC, encouraging cooperation with the Survey effort. Approximately ten days later the questionnaire was mailed with a cover letter of endorsement from either the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police or the Buckeye State Sheriffs Association, depending on the type of agency. Several days later a third communication was made by phone confirming receipt of the questionnaire and, for the target agencies, setting a date for the site visit. As follow-up calls and even, on occasion, return visits were sometimes necessary, it was not uncommon for SAC staff to make five or six contacts with one agency.

The total process required a large number of mailings and phone calls and some 15,000 road miles from six SAC staff members, but these were rewarded by the exceptionally high rate of return on a large volume of data.

Data Display

Survey data are displayed in six category groupings throughout this report. The groupings are based on the size and type of jurisdiction(s) that were queried by the Survey. The groupings, and the total number of respondents in each, are as follows:

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Large City Medium City Small City

Jurisdiction

Grouping

Jurisdiction Grouping

Large County Medium County Small County

Agencies were assigned to their particular group based on 1978 population figures. Throughout the report, tables are listed in this grouping format, with "cities" representing the responses of chiefs of police and "counties" representing those of the sheriffs.

Police

Jurisdiction Population

Total Number of <u>Respondents</u>

over 50,000 25,000-49,999 2,500-24,999

19 25 139

Sheriff

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Law enforcement has become increasingly complex. Detailed case preparation for prosecution, photography, fingerprint identification, and other skills are now required of an agency in order to provide optimal service. Internal management has become more sophisticated, and attention must now be given to once ignored management functions (e.g., union negotiations, personnel testing/screening, etc.). The demands of improving present services and providing new ones require skill improvements and additional training. Upgrading skills and increasing training, however, are expensive. Therefore, these costs should be minimized through information and skill sharing among law enforcement agencies. This sharing is the substance of technical assistance.

Technical Assistance Needs

Technical Assistance Needs, as identified by the responding agencies, indicates the degree to which a law enforcement agency requires outside technical assistance. Table 1 identifies the need for technical assistance in various areas for each of the six jurisdiction groups. A quick glance at the columns reveal that the urgent need of one grouping may not be as urgent to another. (e.g., Crime Prevention is the most urgent need area for Small Counties; in the Large City category it was only eighth in urgency.) This is not too surprising, given the jurisdiction differences and the large number of technical assistance areas being rated (28). Consistent ratings for all would be rather difficult.

Tables 2 displays the top three areas of technical assistance need for each jurisdiction group. Although the rankings of need varies among the groupings when all the areas are considered, there is a certain consistency when the top three areas of need are isolated. Each of the police groupings considered Planning and Research and Pursuit Driving as areas where technical assistance was greatly needed. Advanced Training was a very urgent need in two of the categories (Medium and Small Cities). and Space Utilization was an urgent need in one group (Large City). Advanced Training was an urgent need area for all sheriff groups, but there was less uniformity among sheriffs than chiefs. Eight separate areas were listed among the top three rankings in the sheriff groups (compared to only four in the police groups). Testing/Screening, and Policy and Procedures Manual were found among the top three need areas in two Sheriff groups.

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Crime Prevention Radio Communications Community Relations Dispatching Patrol Operations Mutual Aid Recruiting Testing/Screening Promotion Personnel Policies Administration/Mont. Regulations & Procedures Policy & Procedures Manual Union Negotiations Planning & Research Space Utilization Records & Form Design Fingerprint Identification Photography Photo Processing Domestic Violence First Aid/CPR Human Relations Pursuit Driving Case Preparation/Prosecution Supervision/Leadership Advanced Training Accident Investigation

*Technical assistance needs were rated by the individual departments on a O (no need at all) to 2 (urgent need) scale. The points given to each technical assistance area were totaled, and compared with the totals of the other areas within each jurisdiction -grouping to achieve the rankings. Because of ties, there may not be 28 rankings within any jurisdictional grouping. Numbers in parentheses are the respondents in each jurisdiction grouping.

TABLE 1

RANKING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS, BY AGENCY SIZE AND TYPE* (1=greatest need)

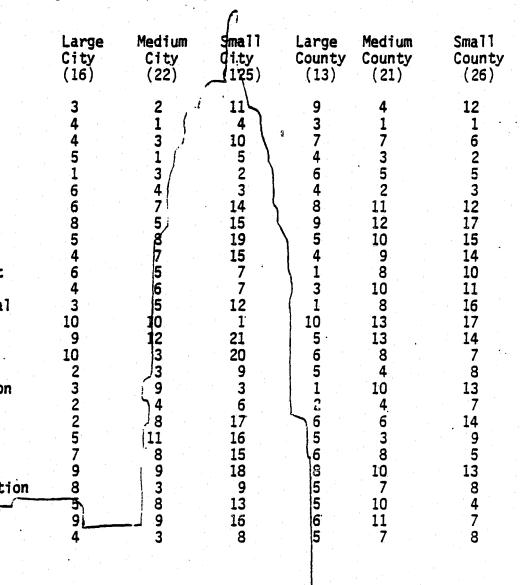
Large	Medium	Smal1	Large	Medium	Small
City	City	City	County	County	County
(16)	(22)	(125)	(21)	(21)	(26)
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13 TABLE 2 TOP THREE AREAS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEED BY AGENCY SIZE AND TYPE 0 Technical Large City Medium City Small City Assistance Area 1. Planning and Research 1. Planning and Research 1. Advanced Training Crime Prevention 2. Space Utilization Advanced Training 2. Planning and Research 2. Radio Communications Pursuit Driving 3. 3. Pursuit Driving 3. Pursuit Driving Community Relations Dispatching Patrol Operations Mutual Aid Recruiting Testing/Screening Promotion Large County Medium County Small County Personnel Policies Administration/Management Regulations & Procedures Advanced Training 1. 1. Advanced Training 1. Crime Prevention Policy & Procedures Manual 2. Testing/Screening Policy & Procedures 2. 2. Policy & Procedures Union Negotiations Manual Manua 1 Planning & Research 3. Recruiting 3. Testing/Screening Fingerprint Identification 3. Space Utilization Space Utilization* Photography* Records & Forms Design Advanced Training* Fingerprint Identification Photography *Indicates a tie Photo Processing First Aid/CPR Human Relations Pursuit Driving Case Preparation Prosecution Ô. Supervision/Leadership .--Advanced Training Accident Investigation () Technical Assistance Capabilities æ Chiefs and sheriffs were asked if their individual departments had sufficient expertise to provide technical assistance to other agencies. The ability of agencies to provide technical assistance could become increasingly important in the future. Federal funds for technical assistance are diminishing. As state and local law enforcement agencies move to find alternative means of obtaining technical â assistance, the transfer of that product becomes increasingly important. Planners should know those areas in which law enforcement agencies are proficient enough to transfer knowledge to departments in need of it. 0

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TABLE 3

RANKING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CAPABILITIES, BY AGENCY SIZE AND TYPE* (1=greatest capability)



*Technical assistance capabilities were rated by the individual department on a 0 (below average capability) to 2 (above average capability) scale. The points given to each technical assistance area were totaled, and compared with the totals of the other areas within each jurisdiction grouping to achieve the mankings. Because of ties, there may not be 28 rankings within any jurisdiction grouping. Numbers in parentheses are the respondents in each jurisdiction grouping.

Such information could be useful in any statewide coordination efforts. If the degree of capability is known, existing state funds would not be wasted on developing technical assistance areas where agencies are already competent. Table 3 provides the capability rankings which the jurisdiction groups gave the technical assistance areas. As with needs, the degree of capability varied among groupings.

The top three areas of capability are displayed in Table 4. It appears that chiefs and sheriffs feel they are capable of providing technical assistance in many areas. Patrol Operations is an area of great capability for all police chiefs, and Crime Prevention is a major area for two of the groups (Large and Small). The sheriffs considered Radio Communications, Mutual Aid, and Dispatching as areas of high capability in two groups (Medium and Small County).

Functional Needs and Capabilities

Each law enforcement agency performs several functions which are either operational or administrative. These functions are comprised of component activities that are not mutually exclusive. They interact in the course of a day's work, and the quality of one will affect the quality of another. These functions include Crime Detection, Community Services, General Management, and Personnel Activity. The technical assistance areas are assigned to relevant function the following divisions appear.

Crime Detection (Dispatching, Patrol Operations, Fingerprint Identification, Photography, Domestic Violence, Pursuit Driving, Accident Investigation, Radio Communications, and Photo Processing).

General Management (Administration/Management, Regulations & Procedures.) Policy & Procedures Manual, Planning & Research, Space Utilization, Records & Forms Design, Supervison/Leadership, Case Preparation/Prosecution, Human Relations).

Community Services (Crime Prevention. Community Relations. First Aid/CPR. Mutual Aid).

Personnel Activity (Recruiting, Testing/Screening, Promotion, Personnel Policies, Union Negotiations, Advanced Training).

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Distributing the technical assistance areas into functions allows for analysis of generic needs and capabilities. The earlier section dealt with specific areas of technical assistance needs and capabilities. What follows will deal with technical assistance on a functional level.

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Large City

1. Patrol Operations

- 2. Photography
- Photo Processing*
- 3. Crime Prevention Policy & Procedures Manual Fingerprint Identification*

Large County

- 1. Administration/Management Policy & Procedures Manual Fingerprint Identification 2. Photography
- 3.
- Regulations & Procedures Radio Communications*

Table 5 displays the functional needs and capabilities for technical assistance. Because Crime Detection and Community Services are areas which directly affect the citizenry and relate directly to traditional law enforcement skills, it might be supposed that these would also be functions where law enforcement agencies had developed their greatest expertise. To some extent this is borne out by the following data tables. Both chiefs and sheriffs rather typically tended to rate Crime Detection and Community Services with greater confidence than they rated General Management and Personnel Activity, areas which often demand skills beyond the realm of pure law enforcement. General Management and Personnel Activity ranked higher in need and lower in capability for technical assistance. Both demand skills beyond the realm of ordinary law enforcement activity. However, while General Management and Personnel Activity did register greater need for technical assistance than Crime Detection and Community Services, the differences were not particularly large. Without benefit of previous data, this could suggest that chiefs and sheriffs are becoming more comfortable with the demands of management and personnel issues. The same cannot be said for their capability to provide technical assistance. Chiefs and sheriffs appear less confident about their ability to provide technical assistance in General Management and Personnel Activity. Both were given capability ratings that were much lower than those given Crime Detection or Community Services. This may mean that in the areas of General Management and Personnel Activity sources outside of law enforcement agencies should be utilized for technical assistance.

TABLE 4

TOP THREE AREAS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CAPABILITY, BY AGENCY SIZE AND TYPE

Medium City

1. Radio Communications Dispatching 2. Crime Prevention

- 3. Community Relations Patrol Operations Space Utilization Records & Forms Design Case Preparation/Prosecution Accident Investigation

Medium County

Small County

Small City

Union Negotiations

Patrol Operations

Mutual Aid

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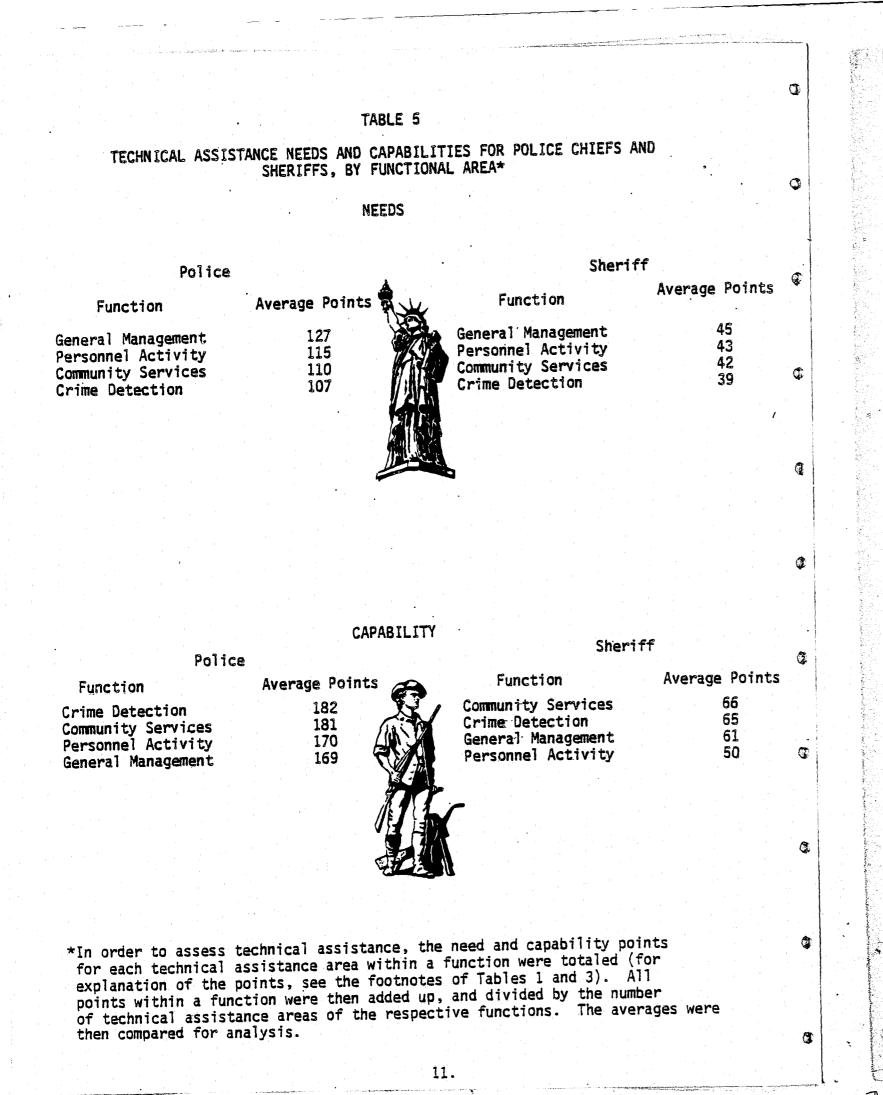
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1. Radio Communications

1. Radio Communications

2. Mutual Aid 3. Dispatching First Aid/CPR*

2. Dispatching 3. Mutual Aid



Law enforcement budgets are based on prior fiscal decisions of municipal councils or county commissions. A major portion of any agency budget is the personnel services budget. This allocation includes the cost of wages, insurance, and miscellaneous fringe benefits granted to agency staff. The departments surveyed were asked to indicate both their total and personnel services budgets. Budget figures for a five year period were requested in order that trend analysis might be done.

The total budgets for police departments show steady annual increases (Table 6). In fact, annual increases were usually larger than the annual rates of inflation. Only in the Large City category did the average budget consistently rise at or near the inflation rate. Sheriff department budget figures rose rapidly in the 1974-1978 time period, and in several cases the rate increase was higher than that of police departments.

Large capital expenditures, such as the purchase of a new fleet of cruisers or the physical moving of a department's location, can cause a sudden spurt in spending. Jail rennovation is a costly process which also could explain large increases in sheriff budgets. Judging from the survey data, the personnel services budgets heavily influenced average increases over the five year period. Accounting for more than 65% of an average department budget in any given year (Table 8), major increases in personnel services budgets would affect total budget increases. Table 7 indicates that percent changes in personnel services budgets were even greater than the increases in the total budgets themselves.

The personnel services budget is not comprised of wages alone. Although salary increases do raise the budget figures, so will increases in the cost of insurance, introduction of new benefits, or improvements in existing budgets. Many police departments face the fiscal pressure induced by collective bargaining contracts, while sheriff departments can be affected by county-wide salary increases.

BUDGETS

•			TABI	.E 6				
	•							AVERAGE PERSON FOR POLI
			TAL BUDGET AND CE AND SHERIFF					
	•							1974
		1974	1975	1976	1977	1978		Large City 6,544,600 Medium City 676,059 Small City 200,210
•	Large City Medium City Small City	7,863,000 822,181 244,142	8,385,300 900,343 270,190	8,935,300 983,313 307,190	9,491,300 1,078,100 341,996	10,680,689 1,187,300 381,563		Large County 895,640 Medium County 184,572 Small County 101,246
	Large County Medium County Small County	1,185,846 245,590 141,718	1,244,558 282,442 175,296	1,428,082 332,088 194,359	1,696,154 353,939 225,449	2,262,800 410,792 256,353		1975
			ANNUAL PERCEN	nt of change				Large City 1.0% Medium City 11.0% Small City 11.1%
	Large City Medium City	1975 6.6% 9.5%	1976 6.6% 9.2%	1977 6.2% 9.6%	1978 12.5% 10.1%	1974-78 35.8% 44.4%		Large County 10.1% Medium County 15.0% Small County 17.9%
	Small City Large County Medium County	10.7% 5.0% 15.0%	13.7% 14.7% 17.6%	11.3% 18.8% 6.6%	11.6% 33.4% 16.1%	56.3% 90.8% 67.2%		U.S. Inflation Rate 9.1
•	Small County U.S. Rate of Inflation	23.7% 9.1	10.9% 5.8	16.0% 6.5	13.7% 7.6	80.9% N/A		U.S. Rate of Inflation was Wage Earners & Clerical Wo 1974-1978.
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		6-						Large City 83% Medium City 82% Small City 82%
								Large County 75% Medium County 75% Small County 71%
								Percentages are rounded

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TABLE 7

ONNEL SERVICES BUDGET AND PERCENT OF CHANGE LICE AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS 1974-1978

1975	1976	1977	1978
6,608,700	7,612,500	8,149,500	9,642,924
750,282	807,144	892,192	980,884
222,385	252,994	278,083	309,507
985,804	1,146,078	1,412,006	1,680,700
212,210	240,443	258,256	298,125
119,387	139,400	162,374	181,954

ANNUAL PERCENT OF CHANGE

1976	1977	1978	1974-78
15.2%	7.0%	18.3%	47.3%
7.6%	10.5%	9.9%	45.1%
13.8%	9.9%	11.3%	54.6%
16.2%	23.2%	19.0%	87.6%
13.3%	7.4%	15.4%	61.5%
16.8%	16.5%	12.0%	79.7%
5.8	6.5	7.6	N/A

was based on the unadjusted Consumer Price Index for Workers, U.S. all items City Average, for the years.

TABLE 8

BUDGET AS A PERCENT OF THE TOTAL BUDGET 1974-78

1975	1976	1977	1978
79%	85%	86%	90%
83%	82%	83%	83%
82%	82%	81%	81%
79%	80%	83%	74%
75%	72%	73%	73%
68%	72%	72%	71%
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The surveyed departments were asked to display their 1978 fiscal budgets, by function, so as to ascertain department priorities. For the purposes of the survey the following functions, and the sections of the department included in each, were as follows:

<u>Operations</u> (Vice, Traffic, Patrol, Detective, Narcotics, Juvenile, and Investigation Bureaus, Crime Prevention, and other tactical units)

<u>Administration</u> (Communications, Personnel, Training, Community Relations, Records, Property Room, and other administrative functions)

<u>Maintenance</u> (Upkeep and repair facilities)

<u>Vehicles</u> (Purchase and care of department vehicles)

<u>Jail Operations</u> (Upkeep and administration of the jail) this function was asked only of sheriffs)

Table 9 shows the division of the budget by function. Police departments clearly favor Operations over the other functions. Sheriffs spend a sizable amount on Operations, but their budgets are more evenly proportioned. Jail Operations is an important area of Sheriff expenditures, particularly in Large Counties.

TABLE 9

AVERAGE FUNCTIONAL DIVISION OF THE BUDGET FOR POLICE AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS BY PERCENTAGE,* FISCAL YEAR 1978

	Operations	Administration	Maintenance	Vehicles	Jail Operations
Large City	58%	28%	6%	. 7%	N/A
Medium City		13%	3%	5%	N/A
Small City	58%	33%	4%	5%	N/A
Large County	y 22%	18%	10%	10%	40%
Medium Coun		14%	6%	12%	18%
Small County		20%	8%	12%	14%

*percentages are rounded. N/A not applicable. Jailer Operations information was requested for sheriffs only.

A final budget question dealt with zero-base budgeting. As defined in the survey, zero-base budgeting is an item by item justification, even to the smallest detail, of any budget expenditure. Table 10 indicates that zero-base budgeting is not commonly used among Ohio law enforcement agencies. Large City 11%

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TABLE 10

PERCENTAGE OF DEPARTMENTS USING ZERO-BASE BUDGETING

Medium City

24%

Small City

30%

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Medium County

Small County

29%



Wages

Wages paid to a peace officer are the most visible compensation for services rendered that his department can give him. While salary scales are important for recruiting and retaining compentent law enforcement personnel, size of wages is not the only feature of salary administration that merits attention. Management salaries should be noticeably larger than those of line officers to compensate for added responsibilities and induce people to qualify for promotion. Furthermore the spread of a salary range (i.e., the distance between the minimum and maximum salaries of a given rank) is important. The salary range of a patrol officer ought to be wide enough to allow for significant raises even without promotion to management. This would enable a department to retain qualified patrol officers without overstaffing management.¹ Finally, the salaries should be competitive with the labor market.

The 1979 Ohio Law Enforcement Survey asked the surveyed departments for the minimum and maximum salaries of their respective job ranks. In this regard the sheriff's responses were somewhat distinctive in that a sheriff's salary is fixed by law, and requires specific legislation for any changes.² Sheriff wage level responses were not very detailed. Most sheriffs cited only minimum salaries for job ranks, apparently preferring to keep the salary ranges open. The police departments, however, generally had definite minimum and maximum wages for each rank.

Tables 11 and 12 display salary information for police and sheriff departments. Additionally, the Ohio Department of Administrative Services pay classification entitled Police Series has been included for comparative purposes.

This classification series provided the salary ranges for security officers at state universities and mental institutions. It is the closest thing to a statewide law enforcement standard that could be found. (Note: Because its main concern is highway safety, and because it has no geographical boundaries of jurisdiction, the Highway Patrol salary ranges were not used).3

Program for the Study of Crime and Delinquency: Standards and Goals Comparison Project: Final Report; Police (Columbus, Ohic. Ohio State University 1974) pgs. 93 & 94

2. Ohio Revised Code Section 325.06

3. Ohio Department of Administrative Services Position Classification and Salary Schedules April 1980 pg. 62. The Police Series data are provided only to allow a better perspective on law enforcement salaries in Ohio. Because job responsibilities and functions vary among the different types of agencies, it is not being suggested that either the "Police Series) scale or the chiefs and sheriffs scale is other than what it should be.

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<u>Major</u> Minimum Maximum

Captain Minimum Maximum

Lieutenant Minimum Maximum

Sergeant Minimum Maximum

Detective Minimum Maximum

Police Officer III Minimum Maximum

Police Officer II Minimum Maximum

Police Officer I Minimum Maximum

Record Clerk Minimum Maximum

Dispatcher Minimum Maximum

Secretary Minimum Maximum

Criminalist Minimum Maximum

Telephone Operator Minimum Maximum

N/A Not Available

TABLE 11

AVERAGE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES FOR OHIO POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES, AND POLICE SERIES SALARIES

Large	Medium	Small	Police	
City	City	City	Series	
26,609	21,576	17,413	17,139	
30,315	24,133	19,106	23,920	
25,567	17,914	13,855	N/A	
28,115	20,917	14,161	N/A	
25,432	N/A	N/A	N/A	
27,045	N/A	N/A	N/A	
25,467	N/A	N/A	N/A	
27,797	N/A	N/A	N/A	
22,245	19,197	16,451	N/A	
23,636	20,879	17,522	N/A	
19,744	18,295	15,663	14,165	
20,9 9 4	20,294	17,666	18,845	
17,453	16,150	14,419	12,958	
18,551	17,656	16,133	17,139	
16,257	13,865	13,54 6	N/A	• • •
17,005	15,909	15,767	N/A	
15,822	15,354	13,628	N/A	
16,676	15,894	14,920	N/A	
14,444	14,079	12,454	11,981	
16,101	15,387	14,283	15,579	
13,214	12.720	11,513	11,107	
13,858	14,370	12,811	14,165	
9,381	8,341	8,587	N/A	
11,290	10,481	10,235	N/A	
11,252	8,711	8,643	N/A	,
13,386	11,0 04	10,103	N/A	
10,5 34	8,442	8,528	N/A	
12,692	10,642	10,250	N/A	
16,270	16,481	N/A	N/A	
18,314	17,331	N/A	N/A	
9,044	7,212	9,128	N/A	
10,712	9,343	9,763	N/A	
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Police department salaries compared favorably with those of Police Series. With only a few exceptions, police departments paid larger salaries to their personnel. The average, minimum salaries of Medium and Small Counties, however, were routinely lower than their Police Series counterparts. Large County was the only sheriff category whose minimum salaries were higher than the Police Series. Comparisions between management and non-management salaries were favorable for both police and sheriffs. Management ranks consistently had higher wages than the rank and file. (One exception: In Small County, Deputy Sheriffs with 15+ years experience were paid more than Sergeants and Chief Deputies made less than Captains or Lieutenants).

The width of pay ranges is a major difference between the surveyed agencies and the Police Series. The Police Series ranges averaged 30% to 40% above the minimum pay levels. Furthermore, these ranges allowed for several pay steps for each job classification. The greatest variance for a uniformed police officer was only 29.6% and many job classifications had pay ranges with variances of less than 10% (Table 13). Since it was so difficult to extract maximum salary levels from the data, the average width of sheriff pay ranges was not attempted. Nevertheless, an examination of Table 12 indicates that the distance between minimum salaries is rather narrow. This suggests that there is a great tendency for overlapping to occur.

It is important to remember that the salary ranges are only averages. There are departments with higher salaries and wider ranges. The narrow ranges, however, do pose a problem. Survey evidence reported by Messrs. Zolitch and Langsner indicates that 10-30% spread is common practice for low level jobs in the private sector. Unfortunately, there are police managerial ranks with average spreads of less then 10%. These narrow pay ranges grant increases that are too small to be significant.

A final comparison concerns law enforcement salaries and those of the private sector. As mentioned earlier, law enforcement wages should be competitive with those of business. Competitive salaries allow law enforcement agencies to better attract high quality job applicants, and retain competent employees. The following table permits comparison of selected private sector salaries and those of selected uniformed law enforcement officers. It is difficult to obtain statewide management salaries for business, and therefore only the salaries of non-supervisory private employees and peace officers are being compared. Figures from June. 1979 were used since that was when the survey was conducted.

4. Ibid; pg. 62

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TABLE 12

AVERAGE MINIMUM SALARIES FOR OHIO SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS, AND POLICE SERIES SALARIES

•	Large County	Medium County	Small County	Police Series
<u>Sheriff</u> Minimum Maximum	20,000	16,000	13,000	17,139 23,920
<u>Chief Deputy</u> Minimum Maximum	20,381	15,405	11,845	N/A N/A
<u>Captain</u> Minimum Maximum	18,207	14,486	13,322	N/A N/A
<u>Lieutenant</u> Minimum Maximum	16,742	13,688	12,575	14,165 18,845
<u>Sergeant</u> Minimum Maximum	15,265	12,745	11,694	12,958 17,139
<u>Detective</u> Minimum Maximum	14,351	11,852	11,514	N/A N/A
Deputy Sheriff 15+ yrs Minimum Maximum	13,576	12,582	11,766	N/A N/A
Deputy Sheriff 10-15 yrs. Minimum	14,089	12,332	11,284	N/A
Maximum Deputy Sheriff 5-10 yrs.				N/A
Minimum Maximum Deputy Sheriff	13,961	12,199	11,314	11,981 15,579
<u>2-5 yrs.</u> Minimum Maximum	13,031	11,910	10,693	11,981 15,579
Deputy Sheriff <u>1 yr.</u> Minimum Maximum	12,038	10,496	9,961	11,9 81 15,579
<u>Record Clerk</u> Minimum Maximum	8,400	7,806	8,060	N/A N/A
<u>Jail Guard</u> Minimum Maximum	10,732	9 ,896	8,771	N/A N/A
<u>Dispatcher</u> Minimum Maximum	9,627	8,468	7,994	N/A N/A
<u>Secretary</u> Minimum Maximum	8,917	8,717	7,554	N/A N/A
<u>Criminalist</u> Minimum Maximum	11,997	12,500	14,000	N/A N/A
<u>Telephone Operator</u> Minimum Maximum	7,400	7,500	N/A	N/A N/A

N/A Not Available

	TABLE 13				
AVERAGE WIDTH OF	SALARY RANGES FOR OF	110 POLICE DEPARTMENTS	\$*	•	
	Large Čity	Medium City	Small City	C	AVERAGE ANNUAL SALA
Chief of Police	13.9%	11.8%	9.7%		
Assistant Chief	9.5%	16.8%	2.2%	C C	
Inspector	6.3%	N/A	N/A		Manufacturing Mining
Major	9.1%	N/A	N/A		\$16,940 \$19,512
Captain	6.2%	8.8%	6.5%	C	
Lieutenant	6.3%	10.9%	12.8%		
Sergeant	6.3%	9.3%	11.9%	5	Police Officer III Police Officer II
Detective	4.5%	14.7%	16.4%	C	Police Officer I
Police Officer**	26.1%	24.9%	29.6%		
Record Clerk	20.3%	25.6%	19.2%		Deputy Sheriff
Dispatcher	19.0%	26.3%	16.9%	C	15 years +
Secretary	20.5%	26.1%	18.8%		Deputy Sheriff 10-15 years
Criminalist	12.6%	5.2%	N/A		Deputy Sheriff
Telephone Operator	18.4%	29.5%	6.9%	•	5-10 years
					Deputy Sheriff

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* expressed as percentage increase over the minimum salary

** for the sake of analysis, Police Officer I, II, III, were condensed into one generic category

N/A Not Available



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Deputy Sheriff

TABLE 14

NNUAL SALARY OF OHIO WORKERS IN VARIOUS INDUSTRY GROUPS VS. LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEES, JUNE, 1979*

OHIO WORKERS**

Wholesale Trade	Retail Trade	Construction		
\$13,099	\$7,148	\$22,601		
Large City	Medium City	Small City		
16,249 15,272 13,536	15,624 14,733 13,545	14,274 13,373 12,162		
Large County	Medium County	Small County		
14,420	12,663	11,730		
13,832	12,457	11,525		
14,025	12,265	11,299		
13,496	12,054	11,003		
12,534	11,203	10,327		

* For the sake of analysis, the average Police salary is the mean between the minimum and maximum salaries listed in Table 11. The average Deputy Sheriff salary is the mean between the minimums listed in Table 12.

** Source: Division of Research and Statistics, Ohio Bureau of Employment Services "Hours and Gross Earnings of Production or Non-Supervisory Workers in Ohio. June 1979"

Comparison of private sector and law enforcement salaries reveal some surprises. The overall image of the low paid peace officer is not supported. There are instances in which a peace officer's salary is competitive with the private sector. In fact, average law enforcement salaries are much better than those offered in retail trade. Police departments seem more competitive than sheriffs, and average more than wholesale or retail trade with one exception (Small City: Police Officer I). Sheriff salaries as a rule are less competitive. Only in the Large County category are salaries as competitive as the police departments. Neither police nor sheriff departments are competitive with manufacturing, mining, or construction. Police departments pay less, but at least one category is within competitive range with manufacturing (Large City: Police Officer I). Sheriff departments are at an extreme competitive disadvantage with these three industry groups. Œ

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It should be noted that state-wide salary figures do not always reflect the status of local labor markets. Although individual law enforcement salaries might not compare favorably with statewide figures, they may be competitive within the local economy. The overall comparisons do, however, indicate problems within sheriff departments. The data clearly indicates unsuccessful competition with several major sectors of Ohio's economy.



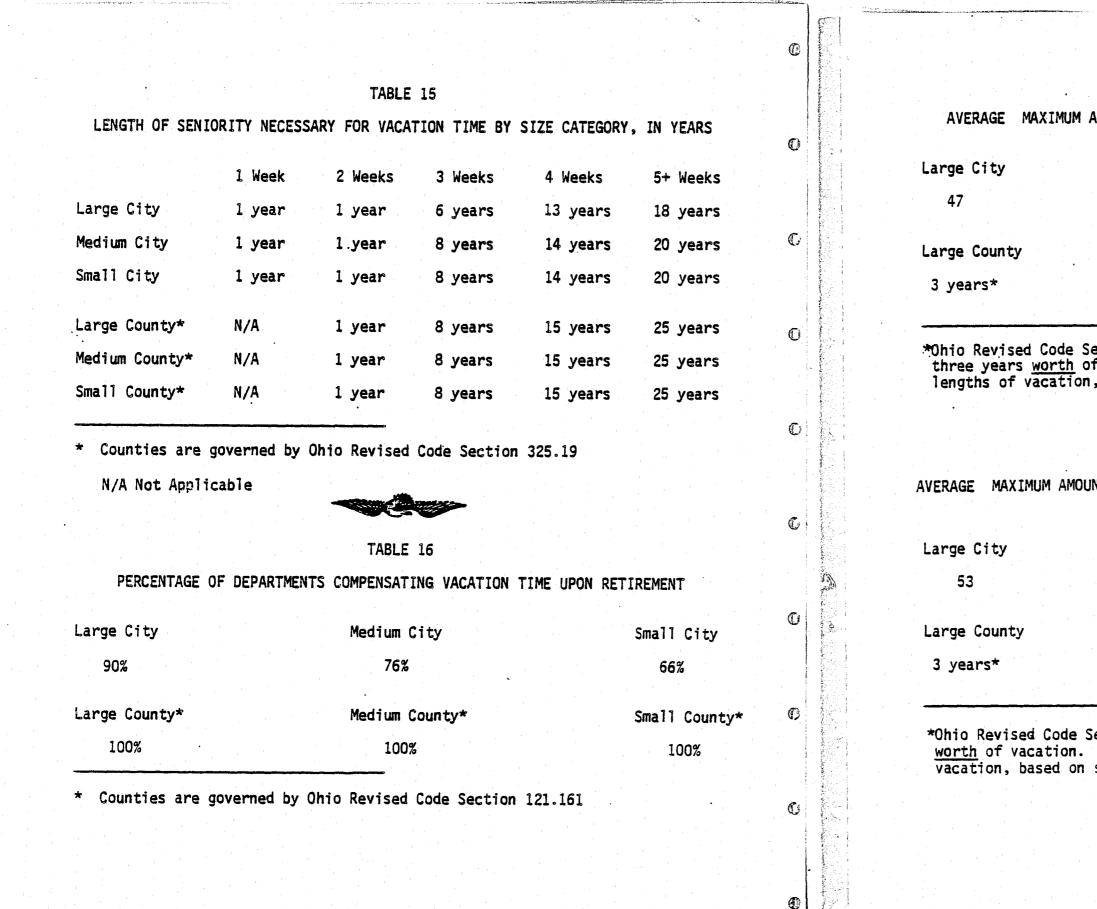
Fringe benefit policies have a wide range of diversity among the various agencies. For example, insurance premiums may be paid entirely by the employer, leaves of absence may or may not be granted, and incentive awards may or may not be given. The following section deals with the fringe benefits offered by police and sheriff departments.

Table 15 notes the seniority needed for various amounts of vacation. Police departments are fairly consistent with their seniority requirements. Large Cities require less seniority than Medium or Small Cities for vacation time over three weeks. Sheriff departments are governed by statute in regard to their vacation policy (Ohio Revised Code Section 325.19). Some discretion is allowed the sheriff regarding the use of unused vacation during the year. Unused vacation may be compensated upon retirement, a practice followed by a majority of police departments (Table 16). Differences exist in the number of accrued days that will be compensated. Large Cities, on the average, compensate more than Medium or Small Cities. Sheriff departments are directed by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.161 to compensate up to three years worth of accrued vacation.

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FRINGE BENEFITS

Vacation



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TABLE 17

AVERAGE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF VACATION COMPENSATED UPON RETIREMENT, IN DAYS

Medium City

Small City

28

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Medium County

Small County

3 years*

3 years*

*Ohio Revised Code Section 121.161. An employee can be compensated for up to three years worth of accrued vacation. Because individuals qualify for different lengths of vacation, based on seniority, it is difficult to give a general average.

TABLE 18

AVERAGE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF VACATION ACCRUABLE BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE, IN DAYS

Medium City

Small City

28

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Medium County

Small County

3 years*

3 years*

*Ohio Revised Code Section 121.161. An employee can accrue up to three years worth of vacation. Because individuals qualify for different lengths of vacation, based on seniority, it is difficult to give a general average.

Sick Leave and Holidays

Tables 19, 20, 21, and 22 provide sick leave information. departments allow three to four weeks annual sick leave (Table 19), depending on the department's size. Most permit compensation for unused sick leave upon retirement, although Small Cities are somewhat more reluctant to do this than the others (Table 20). Medium Cities generally allow an individual more sick leave accrual than Large or Small Cities (Table 22), and consequently compensate for more sick leave at retirement (Table 21). Sheriff departments, governed by Ohio Revised Code Section 124.38, permit fifteen days sick leave per year. There is unlimited accrual of sick leave, and Ohio Revised Code Section 124.39.1 allows up to one quarter of one-hundred and twenty days to be compensated at retirement. Concerning holidays, ten designated days are granted to employees in four of the categories (Large, Medium, and Small Counties; Small City), while Large and Medium Cities grant an average of eleven annual holidays.

	TABLE 19	
NUMBER OF ANNUAL	SICK DAYS ALLOWED A LAW ENFORCE	EMENT EMPLOYEE
Large City	Medium City	Small City
15	15	19
Large County	Medium County	Small County
15	15	15
	TABLE 20	
PERCENTAGE OF DEPAR	TMENTS COMPENSATING SICK LEAVE	UPON RETIREMENT
Large City	Medium City	Small City
84%	88%	81%
Large County	Medium County	Small County
100%	100%	100%

Large City 94 Large County 30 Large City 169 Large County unlimited

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TABLE 21

AVERAGE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF SICK LEAVE COMPENSATED UPON RETIREMENT, IN DAYS

Medium City			Small City
95			81

Medium County

30

TABLE 22

MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF SICK LEAVE ACCRUABLE BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE, IN DAYS

Medium City

229

Medium County

unlimited

Health Insurance

This is the most common kind of insurance offered by a law enforcement agency. Insurance premiums might be paid entirely by the department, or a percentage of the premium may be borne by the employee. Depending on the policy, employees may be able to extend coverage to their entire families. Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plans are the most common health insurance benefits provided to Ohio's law enforcement agencies. Additionally, Ohio's law enforcement agencies hold policies from a number of companies which may be either national or regional in scope. Table 23 indicated the most common insurance companies that cover law enforcement departments.

Small County

Small City

129

Small County

30

unlimited

	TABLE 23			
TOP THREE INSURANCE COM	PANIES UTILIZED BY POLICE	AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS	6	
Large City	Medium City	Small City		Full premi common benefits
1. Blue Cross/Blue Shield	i 1. *Blue Cross/Blue Shi Blue Cross	eld 1. Blue Cross		sheriff departme fewer department of a scarcity of
 Blue Cross Connecticut General 	2. Aetna	2. Aetna 3. Metropolitan	0	pay 100% of the contributing the
Large County	Medium County	Small County		
2. Blue Cross	2. Blue Cross	eld 1. Blue Cross/Blue Shie 2. Blue Cross	ald O	Turi or 11.
3. *Connecticut General *Union Mutual Life Insurance	3. Aetna	3. *Prudential *Confederation Life *Aetna		Typically a straight sala ordinarily takes
*Zeta Insurance	•	*Metropolitan	C .	the usual hourly times the usual
.B. Blue Cross covers hospi	talization costs while Blu	e Shield covers doctors		hourly rate of p excused absence every hour of ov
fees and payments. The	y are not always offered t	ogether. * Indicates a tie.	C	
The insuring c	ompanies provide a variety	of coverage benefits that		MOST COMMONLY USED
are tailored to the	department's needs. Paymen asic formulas: 1) contri	t of premiums ordinarily		
employee pays a port larger portion, and	ion of the premium while t 2) non-contributory: the	he department pays the department assumes		Large City
individual to provid illustrates that thi	e premium. Family coverag e health insurance for his s action is about as popul	entire family. Table 24		 Time and One-Half Compensatory Time
option statewide.			0	3. Double Time 4. Straight Time
	TABLE 24			Large County
PERCENTAGE	OF DEPARTMENTS PAYING FUL	L PREMIUM,	n an	
AND PERCENTAGE	OF DEPARTMENTS ALLOWING FA	AMILY COVERAGE	G	 Compensatory Time Time and One-Half Straight Time
	Full Premium	Family Coverage		4. Double Time
1			•	
Large City Medium City Small City	100% 92% 83%	95% 76% 76%		
Large County	86%	90%		
Medium County Small County	79% 49%	50% 75% 84%		
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nium payments and family coverage appear to be fairly s for police departments. They are also common among ments, although Small Counties have proportionately its pay full premiums. This is probably a reflection of available funds. Those departments which do not a premium usually pay 80%, with the individual me remainder.

Time Worked Over Forty Hours

v, law enforcement agencies pay a full-time employee ary for a forty-hour week. Overtime compensation es one of four different forms: 1) straight time;
v rate of pay, 2) time and one half; one and one-half hourly rate of pay, 3) double time; twice the usual pay, 4) compensatory time; additional hours of e from work calculated at one and one-half hours for overtime.

TABLE 25

MEANS OF COMPENSATION FOR TIME WORKED OVER FORTY HOURS (IN DESCENDING ORDER)

Medium City

- 1. Time and One-Half 2. Compensatory Time
- 3. Straight Time
- 4. Double Time

Medium County

- 1. Compensatory Time
- 2. Time and One-Half
- 3. Straight Time
- 4. Double Time

Small City

- 1. Time and One-Half
- 2. Compensatory Time
- 3. Straight Time
- 4. Double Time

Small County

- 1. Compensatory Time
- 2. Time and One-Half
- 3. Straight Time
- 4. Double Time

The consistency of police and sheriffs is remarkable in this regard: all police departments rated time and one-half as the most common means of compensation, and all the sheriffs were uniform in their compensation rankings. The only break in the uniformity is that Large Cities use double time more often than straight time. The most frequently used compensation means for sheriffs is compensatory time. O

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Miscellaneous Benefits

All of the above benefits are standard considerations of any fringe benefit program. The miscellaneous benefits mentioned below, however, tend to be much more "optional" in nature. Certainly a major consideration in offering any of them is expense. Dental insurance, for example, is quite expensive. Incentive awards may be a desirable motivation device, but a tight budget may prohibit its use. Table 26 lists several such miscellaneous fringe benefits, and the percentage of departments offering them.

TABLE 26

PERCENTAGE OF DEPARTMENTS OFFERING OPTIONAL MISCELLANEOUS FRINGE BENEFITS

	Life Insuranc	e Dental Insurance	Leave of Absenc	e Incentive Awar	rd
Large City	84%	37%	95%	16%	
Medium City	84%	24%	76%	20%	
Small City	64%	21%	69%	27%	
Large County	57%	5%	90%	24%	
Medium County	29%	8%	83%	33%	
Small County	16%	3%	62%	22%	

Leaves of absence and life insurance are the most common miscellaneous benefits offered by police. Large County sheriff offices show a similar tendency. In Medium and Small Counties, however, incentive awards are more common than life insurance. Dental insurance is rarely offered in any category. Departments can, if they choose, provide for more than one of the miscellaneous benefits.



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APPENDIX A

OHIO LAW ENFORCEMENT SURVEY JURISDICTION SIZE CATEGORIES

LARGE CITIES

(50,000+)

Akron Lima Mansfield Elyria Lorain Youngstown Canton Warren Hamilton Sprinafield Cleveland Hts. Euclid Lakewood Cleveland Columbus Cincinnati Toledo Dayton Kettering

TOTAL AGENCIES: 19

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APPENDIX B		
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MEDIUM CITIES		
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Barberton		Fairlawn
Cuyahoga Falls		Hudson
Sandusky	O C	Mogadore
Marion		Northfield
Bowling Green		Norton
Mentor		Silver Lake
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Alliance		Tallmadge
Massillon	O j	Richfield
Middletown		Delphos
Fairborn		Ashland
Xenia		Wapakoneta
Lancaster		Crestline
Stuebenville	c b	Defiance
Zanesville	V	Huron
Brook Park	1	Vermilion
East Cleveland		Archbold
Garfield Hts.		Swanton
Maple Hts.		Norwalk
North Olmstead	C V	Willard
Shaker Hts.		Mt. Vernon
South Euclid		Oak Harbor
Upper Arlington		Ottawa
Whitehall		Ontario
Norwood		Shelby
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TOTAL AGENCIES: 25		Perrysburg
		Rossford
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APPENDIX C SMALL CITIES (2,500-24,999)

> Van Wert Belpre Marietta Beachwood Bedford Hts. Brecksville Broadview Hts. Brooklyn Chagrin Falls Fairview Park Highland Hts. Mayfield Hts. Middlebury Hts. Moreland Hills Newburgh Hts. Oakwood Olmsted Falls Richmond Hts. Rocky River Strongsville University Hts. Gahanna Grove City Hilliard Reynoldsburg Westerville Worthington Cheviot Deer Park Indian Hills Lockland Madeira Montgomery Mt. Healthy Springdale Wyoming Sylvania Germantown Miamisburg Moraine Englewood New Lebanon

TOTAL AGENCIES: 139

APPENDIX D LARGE COUNTIES (100,C00+)

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Summit Allen Richland Wood Columbiana Lake Lorain Mahoning Medina Portage Stark Trumbull Butler Clark Greene Licking Cuyahoga Franklin Hamilton Lucas Montgomery

TOTAL AGENCIES: 21

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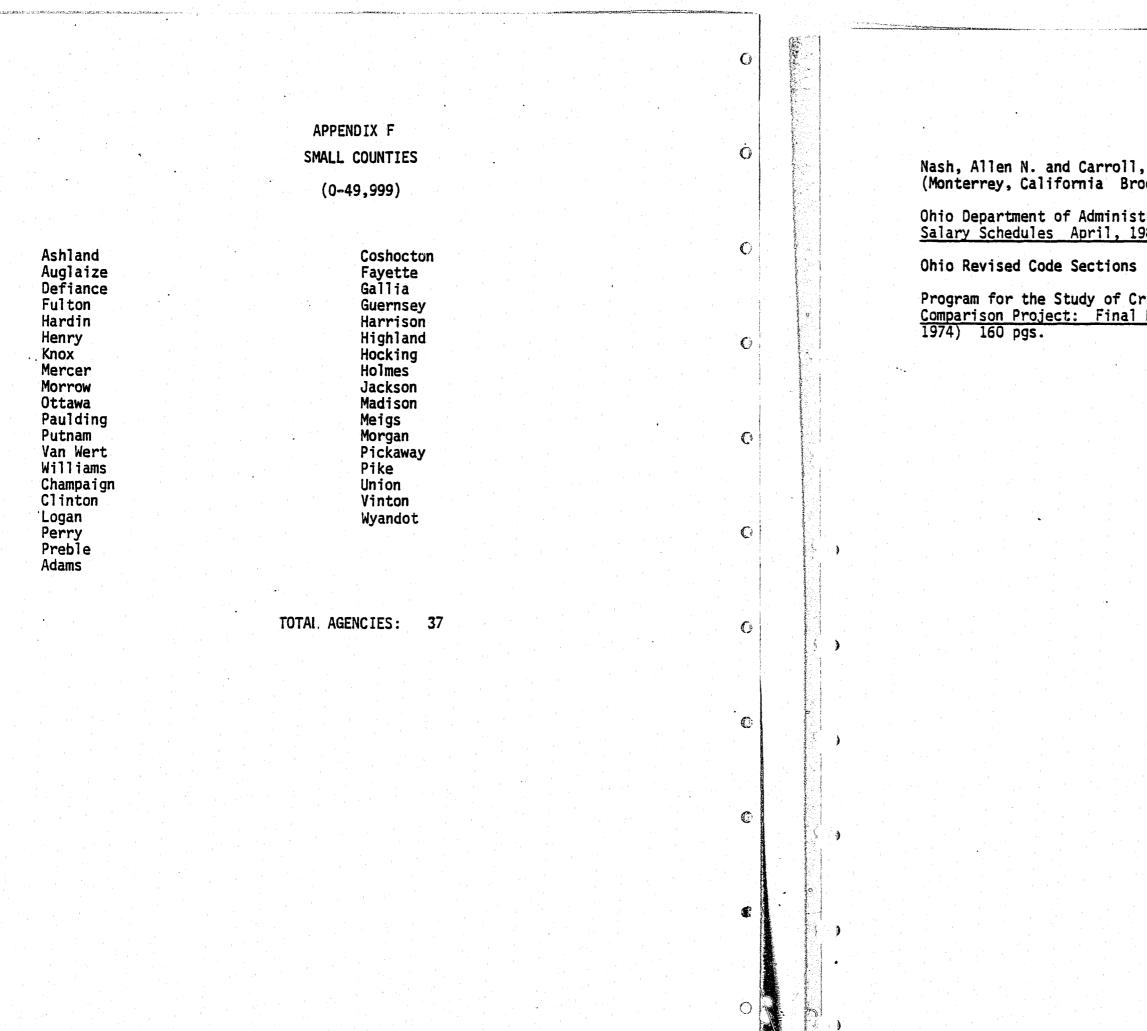
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APPENDIX E MEDIUM COUNTIES (50,000-99,999)

> Crawford Erie Hancock Huron Marion Sandusky Seneca Ashtabula Geauga Wayne Darke Miami Warren Athens Belmont Delaware Fairfield Jefferson Lawrence Muskingum Ross Scioto Tuscarawas Washington

TOTAL AGENCIES: 24



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