Cincinnati Police Department History – Pre-1800

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1630	–	–	The first night watch is formed in Boston, Massachusetts.	5
1658	–	–	Paid watchmen in Boston, Philadelphia, and New York.	5
1693	–	–	First uniformed police officer hired (unknown city).	5
1731	–	–	First police station built (unknown city).	5
1788	2-Sep	Brown, John	Sheriff appointed by Gen. Arthur St. Clair, as well as other court officers.	–
–	28-Dec	–	Losantaville settled – 3rd landing for the permanent settlement – 740 acres, bounded by what is now Central Avenue, Liberty Street, and Broadway.	1

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–	–	–	Population – Settlement – 11 families with 24 unmarried men.	1
1789	1-Jun	Dougherty, Major, US Army	140 men arrived from Fort Harmar and built 4 block houses between Broadway and Lawrence on Third Street. Began construction on Fort Washington.	1
–	Nov	–	Soldiers moved into Fort Washington.	1
1790	2-Jan	St. Clair, General Arthur, Governor	Hamilton County created by proclamation issued by governor of the Northwest Territory. Named for Alexander Hamilton, then Secretary of Treasury. Originally 1/8 of State, but 10 other counties formed.	–

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