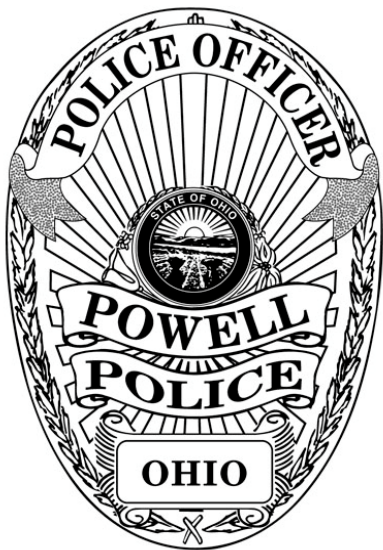


# THE CITY OF POWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

HONESTY – INTEGRITY – DEPENDABILITY

*Gary L. Vest, Chief of Police*



**DECEMBER 2017  
ACTIVITY REPORT**

## STATISTICS

	Current Month	Last Month	Last Year
Calls for Service	1,552	1,830	1,537
Dispatched Calls	423	496	464
Police Reports	83	98	90
Adult Arrests	6	19	7
Juvenile Arrests	8	9	2
Traffic Stops	87	128	93
Traffic Citations	11	19	16
Traffic Crashes	10	10	21
False Alarms	22	30	26
House Watches	83	52	52
Preventative Patrols	60	123	100
Stacked Calls	24	10	15

**Traffic Citations** now include citations written for traffic crashes.  
**Traffic Crashes** now include both public and private property crashes.

## NOTABLE CASES

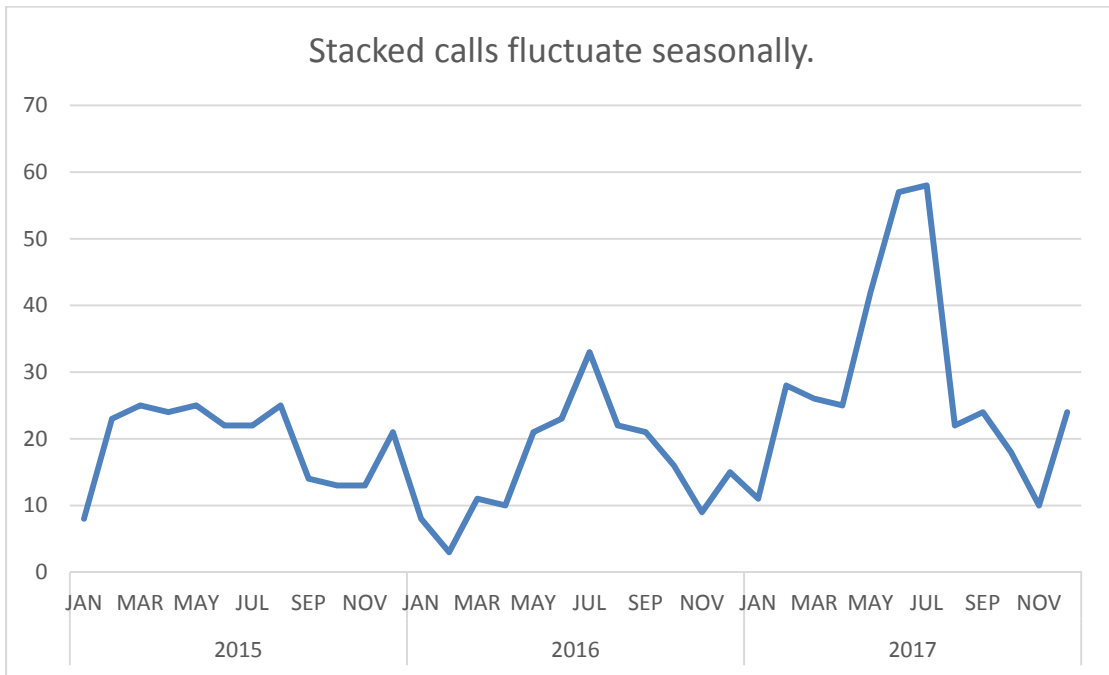
**Theft by Deception** | A resident reported the theft of over \$43,000 in money and services. The suspect obtained the money through two fraudulent schemes. He said that his daughter was ill and had high medical bills. He also claimed to be starting a new business. The deception was discovered, and the suspect indicted in Delaware Common Pleas Court. He is jailed and awaiting trial on similar charges in another jurisdiction. The suspect admitted to a habit of 20-30 pills a day costing more than \$1,000 a day.

## NATURE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

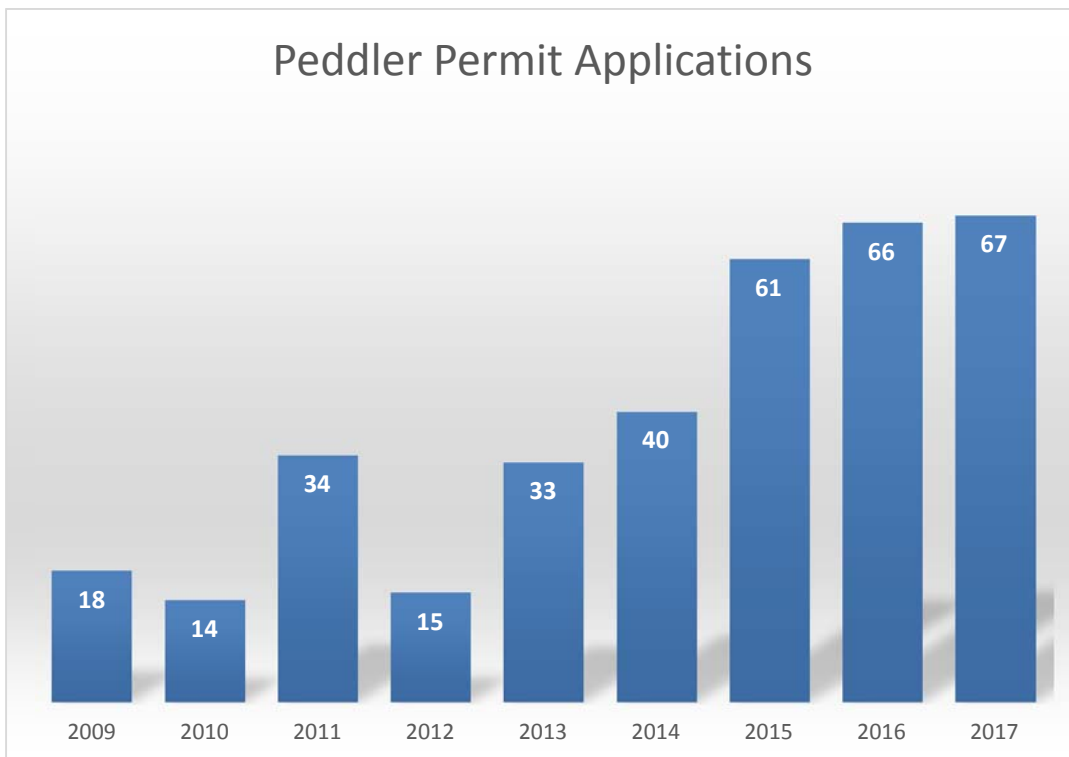
NATURE	MINUTES ON CALLS	PERCENT OF TIME	CALLS	PERCENT OF CALLS
Follow-Up/Investigation	4,140.6	19.7%	102	6.8%
Business / House Check	3,873.3	18.5%	809	54.0%
Special Detail	3,708.6	17.7%	79	5.3%
Traffic Control	1,706.0	8.1%	96	6.4%
Suspicious Activity	1,170.6	5.6%	48	3.2%
Assist other Agency	932.4	4.4%	82	5.5%
Traffic Crash	765.6	3.7%	18	1.2%
Alarm/911 Hang-Up	708.0	3.4%	68	4.5%
Juvenile	655.4	3.1%	10	0.7%
Traffic Stop	617.0	2.9%	87	5.8%
Warrant	429.5	2.0%	1	0.1%
Theft	414.3	2.0%	18	1.2%
Investigate Complaint	308.9	1.5%	22	1.5%
Harassment/Threats	241.3	1.2%	9	0.6%
Well Being Check	213.9	1.0%	4	0.3%
Missing Child/Person	208.6	1.0%	3	0.2%
Domestic	202.7	1.0%	2	0.1%
Suicide Attempt	176.3	0.8%	2	0.1%
Mental Health Crisis	127.9	0.6%	1	0.1%
Lockout	121.7	0.6%	21	1.4%
Parking Complaint	88.9	0.4%	8	0.5%
Lost & Found	65.6	0.3%	2	0.1%
Animal Call	59.7	0.3%	4	0.3%
Stolen Vehicle	19.6	0.1%	1	0.1%
Vandalism	14.9	0.1%	1	0.1%

*This is the nature of the call as originally reported by the dispatcher.*

## STACKED CALLS



## PEDDLER PERMITS



## TRAFFIC SURVEYS (STEALTH STAT)

### Grandshire Drive

December 4-10, 2017

Posted Speed Limit – 25 m.p.h.

Direction	Average Vehicles per Hour	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Maximum Speed
Eastbound	16.1	21.61	28	40
Westbound	18.7	21.27	28	41

### Village Club Drive at Indian Springs Drive

December 11-16, 2017

Posted Speed Limit – 25 m.p.h.

Direction	Average Vehicles per Hour	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Maximum Speed
Eastbound	33.0	25.53	31	43
Westbound	39.3	26.64	32	44

### North Liberty Street at Adventure Park Drive

December 18-21, 2017

Posted Speed Limit – 25 m.p.h.

Direction	Average Vehicles per Hour	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Maximum Speed
Northbound	151.2	27.49	33	58
Southbound	270.6	27.57	33	53

## TRAINING

In December the department conducted 62 hours of training to include **All Hazards Planning, Bias Based Policing, CPR, Mental Health Training, Defensive Tactics, and Taser Recertification.**

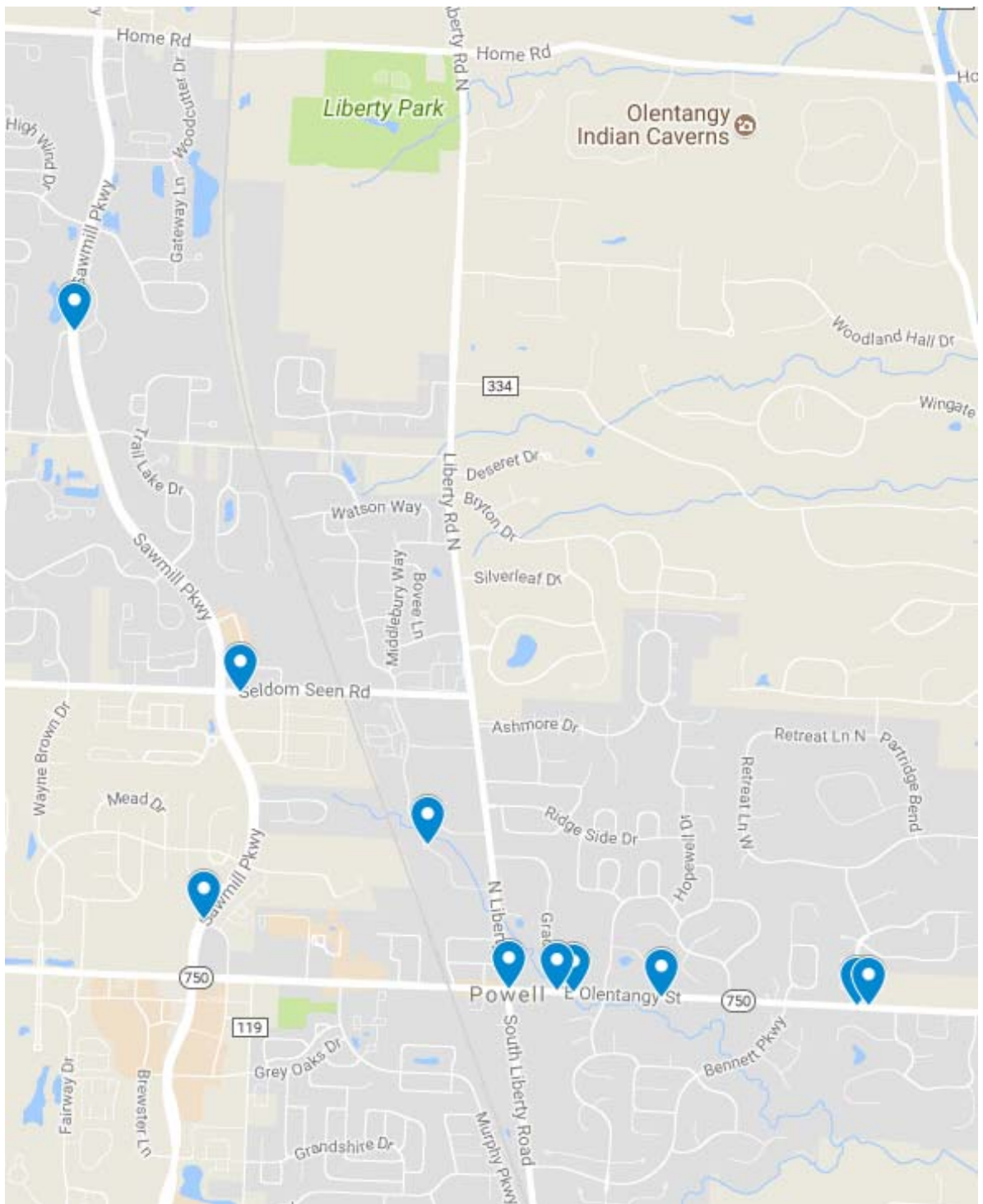
### TRAFFIC CRASHES – PUBLIC & PRIVATE PROPERTY

- 12/3/17 **ACDA** | Unit 2 was stopped in traffic eastbound on SR 750 at Thornbury Ln. Unit 1 was also eastbound on SR750, behind Unit 2 in traffic. Unit 1 failed to use assured clear distance ahead and struck Unit 2. Unit 1 was cited.
- 12/8/17 **Failure to Yield** | Unit 1 was traveling South on Sawmill Pkwy near Galloway Dr. Unit 2 was making a left hand turn from Galloway Dr. onto Sawmill Pkwy to go north. At some point the vehicles collided in the intersection. Unit 1 stated the light was green for him, Unit 2 stated the light was yellow for him. Due to conflicting statements, no independent witnesses and no additional evidence, the at-fault party cannot be determined.
- 12/9/17 **ACDA** | Unit 2 was stopped in traffic eastbound at 290 E. Olentangy St. Unit 1 was also eastbound, behind Unit 2 in traffic. Due to weather Unit 1 failed to use assured clear distance ahead and struck Unit 2.
- 12/9/17 **ACDA** | Units 1, 2, 3, and 4, were heading northbound on Sawmill Pkwy. near Sutton Pl. Unit 1 went off the road way to the left and struck a sign after swerving to avoid striking Unit 3. Upon re-entering the roadway, Unit 1 was struck from behind by Unit 2. Unit 3 then came to an abrupt stop to

avoid striking Unit 2 which had entered part of its lane, and as a result was then struck from behind by Unit 4. Unit 2 was cited for no operator's license.

- 12/10/17 **OVI** | Unit 2 was stopped facing southbound on Thornbury Ln. at SR 750. Unit 1 was westbound on SR 750 and at Thornbury Ln failed to use reasonable control and struck Unit 2. Unit 1 was cited.
- 12/12/17 **Backing** | Unit 1 was parked in the rear lot of 260 Adventure Park Dr. Unit 2 was backing in the lot around the building and struck Unit 1.
- 12/14/17 **Hit-Skip** | Unit 1 was heading westbound on the driveway access of 120 E. Olentangy towards Grace Dr. Unit 1 left the driveway to the right, entering the grassy area on the roadside, and then struck a City of Powell light pole and an electric box. Unit 1 continued north onto Grace Dr. and failed to report the crash. Unit 1 did not strike the stop sign in the area. The driver of Unit 1 was identified and cited.
- 12/24/17 **Backing** | The driver of Unit 1, backed out of a parking space and struck Unit 2.
- 12/29/17 **Hit-Skip** | Units 1 and 2 were eastbound on SR 750 at Grace Dr. Unit 1 failed to use assured clear distance ahead when stopping and struck the rear of Unit 2. Unit 1 attempted to swerve before striking Unit 2 and then fled the scene. Unit 1 was identified and cited.
- 12/31/17 **ACDA** | Units 1 and 2 were traveling eastbound on W. Olentangy St. approaching the intersection of Liberty Rd. Unit 2 stopped for a traffic light and was struck from behind by Unit 1 while stopped in traffic. Unit 1 stated she could not get stopped in time to avoid crashing into Unit 2 and rear ended her. Unit 1 was cited.

# MAP OF TRAFFIC CRASHES





## THANK YOU NOTES

Numerous seasonal thank-you notes were received from the community along with holiday treats.

Dear Chief Vest:

I am a 4 year Powell resident and wanted to acknowledge your Department and your officer's.

Our first encounter with the Powell Police Department was shortly after we moved into our new home on Junia Court. At the time my elderly parents were staying with us and my Mother inadvertently locked her car with critical medications and the extra key inside!

After several futile attempts with a coat hanger, we called your Department and a very understanding officer came to our rescue.

Last Christmas night as some of our guests were leaving and others arriving, we left our garage door open. When the doorbell rang rather late in the evening, we were surprised to see an officer. He said he was patrolling, saw the open garage door and thought we should be aware of that! We were so shocked by that community spirit, that we wanted to give him some homemade Christmas cookies- he refused but we insisted and I told him to just take them back to Headquarters and share with everyone- after all, it was Christmas Day!

In relating these two previous encounters, it brings me to my current situation. Unfortunately for me it was not positive.

On September 29, 2017 I was home alone working in my yard doing fall chores. Whether I slipped or accidently stepped back, I can't recall but I fell into my 4 foot deep egress window well, severely breaking my right leg. There was a built in ladder in this window well but I was too incapacitated to climb out. Obviously, I was in shock and tremendous pain and becoming more and more desperate regarding my critical situation.

I had seen my next door neighbor earlier that morning and thought he might still be home, after many rounds of yelling to hopefully attract attention, I started throwing rocks at his house, thinking he might hear the noise and investigate.

Between screaming and hurling rocks to no avail, I calculated that I might be stuck in the window well for up to 4 hours until my husband came home from work. As a Registered Nurse, I know how trauma and shock can affect body functions and I was concentrating so hard so I wouldn't panic (which would only have been self-defeating). I became angry and once more grabbed a hand full of rocks and with much difficulty, threw as hard as I could. I knew one of them hit my neighbor's basement window because it made a different noise. I was somewhat

encouraged, thinking he might have heard that louder sound. It turned out that he was not home.

When no one came, I thought I heard a cell phone ringing and yelled again, hoping to attract someone walking through our court. That too was met with no response. As my pain increased so did my anxiety and I cupped my head in my hands and attempted to re-group.

I looked up and the most beautiful sight I have ever seen was your officer looking down at me and was so relieved to see him that my first comment was, "Who called you?"

I think he was as surprised to see me as I was to see him and he replied that he was responding to a breaking glass alarm at my neighbor's house. Then I explained my predicament and he immediately jumped into action, climbing into the window well with me, calling for back-up EMR.

It seemed like a lifetime, but I was probably only in that window well for 20-30 minutes. Because of your officer and I only wish I had his name, so I could personally thank him but I am convinced he saved my life!

A quick update- My tibia plateau fracture was severe and I have experienced two surgeries, spent 5 weeks at Heartland of Dublin for rehab and have been home now for a month, continuing with out-patient physical therapy. Since my surgery to repair the fracture (with enough plates and screws to set off TSA alarms as soon as I enter any airport). I was instructed by my surgeon that for 3 months, I couldn't do weight bearing. I see him again on January 5<sup>th</sup> and that will be the end of my 3 months and the beginning of learning how to walk again.

To say that this accident has not altered my life would be an understatement but starting with your officer, who is a "HERO" in my eyes, I've had support from neighbors, friends and of course my beloved family.

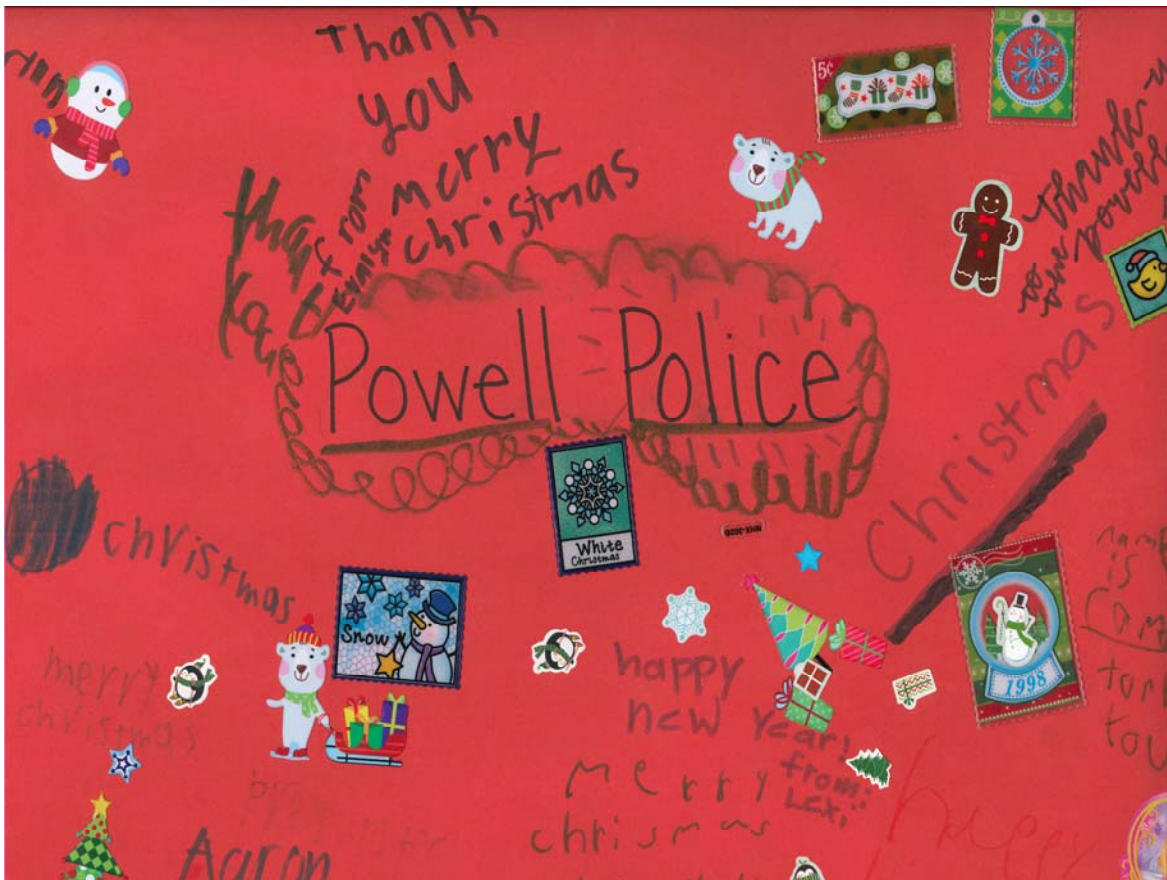
In a year, I will undoubtedly look back on this unfortunate experience and time-frame with renewed knowledge and insight – empathy for others, total respect for handicap parking, (which some abuse), absolute love and gratitude for my family for their continuing support but most especially appreciation for our first responders, fire, police, EMR.

During this Holiday Season, please convey my deepest thankfulness for everything to your officers.

Hoping each of you have a Blessed, Safe and Happy Holiday.

Best Regards,

(Name withheld)



Dear Powell Admin team,  
 Sundays are very special to each and every one of us in our group. There is no place else we want to be than here Sunday mornings. To this we are very grateful! Greatly appreciate all your help and support throughout the year. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

Sathya Sai Baba Group

This message, though brief,

Has a specially warm touch,

For it comes from the heart –

“Thank you all very much!”

- Damoji Jambhale (President)  
 - Praneda Dholakia (Deviotional Coordinator)  
 Amar Kumar (Vice president)  
 VENKAT SESHADRI (EDUCATIONAL COORDINATOR)