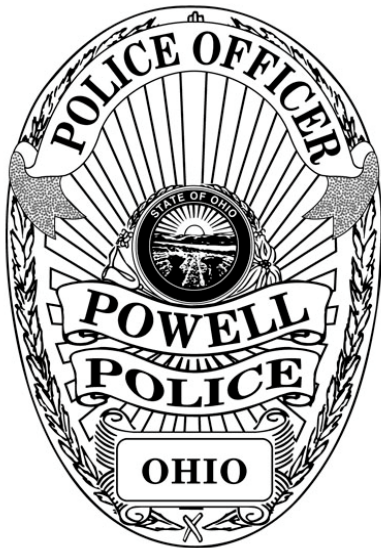


# THE CITY OF POWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

HONESTY – INTEGRITY – DEPENDABILITY

*Gary L. Vest, Chief of Police*



**FEBRUARY 2019  
ACTIVITY REPORT**

## STATISTICS

	Current Month	Last Month	Last Year
Calls for Service	2,231	2,254	1,684
Dispatched Calls	419	432	349
Police Reports	83	88	98
Adult Arrests	5	5	7
Juvenile Arrests	1	1	0
Traffic Stops	153	188	115
Traffic Citations	17	19	14
Traffic Crashes	13	13	10
False Alarms	23	26	25
House Watches	43	58	51
Preventative Patrols	199	161	119
Stacked Calls	17	10	26

***Note:** The Dispatched Calls calculation now counts Traffic Control as officer-initiated calls.*

## NOTABLE CASES

**Fraud** | A suspect posing as Captain Simmons of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office told a resident she had a warrant for her arrest because she failed to appear for a summons. The resident purchased gift cards and gave the suspect the card numbers. The case is under investigation.

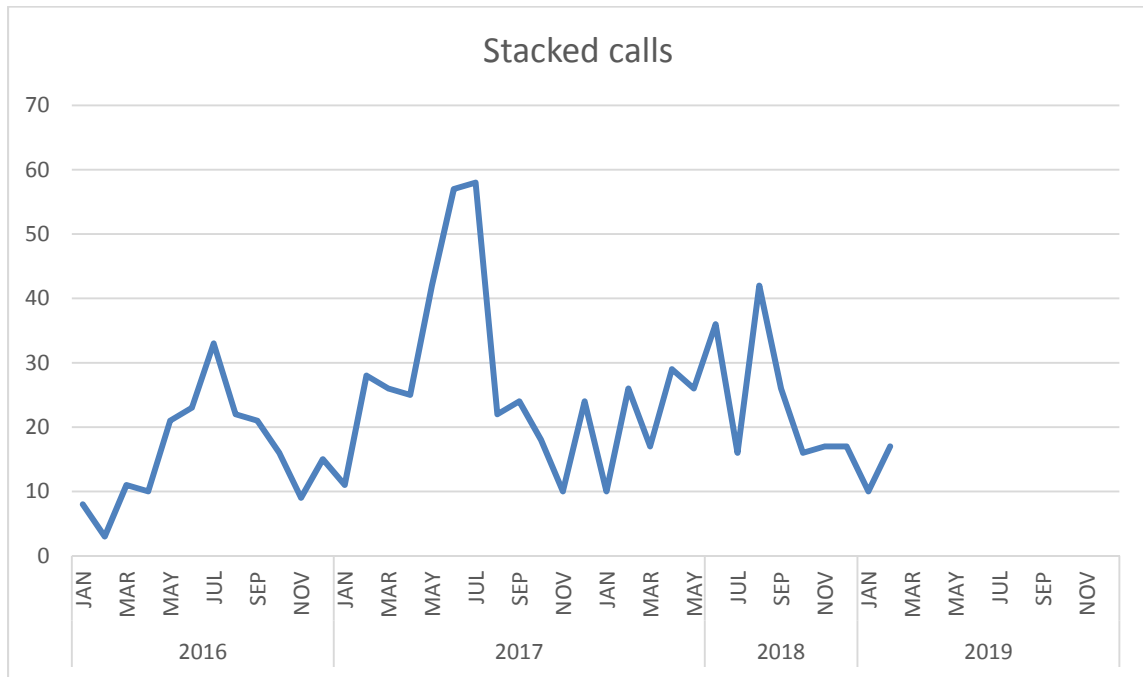
**Bad Checks** | Two suspects attempted to pass bad checks on the same day at a business on West Powell Road. When the cashiers took the checks for approval, the suspects left the store.

## NATURE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

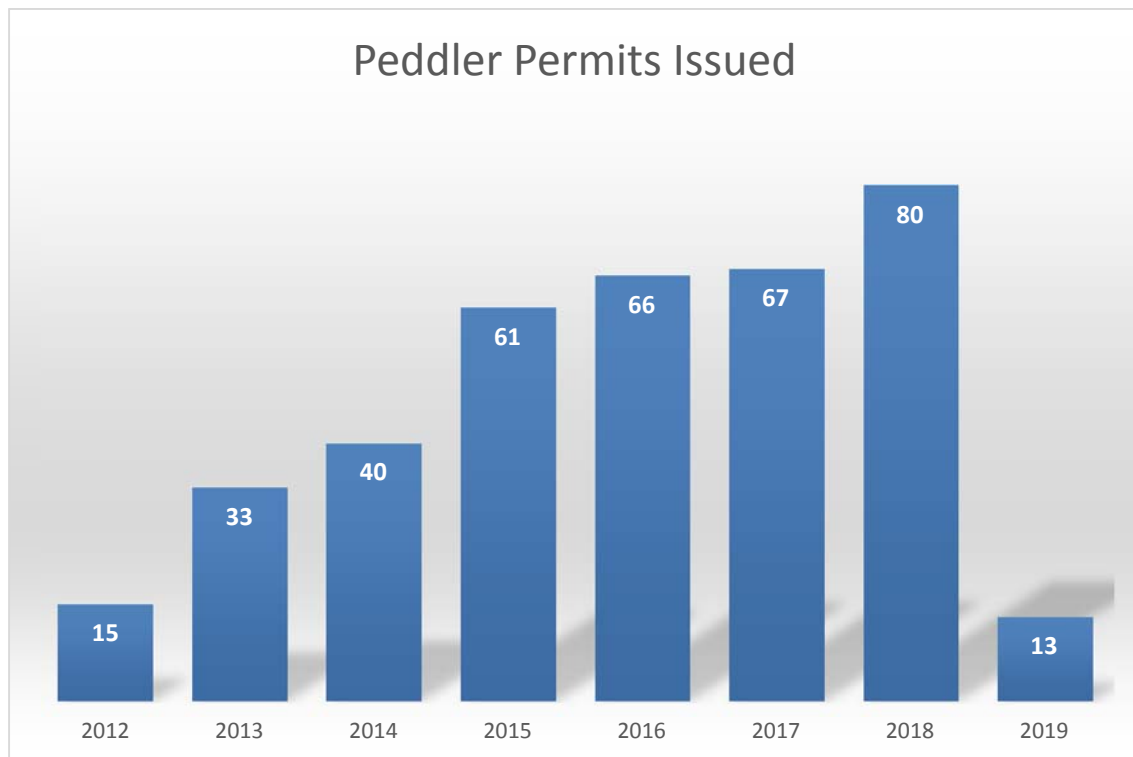
NATURE	MINUTES ON CALLS	PERCENT OF TIME	CALLS	PERCENT OF CALLS
Alarm/911 Hang-Up	804.5	3.2%	78	3.5%
Business / House Check	5,976.6	24.1%	1295	58.4%
Special Detail	5,575.3	22.5%	121	5.5%
Traffic Control	3,687.6	14.9%	213	9.6%
Follow-Up/Investigation	1,806.0	7.3%	65	2.9%
Assist other Agency	1,413.8	5.7%	112	5.1%
Traffic Stop	1,254.9	5.1%	153	6.9%
Suspicious Activity	777.4	3.1%	49	2.2%
Traffic Crash	649.1	2.6%	21	0.9%
Investigate Complaint	590.4	2.4%	34	1.5%
Well Being Check	479.3	1.9%	8	0.4%
Theft	468.3	1.9%	10	0.5%
Mental Health Crisis	274.0	1.1%	3	0.1%
Domestic	217.6	0.9%	3	0.1%
Lockout	180.8	0.7%	18	0.8%
Warrant	170.2	0.7%	2	0.1%
Animal Call	152.4	0.6%	10	0.5%
Harassment/Threats	110.3	0.4%	2	0.1%
Parking Complaint	103.8	0.4%	16	0.7%
Lost & Found	51.5	0.2%	2	0.1%
Juvenile	50.1	0.2%	1	0.0%
Vandalism	5.0	0.0%	1	0.0%

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

## STACKED CALLS



## PEDDLER PERMITS



## TRAINING

In February the department conducted 106 hours of training to include **Legal Update, Use of Force, Modern Report Writing,** and **LIFE.**

## TRAFFIC SURVEYS (STEALTH STAT)

*The City of Powell Police Department uses this data to assign officers for selective enforcement efforts.*

**Average Speed:** The average speed of all vehicles registered by the StealthStat device.

**85th Percentile:** 85 percent of all vehicles were at this speed or slower.

### SR 750 at Olentangy Ridge Place

February 4 -9, 2019

Posted Speed Limit – 35 m.p.h.

Direction	Average Vehicles per Hour	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Maximum Speed
Eastbound	357.4	32.89	41	63
Westbound	81.7	33.79	41	61

### Village Club Drive

February 11-16, 2019

Posted Speed Limit – 25 m.p.h.

Direction	Average Vehicles per Hour	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Maximum Speed
Eastbound	10.2	20.39	25	42
Westbound	10.5	23.94	29	40

**North Liberty Street**  
 February 18-23, 2019  
 Posted Speed Limit – 25 m.p.h.

Direction	Average Vehicles per Hour	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Maximum Speed
Northbound	165.9	27.77	33	51
Southbound	182.4	28.73	34	60

**Wildflower Drive at Millway Loop**  
 February 25 – March 3, 2019  
 Posted Speed Limit – 25 m.p.h.

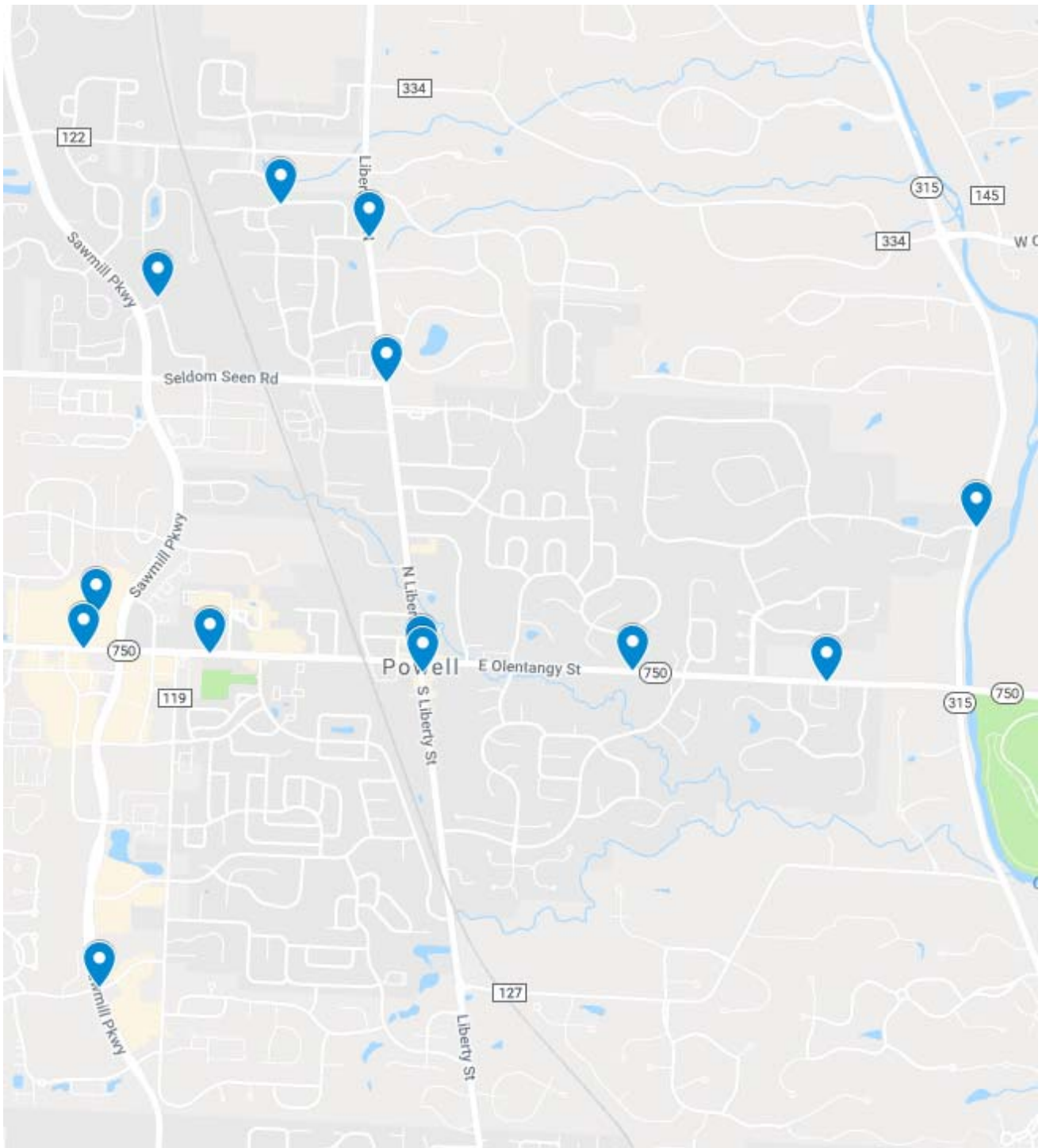
Direction	Average Vehicles per Hour	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Maximum Speed
Northbound	23.8	23.81	31	52
Southbound	22.2	20.72	28	42

## TRAFFIC CRASHES

DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
2/3/19	<b>Hit-Skip</b>	Unit 2 was parked in the lot of 4000 W. Powell Rd. Unit 1 struck Unit 2 and left the area without reporting the crash.
2/10/19	<b>ACDA</b>	<i>Injury</i>   Unit 2 was westbound on SR 750 and had stopped in traffic waiting for a vehicle to make a left turn in front of him. Unit 1, also westbound on SR 750, was unable to stop and struck Unit 2 from behind. Unit 1 was cited.
2/10/19	<b>ACDA</b>	While Unit 2 was stopped in the eastbound lane at the E Olentangy St/S Liberty St intersection, Unit 1 rear ended Unit 2 after failing to keep assured cleared distance ahead.

DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
2/11/19	<b>Failure to Control</b>	The driver of Unit 1 was headed eastbound on Retreat Lane when his vehicle began to skid due to slippery road conditions. The driver of Unit 1 lost control and left the roadway, striking a culvert and then some bushes before coming to a stop.
2/13/19	<b>Backing</b>	Unit 1 turned left from Sanderling Dr. to N. Liberty St. Unit 1 backed up on N. Liberty St. to go back westbound on Sanderling and struck a light pole.
2/13/19	<b>Failure to Control</b>	Unit 2 was stopped in traffic facing southbound on N. Liberty St. at SR 750. Unit 1 was northbound on N. Liberty St. and while passing Unit 2, failed to use reasonable control and struck Unit 2 in a side swipe. Unit 1 was cited.
2/14/19	<b>Hit-Skip</b>	Unit 2 was parked in the lot of 8730 Moreland St. Unit 1 backed from a parking stall and struck unit 2. Unit 1 left the scene without reporting the crash.
2/14/19	<b>Hit-Skip</b>	While parked, Unit 2 was struck in the rear end by Unit 1. Unit 1 left the scene and is unknown.
2/15/19	<b>Failure to Yield</b>	<i>Injury</i>   Unit 2 was traveling southbound on Sawmill Pkwy. Unit 1 was traveling northbound before failing to yield while making a left turn in the intersection resulting in Unit 2 striking Unit 1. Unit 1 was cited.
2/16/19	<b>ACDA</b>	Unit 1 and Unit 2 were eastbound on Powell Road just west of 825 East Olentangy Street. Unit 2 stopped for traffic and Unit 1 was unable to stop and struck the rear of Unit 2. Unit 1 was cited.
2/19/19	<b>Parking</b>	Unit 1 was in a parking stall at 419 W. Olentangy and Unit 2 was entering the lot of 419 W. Olentangy. As Unit 2 prepared to pull into the adjacent parking spot, Unit 1 opened his door and the door was struck by Unit 2.
2/20/19	<b>Failure to Control</b>	Unit 1 was southbound on N. Liberty St. and attempted to turn right onto Seldom Seen Rd. Unit 1 slid straight through the intersection, going onto a bike trail, and struck a street sign.
2/22/19	<b>Failure to Control</b>	<i>Injury</i>   Unit 1 was traveling south on Halverston Rd near Watson Way. Unit 1 went off the road right and struck a tree. Unit 1 was cited.

# MAP OF TRAFFIC CRASHES





## THANK-YOU NOTES

Officers Waymire & Dennison,  
Thank you so much  
for your hospitality on  
Jackson's birthday  
remembrance. Our family  
truly enjoyed and  
appreciated the tour  
of the Station and  
allowing us to take  
pictures throughout  
our time. The pictures  
you sent over were  
much better quality  
than what I was  
getting on my phone!

Thanks again!

The Arrons

(Bob, Mitzi, Chelsea,  
Kyrie, Ellie, &  
Jackson)

Chief of Police Gary Vest  
47 Hall St.  
Powell, Ohio 43065-8357

Dear Chief Vest,

I am a flower delivery driver for the Flowerama in Westerville. On Wednesday, February 13, I was attempting to locate an address in Powell. The street was not on any of my maps or my GPS. Google maps also showed not listing. I had no phone numbers for the recipient to call and get directions. On a whim, I called the Powell Police Department.

I was connected to a very pleasant person named Rebecca. I told her my dilemma and she agreed to try to help me. After a few minutes she was able to give me a general location for the street I was seeking. Unfortunately, she was unable to give me specific directions. Still, I had a lot more information than before so I believed that I could probably find the address. I thanked Rebecca and went on my way. About five minutes later my phone rang and it was Rebecca calling me back. She had kept looking after I hung up and was letting me know that she had indeed found driving directions to the locale I was searching for.

I was so impressed by her efforts that I had to write to you to commend Rebecca for her excellent public service. Not only did she go out of her way to continue to assist me, she was extremely pleasant to me and seemed genuinely happy to be able to help. It is wonderful to encounter someone with this dedication to serving people. If the rest of your staff is as committed to their rolls to the public as Rebecca (and I believe that this is probably the case) then you have a truly excellent department and you also should be commended for instilling that pride in your employees.

Please accept my gratitude and please praise Rebecca for being so helpful and kind to me. I wish that I dealt with more people like her.

Sincerely,

*Bob Head*

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*This was actually  
Clerk Patti Mills.*

*[Signature]*  
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