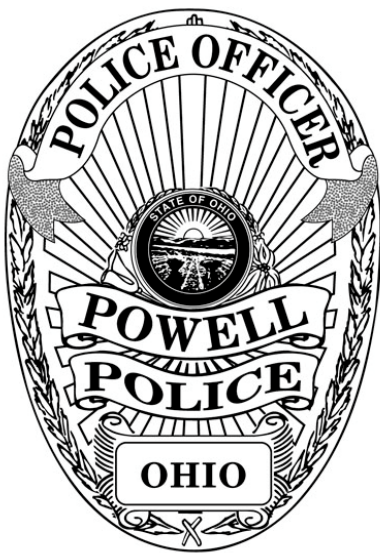


# THE CITY OF POWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

HONESTY – INTEGRITY – DEPENDABILITY

*Gary L. Vest, Chief of Police*



**APRIL 2019  
ACTIVITY REPORT**

## STATISTICS

	Current Month	Last Month	Last Year
Calls for Service	1,840	1,911	1,775
Dispatched Calls	403	419	519
Police Reports	104	99	94
Adult Arrests	10	8	9
Juvenile Arrests	0	0	0
Traffic Stops	113	117	133
Traffic Citations	21	27	26
Traffic Crashes	13	12	11
False Alarms	33	35	21
House Watches	27	77	43
Preventative Patrols	151	124	143
Stacked Calls	18	15	29

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

## NOTABLE CASES

**Break In** | Unknown suspects broke into a business on West Olentangy Street and removed a safe. The safe was recovered in Richland County. The case is under investigation.

## TRAINING

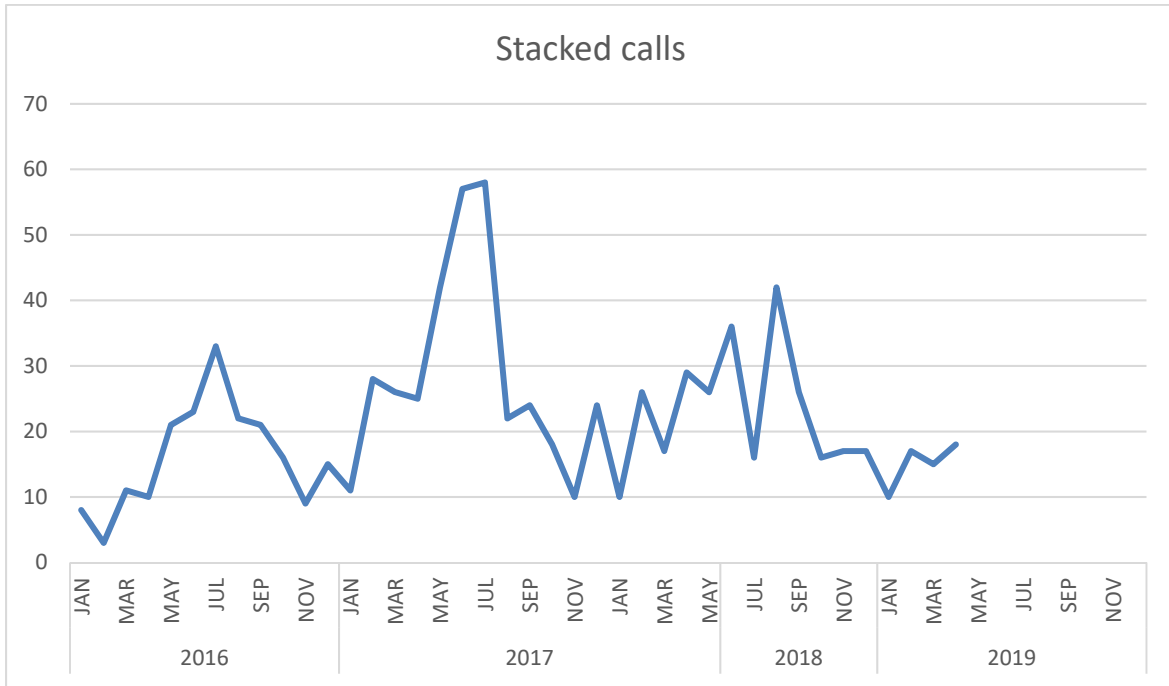
In April the department conducted 76 hours of training to include **Ohio Crime Prevention Conference, Firearms, Defensive Tactics** and **First Aid**.

## NATURE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

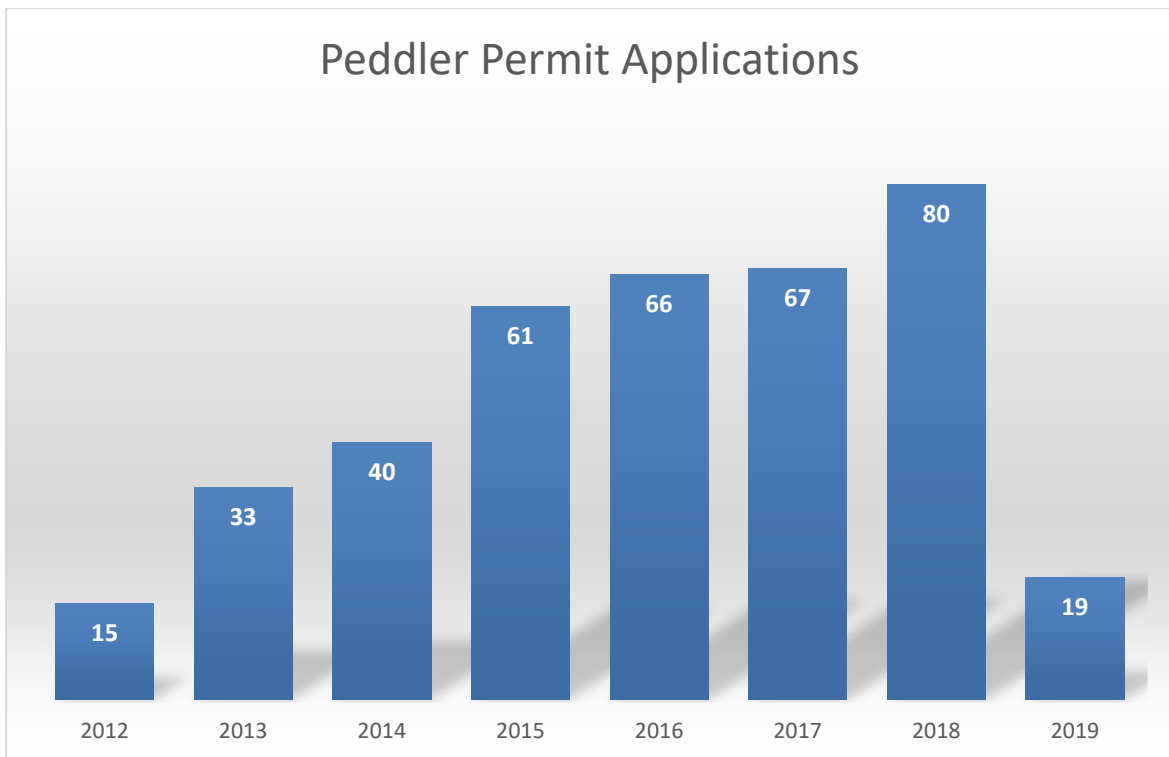
<b>NATURE</b>	<b>MINUTES ON CALLS</b>	<b>PERCENT OF TIME</b>	<b>CALLS</b>	<b>PERCENT OF CALLS</b>
Business / House Check	5,843.4	23.1%	990	54.2%
Special Detail	4,732.6	18.7%	90	4.9%
Follow-Up/Investigation	3,060.9	12.1%	83	4.5%
Traffic Control	2,962.2	11.7%	164	9.0%
Theft	1,409.2	5.6%	22	1.2%
Assist other Agency	1,300.6	5.1%	102	5.6%
Alarm/911 Hang-Up	999.0	3.9%	87	4.8%
Suspicious Activity	832.0	3.3%	49	2.7%
Traffic Stop	788.2	3.1%	113	6.2%
Traffic Crash	781.8	3.1%	20	1.1%
Harassment/Threats	595.3	2.4%	11	0.6%
Domestic	494.3	2.0%	4	0.2%
Investigate Complaint	446.0	1.8%	36	2.0%
Suicide Attempt	315.6	1.2%	2	0.1%
Juvenile	151.2	0.6%	7	0.4%
Well Being Check	138.8	0.5%	3	0.2%
Animal Call	118.1	0.5%	6	0.3%
Lockout	116.7	0.5%	18	1.0%
Community Engagement	89.2	0.4%	1	0.1%
Parking	75.3	0.3%	11	0.6%
Lost & Found	20.4	0.1%	1	0.1%
Mental Health Crisis	18.7	0.1%	1	0.1%
Vandalism	16.4	0.1%	1	0.1%
Drug / Narcotic	15.7	0.1%	2	0.1%
Emergency Notification	6.6	0.0%	1	0.1%
Sex Offense	0.6	0.0%	1	0.1%

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

## STACKED CALLS



## PEDDLER PERMITS



## 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.

**Retreat Lane at Fox Run**  
 April 1-6, 2019  
 Posted Speed Limit – 25 m.p.h.

Direction	Average Vehicles per Hour	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Maximum Speed
Eastbound	19.7	23.51	30	47
Westbound	30.2	23.86	33	56

**195 West Olentangy Street**  
 April 15-21, 2019  
 Posted Speed Limit – 25 m.p.h.

Direction	Average Vehicles per Hour	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Maximum Speed
Eastbound	286.6	25.06	32	66
Westbound	126.1	26.53	32	65

**Village Club Drive at Indian Springs**  
 April 22-27, 2019  
 Posted Speed Limit – 25 m.p.h.

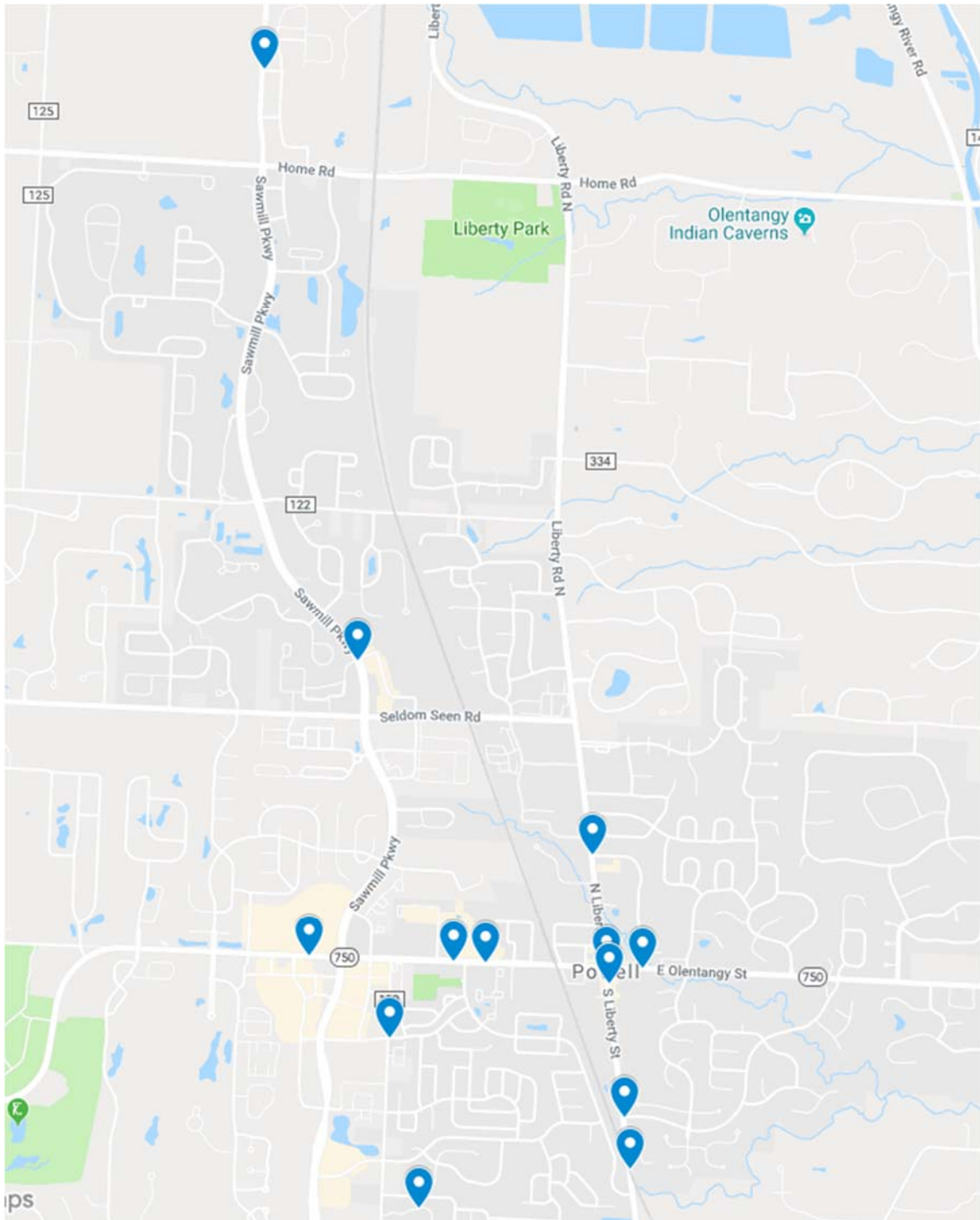
Direction	Average Vehicles per Hour	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Maximum Speed
Eastbound	38.8	26.19	31	50
Westbound	39.5	26.66	32	53

## TRAFFIC CRASHES

DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
4/1/19	<b>Failure to Yield</b>	<i>Injury</i>   Unit 1 was traveling eastbound on Attucks Drive, Unit 1 failed to yield and was struck in the side by Unit 2, who was traveling northbound on Sawmill Road. Unit 1 was cited.
4/7/19	<b>Failure to Yield</b>	<i>Injury</i>   Unit 1 came to a stop at the intersection of Stoneway Point and Sawmill Pkwy. Unit 1 then moved forward, striking Unit 2 (bicycle). Unit 2 was on a bike path and had legally entered the roadway before being struck. Unit 1 was cited.
4/9/19	<b>ACDA</b>	Unit 2 was stopped in traffic northbound on S. Liberty St. at SR 750. Unit 1 was also northbound, behind Unit 2 in traffic. Unit 1 failed to use assured clear distance ahead and struck Unit 2. Unit 1 was cited.
4/10/19	<b>Hit-Skip</b>	Unit 1 was westbound on S.R. 750 in the area of 60 E. Olentangy St, when it went off the right side of the road and struck two mailboxes with the front passenger side of the vehicle. Unit 1 then left area without reporting the crash.
4/10/19	<b>ACDA</b>	While slowing for traffic, Unit 2 was struck in the rear by Unit 1. Both units were traveling westbound on SR 750 (W. Olentangy Street.) Unit 1 was cited.
4/12/19	<b>Failure to Yield</b>	Unit 1 was northbound on Sawmill Pkwy. Unit 1 attempted to make a left turn into the Olentangy Liberty High school lot and turned into the path of Unit 2. Unit 2, which was southbound on Sawmill Pkwy., struck Unit 1. Unit 1 was cited.
4/12/19	<b>ACDA</b>	Unit 2 was traveling westbound on W Olentangy St and started to slow down for traffic. Unit 1 was traveling westbound on W Olentangy St. Unit 1 failed to keep assured clear distance ahead and rear-ended Unit 2 near 275 W. Olentangy St.
4/15/19	<b>ACDA</b>	Unit 2 was stopped in traffic on Grace Dr. at N. Liberty facing westbound. Unit 1 was also westbound on Grace Dr. behind Unit 2 in traffic. Unit 1 failed to use assured clear distance ahead and struck Unit 2. Unit 1 was cited.
4/18/19	<b>Hit-Skip</b>	Unit 1 was westbound on Bennett Pkwy. Unit 1 failed to navigate a curve in the roadway, drove off the right side of the road and struck a street sign. Unit 1 continued off the road and reentered the road east of S. Liberty St. Unit 1 crossed S. Liberty St., where the vehicle became airborne as it crossed a ditch striking the west side of the ditch with the undercarriage of the vehicle. Unit 1 left the scene without reporting the crash.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CAUSE</b>	<b>NARRATIVE</b>
4/18/19	<b>Failure to Control</b>	Unit 1 was attempting to park in a handicap spot. The driver of unit 1 accidentally hit the gas and the car traveled up the curb and into the building north of the parking space.
4/23/19	<b>Failure to Yield</b>	Unit 2 was traveling through an intersection of a private parking lot at 3958 W. Powell Rd. from west to east and Unit 1 stopped at a stop sign traveling south. Unit 1 stopped at a stop sign, but the pulled into the intersection after failing to yield and struck Unit 2 in the side.
4/24/19	<b>Backing</b>	Units 1 and 2 were traveling north on S. Liberty St. when the grade crossing gates started coming down. Unit 1 stopped and began to back up and struck Unit 2 that was following. Unit 1 was cited.
4/25/19	<b>Backing</b>	Unit 1 was backing from a driveway on Commons Drive. Unit 1 backed into a dumpster which was on the private roadway.

# MAP OF TRAFFIC CRASHES





## THANK-YOU NOTES



Officer Smith,

Thank you so much for the interview. Because of you, I have learned so much more about my research. Thank you for taking time out of your day to talk to me, especially when you didn't have to! I really enjoyed talking to you and learning more about what you do. Thank you for keeping Powell safe!

Best wishes,  
Swati M.

Hello Officer Sanford and the City of Powell Police Department;



My service dog TREX Rufus "Rufus" and I appreciate your assistance getting us back to my vehicle safely, after our adventures at Adventure Park, Jeni's Splendid Ice Cream, and The Village Green Park.

\* Normally, I'm capable navigating back to our vehicle after our adventures in Powell, safely. We typically visit Powell once or biweekly for an appointment, then after our appointment, I reward myself a cup of Jeni's Splendid Ice Cream.

\* We walk from our appointment to Jeni's if weather permitted. Today, was a lovely perfect weather besides the gusty wind condition.

I inform my friend where I'm going that day too, so just in case something happens and she doesn't worry, too. As well, if I'm unable to communicate verbally.

\* Today, was a different chaotic adventure as the sidewalks are closed downtown Powell, due to the City is installing accessible ramps (Yay!).

I'm inclined to get unequivocally discombobulated if things are altered or the routine path I take are under construction. It throws my neurons into a loop of blackhole state of a swirling meltdown.

\* I have difficulties crossing streets and the traffic scares me when I'm in a state of swirling meltdown.

\* I'm not the greatest asking for help, due to fear of being judged negatively. However, today I asked for an assistant at the Powell Police Department. I wasn't judged negatively or felt I was interrupting their important work to assist my service dog and me.

I spoke to two wonderful women at the main receptionist desk, which I explained to them my situation and asked for assistance. They were extremely cordial, patience, and helpful, which they didn't make me feel bad for asking for assistance crossing a street to go back to my vehicle.

Officer Sanford spoke to me and explained the two options: He could assist me in crossing the street or ride in his Police cruiser with my service dog. He spoke to me as an individual with dignity. Officer Sanford never made an impression I was taking his time away from his duties to assist me.

\* I have never been in the back seat of a Police cruiser before, which is good! If you don't want to be back in the cruiser, follow the law or the law will come after you!

\* The back seat is rather nice, though not for the bad guys. I'm rarely in the back seat as you know you can't drive seating in the back seat yet. In addition, I don't trust my service dog to drive me, he be looking for chickens crossing the streets.

Officer Sanford is/was remarkably patient with my service dog and I as he le me talk his ears off. I talk fast when I'm in my panic state and repeats myself over and over. He told me it was okay for me to talk.

\* He helped carry my "100lbs" of "Entire Bag of Life" too. It's heavy, though I'm used to it. I told him it



was heavy

Conclusion:

Thanm you for providing an exceptional service to my service dog and I today, my without fear of taking time away from your duties or being judged negatively.

I appreciate your acceptance of me as an Autistic and my service dog as a service dog. The respect is greatly honorable.

Thank you,  
Be safe Officer Sanford and the City of Powell Police Department.



Sara and TREX Rufus the service dog

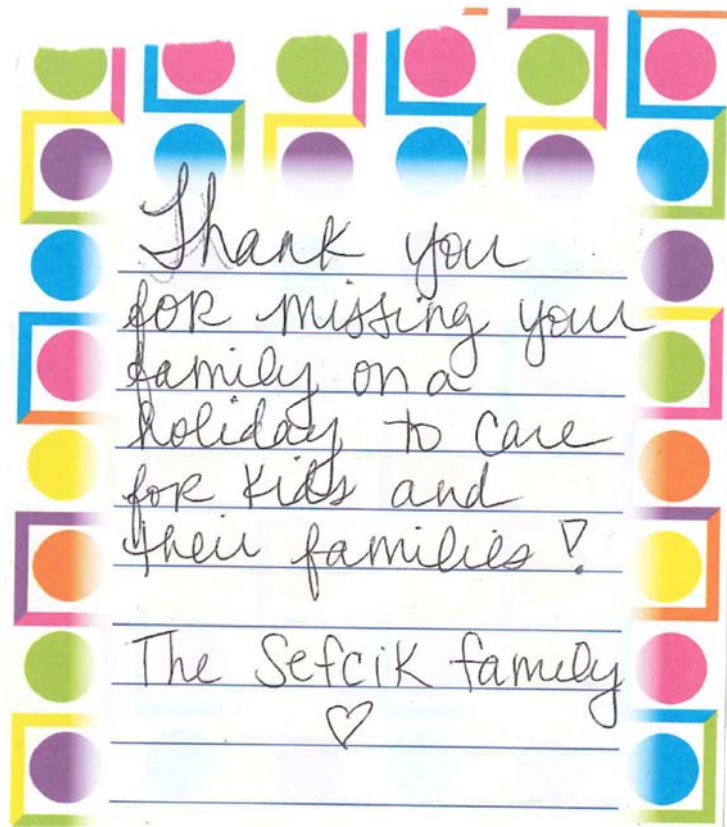
PS: May you inform the women too for assisting me too. I forgot their names. Thank you.  
\*\*\*I communicate efficiently via email as I verbally shut down on phone. \*\*\*

Thank you so much for  
protecting and serving our  
community. We pray for  
your safety.

God bless you!

Melissa Patterson

Brian Patton



Detective + Powell PD -

Thank you for participating  
in Tyler Rurr's Enrichment  
Day. The CSI session  
is always a student  
favorite. Thanks for all  
you do!

-PTO