



# The City of Powell Police Department

## March 2020 Activity Report

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## STATISTICS

|                      | Current Month | Last Month | Last Year | 5 Years Ago |
|----------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Calls for Service    | <b>1,498</b>  | 1,899      | 1,911     | 1,555       |
| Dispatched Calls     | <b>289</b>    | 397        | 419       | 444         |
| Police Reports       | <b>66</b>     | 91         | 99        | 124         |
| Adult Arrests        | <b>0</b>      | 15         | 8         | 15          |
| Juvenile Arrests     | <b>0</b>      | 3          | 0         | 3           |
| Traffic Stops        | <b>72</b>     | 184        | 117       | 97          |
| Traffic Citations    | <b>13</b>     | 27         | 27        | 25          |
| Traffic Crashes      | <b>10</b>     | 15         | 12        | 6           |
| False Alarms*        | <b>21</b>     | 30         | 60        | 39          |
| House Watches        | <b>36</b>     | 49         | 77        | 73          |
| Preventative Patrols | <b>117</b>    | 195        | 124       | 126         |
| Stacked Calls        | <b>12</b>     | 22         | 15        | 25          |

*Note: March statistics were affected by our modified COVID-19 response protocol.*

*\*We changed the calculation of False Alarms to include all alarm calls, even if no notice was left.*

## NOTABLE CASES

**Breaking & Entering** | Suspect(s) stole a diesel particulate filter from some equipment in an unlocked barn at a business on West Olentangy Street. Officers retrieved a pair of gloves from the crime scene. A detective submitted the gloves to BCI and received a DNA hit, identifying a suspect. The case has been submitted to Grand Jury, but the suspect has not been located ♦



## NATURE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

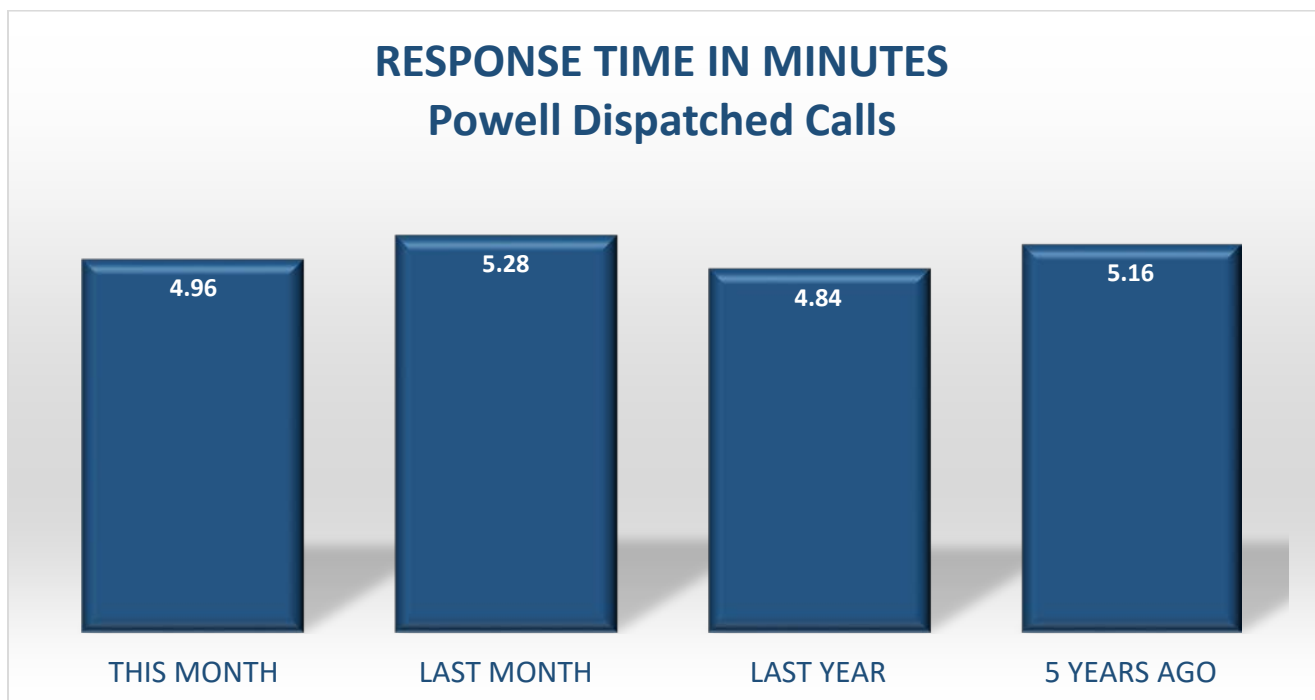
| NATURE                  | MINUTES<br>ON CALLS | PERCENT<br>OF TIME | CALLS | PERCENT<br>OF CALLS |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Business / House Check  | 4,162.2             | 24.2%              | 902   | 60.7%               |
| Special Detail          | 3,752.9             | 21.9%              | 88    | 5.9%                |
| Follow-Up/Investigation | 2,189.0             | 12.8%              | 73    | 4.9%                |
| Traffic Control         | 1,418.8             | 8.3%               | 81    | 5.4%                |
| Assist other Agency     | 770.1               | 4.5%               | 66    | 4.4%                |
| Investigate Complaint   | 703.5               | 4.1%               | 31    | 2.1%                |
| Alarm/911 Hang-Up       | 599.4               | 3.5%               | 61    | 4.1%                |
| Theft                   | 599.3               | 3.5%               | 15    | 1.0%                |
| Traffic Crash           | 518.7               | 3.0%               | 12    | 0.8%                |
| Suspicious Activity     | 498.0               | 2.9%               | 34    | 2.3%                |
| Death Investigation     | 491.7               | 2.9%               | 1     | 0.1%                |
| Traffic Stop            | 427.5               | 2.5%               | 72    | 4.8%                |
| Domestic                | 270.7               | 1.6%               | 3     | 0.2%                |
| Mental Health           | 186.1               | 1.1%               | 4     | 0.3%                |
| Animal Call             | 166.2               | 1.0%               | 9     | 0.6%                |
| Well Being Check        | 114.2               | 0.7%               | 4     | 0.3%                |
| Parking Complaint       | 89.6                | 0.5%               | 8     | 0.5%                |
| Lockout                 | 71.3                | 0.4%               | 10    | 0.7%                |
| Juvenile                | 48.8                | 0.3%               | 4     | 0.3%                |
| Harassment/Threats      | 47.8                | 0.3%               | 2     | 0.1%                |
| Community Engagement    | 14.7                | 0.1%               | 2     | 0.1%                |
| Intoxicated Person      | 13.4                | 0.1%               | 1     | 0.1%                |
| Assault                 | 5.3                 | 0.0%               | 1     | 0.1%                |
| Lost & Found            | 3.6                 | 0.0%               | 2     | 0.1%                |
| Rape                    | 1.8                 | 0.0%               | 1     | 0.1%                |

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

## STACKED CALLS



## RESPONSE TIME



## COVID-19

The Powell Police Department is taking many precautionary measures to keep our community and the agency safe. The department acted early to procure the necessary supplies for cleaning, disinfecting, and personal protective equipment (PPE). Employees and visitors take their temperature before entering the station. Schedules have been adjusted to minimize the risk of exposure. Most training and Community Engagement activities are canceled or postponed.

The police lobby remains open, but residents are encouraged to contact us by phone or email if possible. Fingerprinting services are suspended.

We are offering Well-Being House Checks to residents who are senior citizens, live alone, or have medical conditions preventing them from leaving home.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



**Officer Audrey Wilt** led two Citizens Police Academy classes before the stay-at-home order: Orientation and Criminal Law - Crime Prevention.

She also installed one car seat at the police department in March. ♦

## TRAINING

In March the department conducted 88 hours of training to include **Sports and Special Events Public Information** and **Basic Hostage Negotiation**. Training scheduled for the end of the month was canceled. ♦

## K-9 ACTIVITY

This picture shows K9 Axel in his climate-controlled enclosure in the back of his cruiser. K9 Axel and his handler, **Officer Jason Latiolais** participated in one community engagement (a station tour), and trained two hours in March. ♦



## 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.

**Ten-Mile Pace:** The range of speeds in which the majority of vehicles were traveling.

**Vehicles per Hour:** On busy streets, the device cannot accurately count vehicles in the far lane.

Location: Triple Crown Crossing at Bachman Drive  
Dates: March 2-9, 2020 Speed Limit: 25

| Direction | Average Speed <sup>1</sup> | 85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile <sup>2</sup> | Ten-Mile Pace <sup>3</sup> | Average Vehicles per Hour <sup>4</sup> |
|-----------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| Eastbound | 19.67                      | 25                                       | 18-27                      | 6.77                                   |
| Westbound | 21.67                      | 27                                       | 18-27                      | 6.23                                   |

Location: 4440 Hickory Rock Dr  
Dates: March 9-13, 2020 Speed Limit: 25

| Direction  | Average Speed <sup>1</sup> | 85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile <sup>2</sup> | Ten-Mile Pace <sup>3</sup> | Average Vehicles per Hour <sup>4</sup> |
|------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| Northbound | 24.95                      | 30                                       | 21-30                      | 15.69                                  |
| Southbound | 25.87                      | 31                                       | 23-32                      | 15.71                                  |

Location: Bennett Parkway at Charterhouse Court  
Dates: March 23-30, 2020 Speed Limit: 25

| Direction  | Average Speed <sup>1</sup> | 85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile <sup>2</sup> | Ten-Mile Pace <sup>3</sup> | Average Vehicles per Hour <sup>4</sup> |
|------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| Northbound | 22.40                      | 27                                       | 18-27                      | 15.70                                  |
| Southbound | 28.35                      | 34                                       | 25-34                      | 15.24                                  |



## TRAFFIC CRASHES

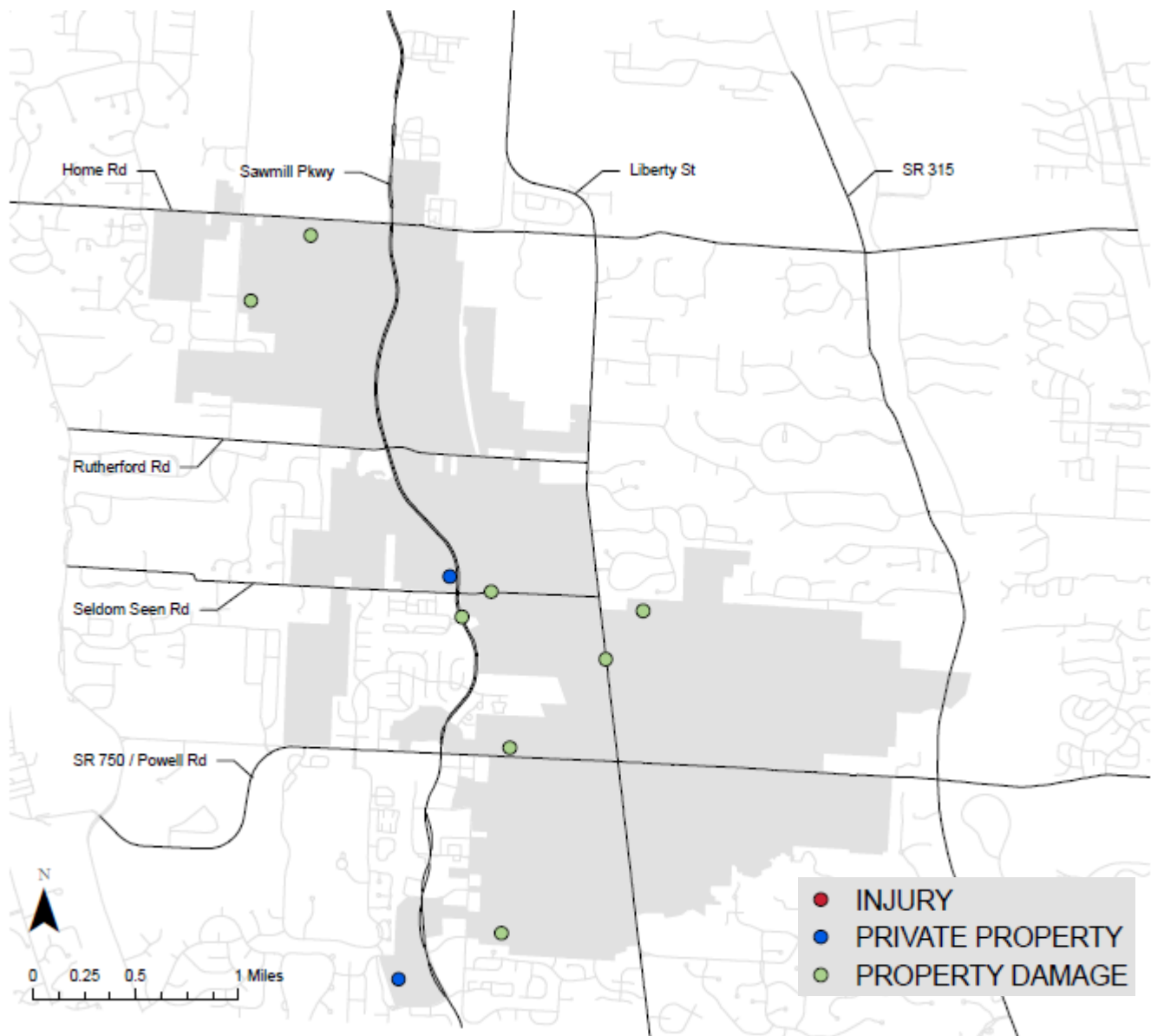


| CASE    | DATE      | CAUSE           | NARRATIVE   |
|---------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| 20-0198 | 3/8/2020  | <b>CONTROL</b>  | Unit 1 was traveling westbound on Ashmoore Drive. Unit 1 lost control of his vehicle and struck a tree in the side yard of 527 Vogt Court North.  |
| 20-0199 | 3/8/2020  | <b>BACKING</b>  | Unit 1 was backing out a parking spot when it side swiped Unit 2. Unit 2 was parked in a parking space next to Unit 1.  |
| 20-0203 | 3/7/2020  | <b>HIT-SKIP</b> | Unit 1 was heading eastbound on Seldom Seen Rd. approaching Sheridan St. Unit 1 attempted to make a left turn at Sheridan St., struck a curb, went off the right side of the road, and struck a light pole. Unit 1 left the scene without reporting the crash. <b>CITED</b> |
| 20-0205 | 3/10/2020 | <b>ACDA</b>     | Unit 2 was stopped in traffic southbound on N. Liberty St. at Ridge Side Dr. Unit 1 was also southbound on N. Liberty St., behind Unit 2. Unit 1 failed to use assured clear distance ahead and struck Unit 2. <b>CITED</b>   |

| CASE    | DATE      | CAUSE           | NARRATIVE   |
|---------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| 20-0215 | 3/12/2020 | <b>BACKING</b>  | Unit 2 was parked in front of 475 Commons Dr. Unit 1 backed westbound out of 462 Commons Dr. and struck Unit 2.   |
| 20-0219 | 3/13/2020 | <b>CONTROL</b>  | Unit 1 pulled into the garage, hitting the accelerator instead of the brake, then accelerated through the garage and into the next garage. Unit 1 then drove through the garage door and out the other side.            |
| 20-0228 | 3/18/2020 | <b>HIT-SKIP</b> | Unit 1 was traveling eastbound on Northway Circle and struck Unit 2, which was parked. Unit 1 was observed fleeing the scene after the accident. <b>CITED</b>   |
| 20-0232 | 3/20/2020 | <b>ACDA</b>     | Units 1 and 2 were eastbound on SR 750 at Industrial Park Pl. Unit 2 stopped to turn left onto Industrial Park Pl. and was struck by Unit 1. <b>CITED</b>   |
| 20-0234 | 3/21/2020 | <b>CONTROL</b>  | Unit 1 was traveling northbound on Sawmill Pkwy. at Sawmill Dr. Unit 1 failed to maintain its marked lanes and struck four reflective markers and a curb.   |
| 20-0235 | 3/21/2020 | <b>HIT-SKIP</b> | Unit 1 was traveling southeast on Hickory Rock Drive when it drove off the right side of the roadway. Unit 1 struck the mailbox in front of 4440 Hickory Rock Drive. Unit 1 left the scene without reporting the crash. |



## MAP OF TRAFFIC CRASHES



*Map by Powell Development Department*

## THANK-YOU NOTES



Dear Powell Police Officers,

Thank you so much for your service and for protecting our town. I know it is a tough time for you, But I also know you are strong. I hope you find joy each day. Here is a quote: smiling is the best way to find happiness. Keep smiling and Hang in there!

From,  
Mya Kleinhenz



Dear Officer Phenix,

Thank you so much for having me on the ride along. I enjoyed getting your perspective and playing with the radar laser gun.

Thanks again,

Liz Korte



Danny + Tortilla the cat



THANK YOU SO MUCH

Dear Officer Witt,  
I just wanted to thank you whole heartedly. When my cat went missing I truly thought I'd never see her again. I traveled all over looking for her, made posters, went to 13 different vet offices. Traveled up so far because somebody thought they might see her. But as days went by I was losing my hope I had left. I showed her to every lost pet place I could and over 500 people responded, and some even looked around for her too, but you were the only person who could help me.

I honestly think I met you by chance, but it was on purpose because you helped me find the only thing I needed back.

Rescuing a cat might not be high on your list as an officer, but what you did, your kindness won't be forgotten.

She is happy to be back home and already back to her annoying habits like waking me up at 4am every morning, but the days she was gone, home didn't feel like home.

It was too silent, nobody to welcome me off work, and cuddle with at night.

I don't have any family up here in one, I have my small friend grows but going home day after day alone with out her was killing me, and you helped me so much more than you'll know.

I wish I could repay your kindness again some day. You brought me back to my family, she's just a cat but she's all I have.

Thank you for all your service officer with me and many other cat lovers thank you.

(Sorry for my bad writing, I'm not a good writer and am dyslexic.)



Recently I needed two child safety seats installed for our grandchildren. I scheduled appointment and response was quick and set up time to have this done. I cannot compliment more highly the service we received. Officer Audrey Wilt was extremely helpful, spent time to insure seats were properly installed. As a senior citizen I truly appreciate this program and we are very thankful for the work the Powell police force does each day. THANK YOU so much ! Frank and Janet Robbins