



# The City of Powell Police Department

## April 2020 Activity Report

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Chief of Police



## STATISTICS

	Current Month	Last Month	Last Year	5 Years Ago
Calls for Service	881	1,498	1,840	1,712
Dispatched Calls	301	289	403	442
Police Reports	46	66	104	131
Adult Arrests	4	0	10	7
Juvenile Arrests	1	0	0	0
Traffic Stops	3	72	113	120
Traffic Citations	1	13	21	16
Traffic Crashes	3	10	13	15
False Alarms*	31	21	33	28
House Watches	15	36	27	60
Preventative Patrols	124	117	151	79
Stacked Calls	9	12	18	24

*Note: March and April 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 CASE



**Theft in Progress** | Residents of Powell Grand spotted suspects running to their vehicle after setting off a car alarm. A few minutes later, the same vehicle was spotted by a resident in the Ashmoore subdivision. Officers located the vehicle, performed a felony stop, and recovered stolen

merchandise from the vehicle. Officers also retrieved a stolen loaded firearm which had been thrown from the vehicle immediately before the stop. ♦

## NATURE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

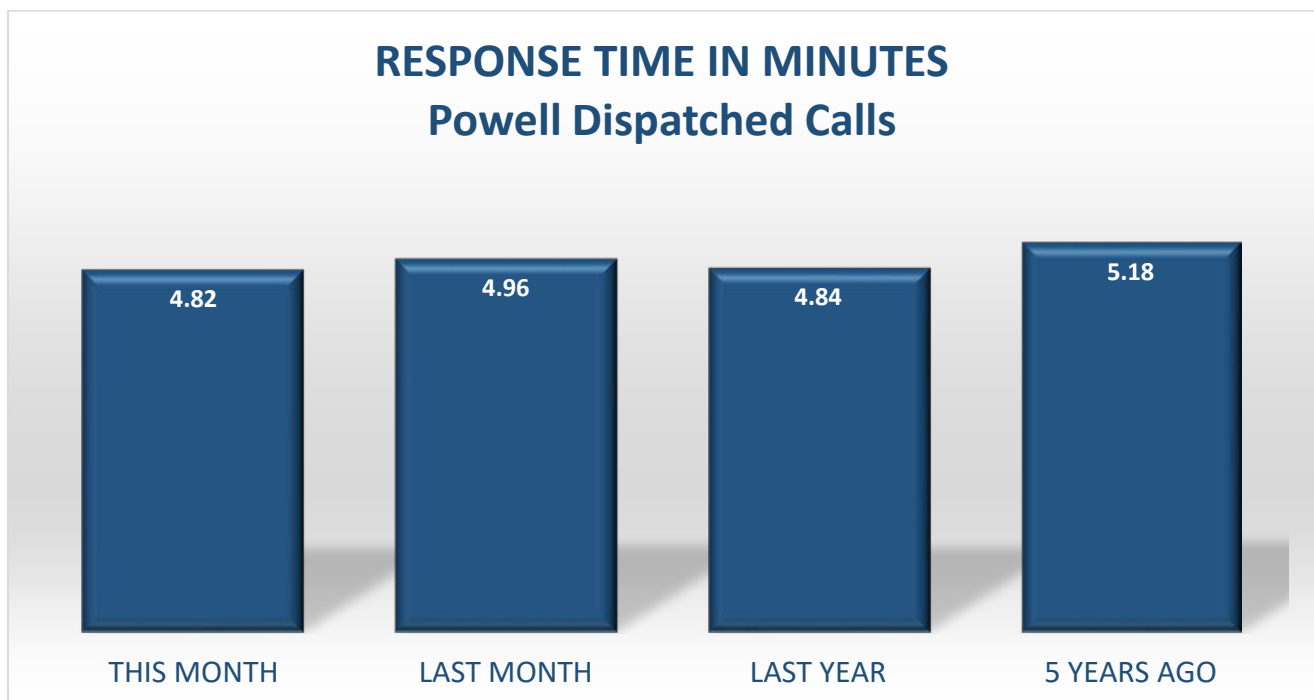
NATURE	MINUTES ON CALLS	PERCENT OF TIME	CALLS	PERCENT OF CALLS
Business / House Check	6,758.8	56.2%	453	52.1%
Special Detail	1,439.2	12.0%	65	7.5%
Assist other Agency	865.4	7.2%	75	8.6%
Alarm/911 Hang-Up	605.2	5.0%	76	8.7%
Suspicious Activity	461.0	3.8%	45	5.2%
Animal Call	405.0	3.4%	11	1.3%
Follow-Up/Investigation	372.0	3.1%	38	4.4%
Investigate Complaint	286.8	2.4%	25	2.9%
Traffic Control	188.0	1.6%	24	2.8%
Well Being Check	178.5	1.5%	7	0.8%
Juvenile	170.9	1.4%	11	1.3%
Traffic Crash	81.3	0.7%	6	0.7%
Lost & Found	42.9	0.4%	6	0.7%
Mental Health	35.7	0.3%	3	0.3%
Traffic Stop	35.1	0.3%	3	0.3%
Lockout	22.9	0.2%	2	0.2%
Theft	21.7	0.2%	7	0.8%
Harassment/Threats	18.1	0.2%	6	0.7%
Vandalism	17.3	0.1%	1	0.1%
Parking	9.2	0.1%	2	0.2%
Domestic	3.1	0.0%	2	0.2%
Drug / Narcotic	2.0	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** conducted a virtual tour of the agency for a daycare facility. Other activities were postponed or canceled. ♦

## K-9 ACTIVITY

K9 Axel and his buddy Baby Yoda show off their COVID-19 masks. K9 Axel and his handler, **Officer Jason Latiolais** participated in one narcotics sniff for the Delaware County Sheriff's Office in April. ♦

## TRAINING

In April the department conducted 15.5 hours of training to include **Legal Update, PowerPoint Training, Cellebrite Training** and **Notary Training**. Most training scheduled for the month was canceled. ♦



## TRAFFIC SURVEY (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.

**Murphy Parkway at Presidential Parkway  
April 13-17, 2020  
Speed Limit 25**

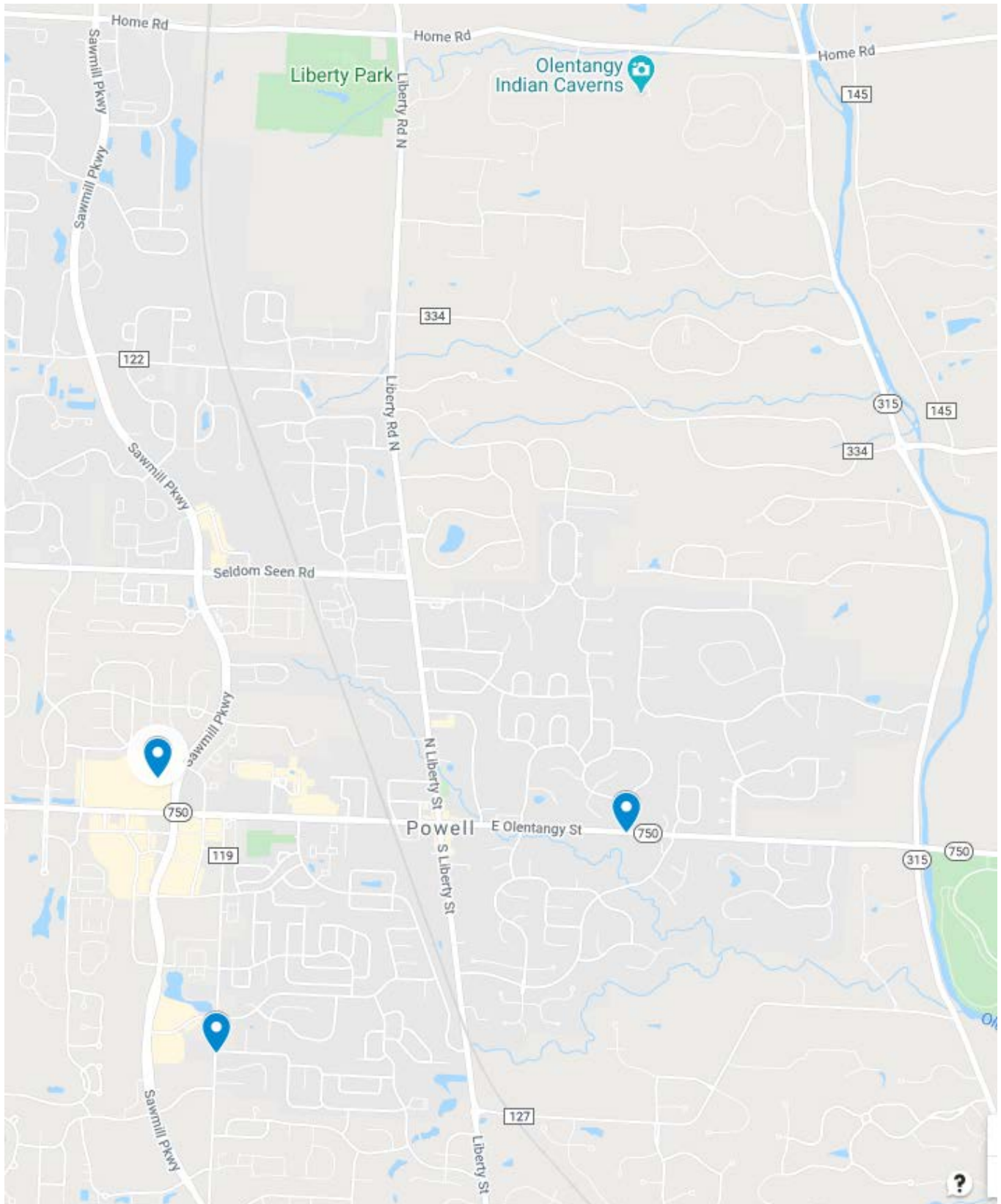
Direction	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	30.76	36	26-35	35.00
Southbound	30.12	35	25-34	32.79

***The StealthStat was out of service for repair most of the month.***

## TRAFFIC CRASHES

CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
20-0258	4/7/20	<b>Deer</b>	Unit 1 was eastbound on SR 750 at Olentangy Ridge PI when a deer entered the roadway headed northbound and was struck by Unit 1.
20-0267	4/11/20	<b>ACDA</b>	Units 1 and 2 were northbound on Sawmill Rd. approaching Zion Dr. Another vehicle was attempting to turn right, but had to wait for a bicycle. Unit 1 struck Unit 2 in the rear. <b>CITED</b>
20-0293	4/28/20	<b>Failure to Yield</b>	Unit 1 stopped at a stop sign at 4000 W Powell Rd and proceeded to travel westbound through the intersection. Unit 2 stopped at the stop sign and proceeded to travel southbound through the intersection. Both units struck each other in the middle of the intersection.

## MAP OF TRAFFIC CRASHES



## SERGEANT BORUCHOWITZ SWORN IN



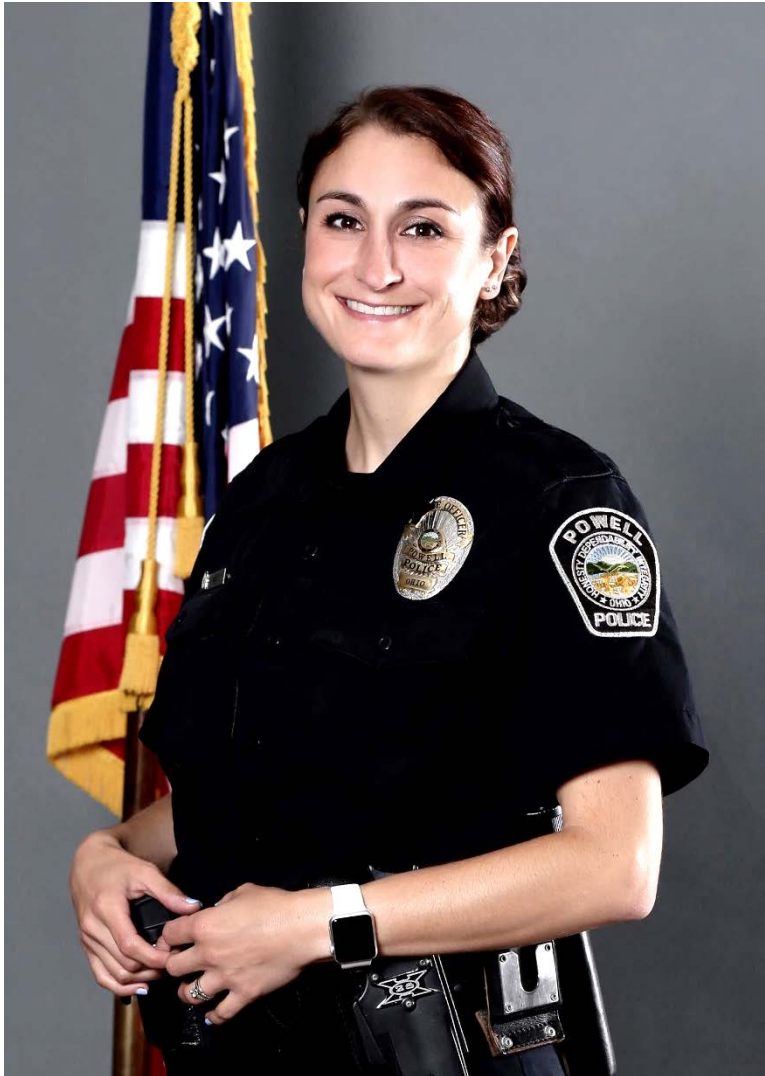
**Sgt. Ben Boruchowitz** was sworn in as the City's new police sergeant on April 13, 2020. He was hired by the Powell Police Department as a patrol officer in May of 2004 and has spent the last 16 years in that role.

During his career as a patrol officer, Ben has taken on numerous leadership roles and assignments. He is a field-training officer and is actively involved with the training of new recruits and a member of the agency's accreditation team responsible for ensuring our policies are in compliance with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA) standards. Officer Boruchowitz was recognized for his efforts with the accreditation process in 2017 when he received the agency's Meritorious Service Award. Ben is fluent in Spanish and provides regular language assistance to both local and federal law enforcement partners.

Sergeant Boruchowitz is the agency's Intelligence Liaison Officer with the Department of Homeland Security. He has been an active member of the Ohio Crime Prevention Association and is certified as a Crime Prevention Officer. He is certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy as a Master Evidence Technician and Master Criminal Investigator. Ben received a Lifesaving Award in 2009 after performing CPR on an unresponsive resident prior to the arrival of medical personnel. In 2013, he was awarded the agency's Officer of the Year recognition as well.

As a Patrol Sergeant, Ben will continue to act as a leader within the police department. He looks forward to being a mentor to younger officers and working to continually find better ways to serve the residents of Powell through active community policing efforts.

## NEW COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING OFFICER (C.O.P.)



The Powell Police Department created a Community Oriented Policing (C.O.P.) position to educate the public about the department, maintain or increase public confidence and trust in law enforcement, decrease fear of crime, listen to and address citizen concerns, and implement community programs together with community members to solve problems. **Officer Audrey Wilt** was selected to fill this new position.

Officer Audrey Wilt started her career in criminal justice as a 911 Operator and Dispatcher in 2005 with the Mansfield Police Department. While working as a dispatcher she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Cincinnati in Addictions Studies. Audrey then completed the Ohio State Highway Patrol Basic Police Academy and began working as a patrol officer with the Mansfield Police Department in 2007.

In 2009 Audrey was hired by the Powell Police Department and has worked as a patrol officer with the department since. Audrey is an Evidence Technician, LEADS TAC, radKIDS Instructor, RAD

Women Instructor, Ohio Crime Prevention Specialist, and Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician. Audrey was awarded Officer of the Year in 2015. She joined the Delaware County Crisis Negotiator Team in 2019.

With a passion for community service and outreach, Audrey has organized and participated in many programs for the Powell Police Department during her career. She coordinates the Citizens Police Academy Class and is the liaison to the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. She also plans Mystery Night Out and Coffee with a Cop. She teaches child and women's self-defense programs. She has helped bring newer programs such as Late Skate and Helpers and Heroes to Powell, as well as participating in community favorite programs like Safety Camp and Touch-A-Truck. Audrey is very excited to continue to grow the Powell Police Department's Community Outreach in her new position.

## THANK-YOU NOTES



We cannot Thank you enough  
for putting yourself in harms way.  
You are appreciated for all that you  
are doing to keep this community  
Safe!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

- Leslie Russell  
Bank of America  
Powell Team

Department Head Powell Police Department

To Whom It May Concern:

For the last few years I asked your department to watch over my home while I wintered in Florida. This past year was no exception, but I did have a change.

The change was that I installed a doorbell/camera. I was constantly impressed with the number of times the officers checked and the thorough way in which they did it. I saw different police officers via my camera and they checked the front and the rear of my home.

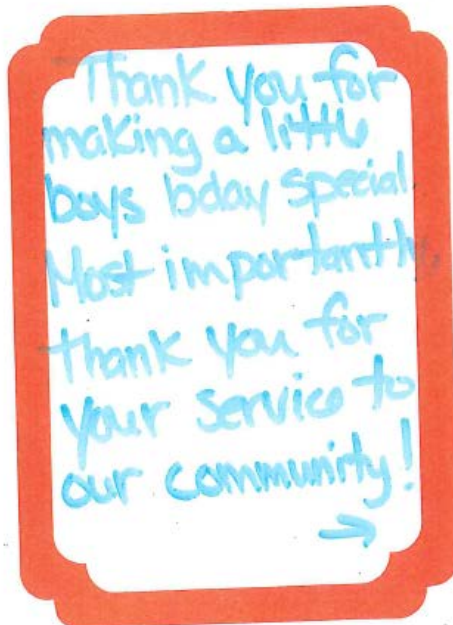
I wanted to send lunch in to these wonderful officers or give a gift certificate, but I was informed that during this terrible virus we are under, that such gifts were not permitted.

I feel so sad that I couldn't thank them with a little bit of kindness because this letter seems extremely inadequate. Please tell them that I Thank Them with the utmost gratitude and admiration.

As a side note, my son in law has been on the Columbus Police Department for 28 years. Also, I proudly fly my flag with the blue line on it.

Respectfully,

*Carolyn A. Rose*



We appreciate  
You!  
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A graphic featuring a stylized American flag with a yellow 'Thin Blue Line' running horizontally. A yellow heartbeat line is superimposed over the flag, with a heart shape formed by the line. The number '911' is prominently displayed in yellow at the bottom right.

MIRANDA  
 Thank You!  
 Connor  
 Ashton  
 Thank You!  
 Kadi  
 Thank you!  
 Mariah  
 KATHY  
 Thank You!  
 -PS  
 Ryan  
 David Mason  
 Thank You!  
 Aaron R.  
 Thank you,  
 Jen  
 Thank You!!  
 -Amy  
 Tricia  
 Thank You!  
 Bryan  
 Thank You!  
 Bailey  
 Thank you!  
 K. Romero  
 Curran  
 Karla  
 Thanks!  
 Ashley  
 Thanks!  
 Kristina  
 Jeanette  
 MARCUS  
 Thanks!  
 J Hatch  
 Thanks!  
 Bethani  
 Thanks!  
 MALL

Ofc. Hiltz and Ofc. Waymire,

The resident at 351 Village Ridge Dr. called Delcomm and stated you guys did a "Great Job" last night for putting out the yard waste fire at their residence.

08:57:17

713 a,d 733 did a great job last night on the fire on village ridge per the

Thanks for your quick response and keep up the excellent work!

Respectfully,

**Ron Sallows**

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Good evening!

I wanted to personally thank all of you and the department for such a quick response to the situation this morning in Ashmoore. These are the examples of outstanding service and detective work your department provides. Your actions don't go unnoticed and your professionalism is superb.

[REDACTED]

I appreciate everything you accomplished this morning along with your bravery! Thank you for your service every single day!!

Regards,  
Tim Henn  
Henn Brothers Construction Group

Hello,

On Monday my wife had an accident on her bike behind Thai Orchid. She is the principal of the Enchanted Care Kids Campus up the street from there. Multiple officers responded to the call and were extremely helpful juggling her needs and keeping my kids off to the side while the medics worked with her until I could get over there. I was wondering if there was a way I can send lunch, or maybe some treats in for the officers that helped. I did not get names, I was in a panic myself trying to get bikes into her school building since i couldn't take them home in my car, and caring for our two children. Please let me know if there is something I can do, I cannot thank your department enough for their help.

Thank you so much!

Hi,

I was in an accident yesterday, 4/28/2020 and would like a copy of the police report #20-0293. Officer Phenix was very helpful.

Thank you!

Paula Napolet