



# The City of Powell Police Department

## September 2020 Activity Report

Stephen L. Hrytzik  
Chief of Police



## STATISTICS

	Current Month	Last Month	Last Year	5 Years Ago
Calls for Service	<b>1,705</b>	1,715	1,919	1,343
Dispatched Calls	<b>444</b>	465	408	368
Police Reports	<b>79</b>	72	88	94
Adult Arrests	<b>14</b>	9	6	8
Juvenile Arrests	<b>2</b>	4	0	3
Traffic Stops	<b>163</b>	138	143	107
Traffic Citations	<b>20</b>	11	20	13
Traffic Crashes	<b>9</b>	14	16	10
False Alarms	<b>36</b>	36	17	19
House Watches	<b>10</b>	16	29	37
Preventative Patrols	<b>170</b>	226	296	63
Stacked Calls	<b>25</b>	35	18	14

*Note: 2020 statistics were affected by our modified COVID-19 response protocol.*

## NOTABLE CASE



**Burglary |** A OneWheel hoverboard was stolen from an open garage in Olentangy Ridge in August. The owner saw a known suspect riding the board around the neighborhood. In September, police interviewed the suspect, recovered the property and secured an admission. The suspect will be charged with theft. ♦

## NATURE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

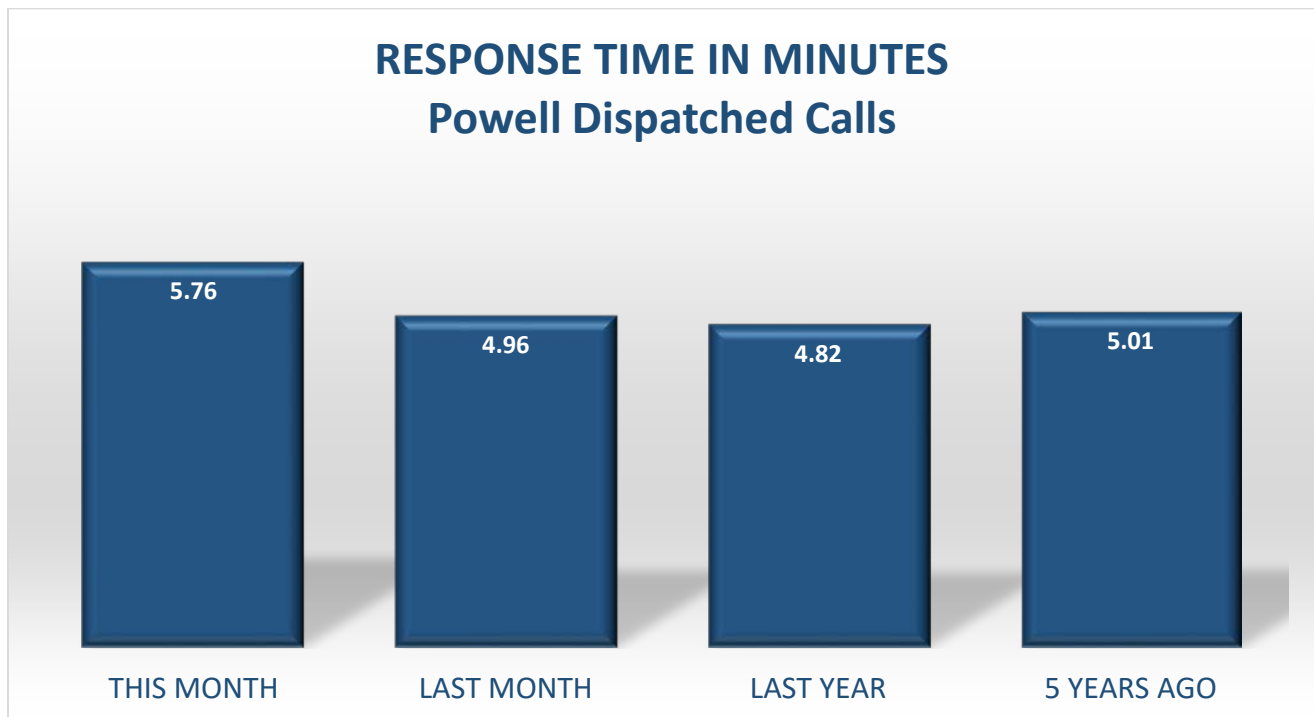
NATURE	MINUTES ON CALLS	PERCENT OF TIME	CALLS	PERCENT OF CALLS
Special Detail	6,194.4	20.1%	76	4.5%
Follow-Up/Investigation	5,085.3	16.5%	94	5.6%
Business / House Check	4,294.5	14.0%	802	47.7%
Traffic Control	2,342.3	7.6%	117	7.0%
Assist other Agency	1,892.4	6.2%	111	6.6%
Traffic Stop	1,591.7	5.2%	163	9.7%
Alarm/911 Hang-Up	1,321.6	4.3%	101	6.0%
Suspicious Activity	1,302.8	4.2%	41	2.4%
Traffic Crash	1,137.3	3.7%	14	0.8%
Theft	1,120.9	3.6%	15	0.9%
Investigate Complaint	806.9	2.6%	39	2.3%
Juvenile	578.6	1.9%	12	0.7%
Well Being Check	549.8	1.8%	9	0.5%
Harassment/Threats	480.4	1.6%	9	0.5%
Suicide Attempt	364.5	1.2%	3	0.2%
Community Engagement	351.0	1.1%	19	1.1%
Mental Health Crisis	313.8	1.0%	1	0.1%
Domestic	239.9	0.8%	3	0.2%
Lockout	187.4	0.6%	10	0.6%
Parking Complaint	165.2	0.5%	16	1.0%
Lost & Found	147.9	0.5%	9	0.5%
Vandalism	92.4	0.3%	6	0.4%
Fight	91.0	0.3%	1	0.1%
Animal Call	49.8	0.2%	6	0.4%
Warrant	23.5	0.1%	2	0.1%
Trash Dumping	20.3	0.1%	1	0.1%

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

## STACKED CALLS



## RESPONSE TIME



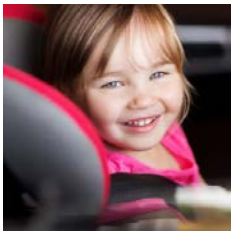
## K9 ACTIVITY

K9 Axel and his handler were deployed twice in September: one article/evidence search related to a burglary and a community engagement where they received a donation from Kemba Financial. They completed 16 hours of training.

K9 Axel's portrait was hung on the wall at Olentangy Liberty High School in September. ♦



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



It was Child Passenger Safety Week September 20-26. Officer A. Wilt attended a virtual conference hosted by University Hospitals on Child Passenger Safety and installed nine car seats last month! She also promoted Child Passenger Safety Week on Facebook. ♦

## DRONE PROGRAM

In September, the Mavic Mini drone was deployed to assist the Delaware County Sheriff's Office with a barricaded female suspect in Delaware City. The same drone was used in September to prepare a tour of the police station for our virtual on-site CALEA assessment in October. ♦

## TRAINING



In September the department conducted 159.5 hours of training to include **Property Room Management, Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Use of Force, Animal Encounters, Street Smart Drug Series** and **Ethics and Professionalism**.

In addition, **Officers Cook** and **A. Wilt** attended collaborative training for the Delaware Tactical Unit (DTU) and the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT). This was scenario training where the teams worked together. ♦

## USE OF FORCE

The Powell Police Department carefully tracks all uses of force by the agency. In the interest of transparency, we will report these incidents monthly. There were no uses of force in September. ♦

## 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.

### South Liberty Street at Bennett Parkway

August 31-September 6, 2020

Speed Limit 25

Direction	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	29.10	34	25-34	163.90
Southbound	29.94	35	25-34	155.82

### West Olentangy Street at Industrial Parkway

September 14-15, 2020

Speed Limit 35

Direction	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Eastbound	28.24	36	27-36	336.37
Westbound	30.04	36	27-36	97.44



**SR 750 at Bennett Parkway  
September 21-27, 2020  
Speed Limit 35**

Direction	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Eastbound	34.72	41	32-41	274.42
Westbound	33.58	41	32-42	157.10

## TRAFFIC CRASHES

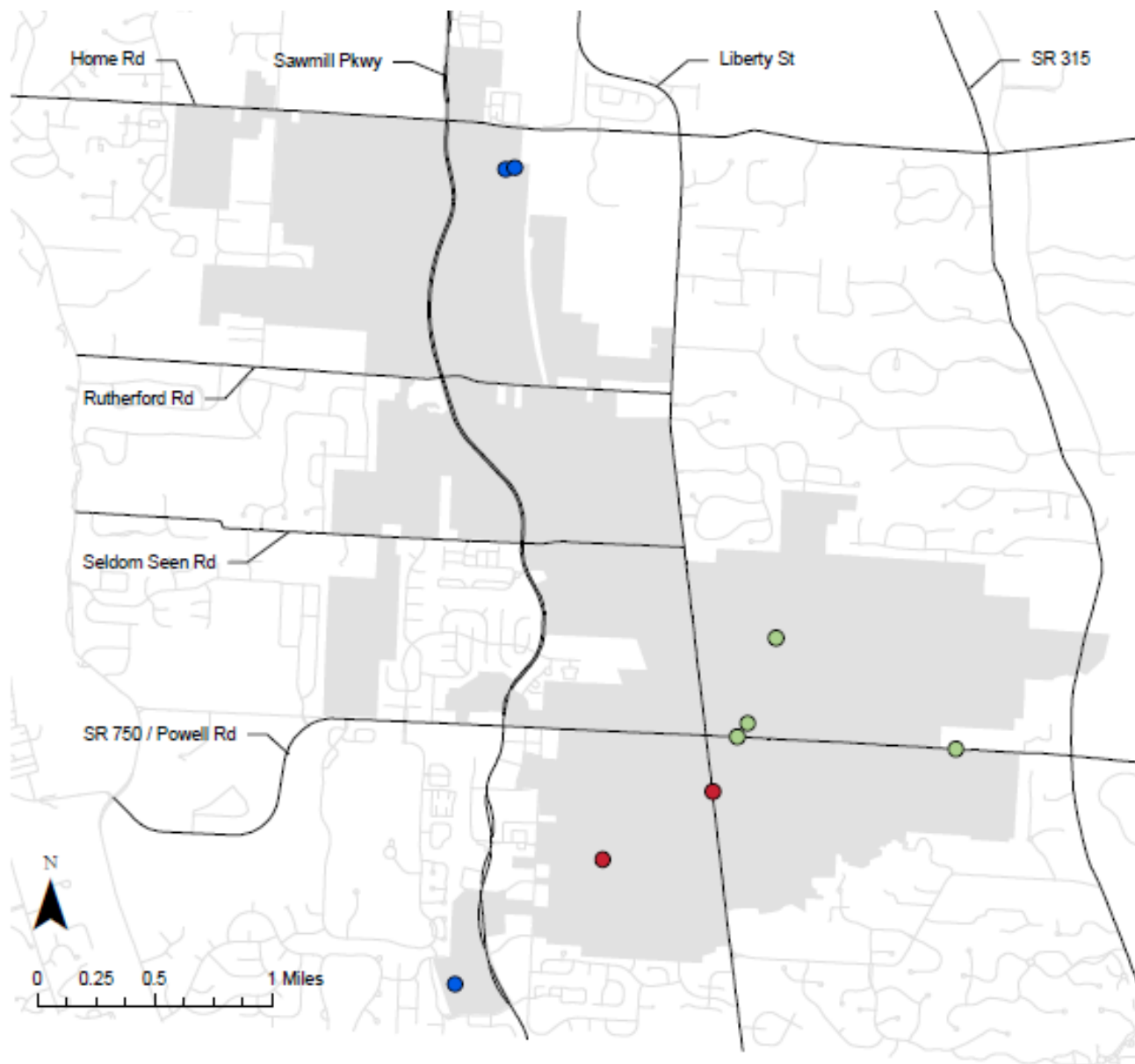


CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
20-0605	9/4/2020	<b>BACKING</b>	Unit 1 arrived at 7533 Woodcutter to make a delivery. While backing the tractor/trailer southbound, Unit 1 struck a mailbox and fire hydrant near the roadside. <b>CITE</b>
20-0606	9/4/2020	<b>HIT-SKIP</b>	Unit 1 was traveling southbound in the lot at 7533 Woodcutter Dr., turned traveling westbound and struck the south gate. Unit 1 continued traveling westbound and then struck the north gate. <b>CITE</b>

CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
20-0608	9/4/2020	<b>ACDA</b>	Units 1, 2 and 3 were eastbound on SR 750. Unit 2 and Unit 3 were stopped in traffic. Unit 1 failed to stop and struck Unit 2 causing Unit 2 to strike Unit 3. <b>CITE</b>
20-0620	9/10/2020	<b>CONTROL</b>	<i>Injury</i>   Unit 1 was traveling southbound on S Liberty St., traveled southeast through the northbound lane of travel, then went off the roadside. Unit 1 continued southbound at 160 S Liberty St. striking a rock, went airborne, struck a tree then continued southbound striking another tree. <b>CITE</b>
20-0648	9/19/2020	<b>ACDA</b>	Unit 2 was stopped at the light at SR 750 and Liberty St. headed northbound on S. Liberty Rd. when Unit 1 heading the same direction, failed to stop in time and rear-ended Unit 2. <b>CITE</b>
20-0651	9/19/2020	<b>ACDA</b>	Unit 2 was stopped at the traffic light on Grace Dr. S. when it was struck in the rear by Unit 1 who accelerated too quickly when the light turned green. <b>CITE</b>
20-0660	9/22/2020	<b>BACKING</b>	Unit 1 was parked facing southbound in a handicapped parking spot at 10560 Sawmill Pkwy. Unit 2 was parked facing northbound in the same lot, behind Unit 2. Both units backed out of their spaces simultaneously, striking each other.
20-0663	9/23/2020	<b>CONTROL</b>	<i>Injury</i>   Unit 1 was traveling eastbound on Presidential Pkwy. Unit 1 drove off the roadway to the left, through a fence, and struck a residence at 343 Whitaker Ave S. <b>CITE</b>
20-0671	9/27/2020	<b>YIELD</b>	Unit 1 was traveling westbound on Ridge Side Dr. Unit 1 pulled near the curb at 308 Ridge Side Dr. to allow a larger vehicle, that was traveling eastbound, to pass by Unit 2 was traveling west bound on Ridge Side Dr and thought Unit 1 was parked and attempted to pass. As Unit 2 passed Unit 1, Unit 1 sideswiped Unit 2 while attempting to resume traveling westbound.



## MAP OF TRAFFIC CRASHES



### September 2020 Crash Type

- INJURY
- PRIVATE PROPERTY
- PROPERTY DAMAGE

*Map by the City of Powell Development Department*

## THANK-YOU NOTES

### R. SCOTT SUMMERS

September 22, 2020

Dear Officer Hart & Officer Hendrix,

I wanted to personally thank you for taking the time with my girls and their friends at their birthday party. While I hope we never repeat the reason for your visit, an errant 911 call from their phone, I am extremely grateful for the experience.

Many kids today are seeing images of utter and profound disrespect toward law enforcement every time the news is on. Opportunities like these give parents a way to show how all citizens should interact with police. You gave us a great way to hammer that message home. Thanks again for your time and kindness.

Regards,  


Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:30 PM  
To: Ryan Pentz <[RPentz@cityofpowell.us](mailto:RPentz@cityofpowell.us)>  
Subject: Case

Hi Detective Pentz,

I received notice from the Delaware County Prosecutor that the men that stole my purse have been indicted. Thank you for all your hard work in this case. Hopefully they will be arrested soon although I know it's difficult because they are no longer in the state. It's too bad Columbus didn't pursue the case a bit more aggressively when they had the person under arrest for traffic violations. But I know they have a lot going on so I'm sure they did the best they could. Again thank you for all you have done.

Take care  
Jane Switzer

thank  
you

Thank you for making  
sure everyone stays  
safe! from, The Botos family

4 Sept 2020



Powell Police Department,  
Thank you all for  
everything you do.  
The sacrifices you make  
day in and day out  
are greatly appreciated.  
Stay safe + God Bless

The Kuper  
Family



For all  
the police people



Ofc. Hiltz,

A resident sent this thank you to the City of Powell via web submission. Good job remaining vigilant to potential areas where crime could occur.

Respectfully,

**Ron Sallows**

Deputy Chief of Police, Badge #711  
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**Message**

Thank you to the officer (badge #713); for the patrol report of our open garage door overnight. This was our error, and thankfully all was safe and no issues. Appreciate everything you all do for our community. Thank you!

Ofc. Convery,

Great job of handling this suspicious vehicle, while clearing another call. The owner of the vehicle wanted to pass along her gratitude.

Respectfully,

**Andy Lucas**

Police Sergeant, Badge #719  
47 Hall Street, Powell, Ohio 43065  
614.396.3357 | [www.cityofpowell.us](http://www.cityofpowell.us)



Sgt Lucas,

I wanted to pass on to you that Linda the owner of the vehicle called and wanted to offer her thanks to 742! She said Thank her very much!"

Thank You,



JASON T. HUTCHISSON, ENP  
*Tour Commander*  
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(740) 833.2176  
Connect: [Web](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Survey](#)  
[jhutchisson@co.delaware.oh.us](mailto:jhutchisson@co.delaware.oh.us)





Ofc. Hart and Ofc. Heading,

Ofc. Convery was pulled aside by a citizen as he wanted to pass on the following compliment about how impressed he was with both of you.

Thank you for representing our agency so well.

Outstanding work!

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Ofc. Phenix,

This compliment was sent in via email. Keep up the great work!

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Hi,

As I was heading home from work today I encountered the intersection of Sawmill Rd and Rutherford. The lights were not working and Officer Brandon was doing a wonderful job! He was directing traffic so that no one had to wait long. Kudos to him! (I know I'll never spell his last name correctly, hence using his first name.)

Fondly,  
Bekki Mills

Ofc. J. Wilt and Ofc. Heading,

While doing a follow-up @ 3219 Winding Woods today, the residents repeatedly wanted me to be aware of how happy they were with your performance in handling an unruly juvenile yesterday. They stated that you both handled the situation professionally and made them feel at ease. Their words were "you have some excellent officers" describing you both.

Thank you for representing the agency so well!

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Ofc. Phenix,

Chief Hrtzyk received the following citizen compliment praising your handling of a traffic stop on Sawmill Parkway on September 9, 2020. It is a huge testament to your professionalism to have a violator actually take the time to submit this via our website regarding your professionalism.

Outstanding!

Thanks,

*Good Evening Officer Hrytzik!*

*My name is Sophie Mangold. Today, while I was on my way to volleyball practice, one of your officers pulled me over on Sawmill. I just wanted to let you know that he was very kind to me, as it was my first time being pulled over.*

*I would love to know the name of the officer who I spoke with today just so that I can let him know how grateful I am for how kind he was to me! I would love to thank him!*

*I also want to say that I appreciate very much everything you and your whole department is doing to keep our community safe and that my family and I support you all very much.*

*Thank you again,  
Sophie Mangold*

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August 31, 2020

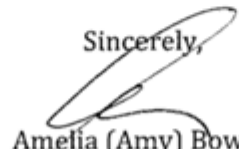
Officer Sarah Convery  
City of Powell Police Department  
47 Hall Street  
Powell, Ohio 43065

RE: Incident No. 20-0593

Dear Officer Convey:

Just a note to thank you and your partner for helping me yesterday with my bicycle and the post incident report. I appreciated your kindness and professionalism.

Sincerely,

  
Amelia (Amy) Bower  
3829 Coral Creek Court