



The City of Powell Police Department

October 2020 Activity Report

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Chief of Police



STATISTICS

	Current Month	Last Month	Last Year	5 Years Ago
Calls for Service	1,906	1,705	2,238	1,444
Dispatched Calls	412	444	504	411
Police Reports	63	79	152	97
Adult Arrests	12	14	11	4
Juvenile Arrests	4	2	1	0
Traffic Stops	189	163	453	86
Traffic Citations	25	20	65	11
Traffic Crashes	14	9	11	10
False Alarms	29	36	31	32
House Watches	12	10	29	29
Preventative Patrols	190	170	161	53
Stacked Calls	13	25	29	18

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

NOTABLE CASE



Stolen Cars | Sgt. Roach noticed two suspicious vehicles parked in the Ashmoore neighborhood. He and Officer Cook attempted separate traffic stops on the two vehicles after learning they were stolen, but they both fled. Sheriff's deputies caught up with one vehicle on Columbus Pike. The driver was charged with receiving stolen property and failure to comply. He was taken to the Tri-County Juvenile Detention Center. ♦

NATURE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

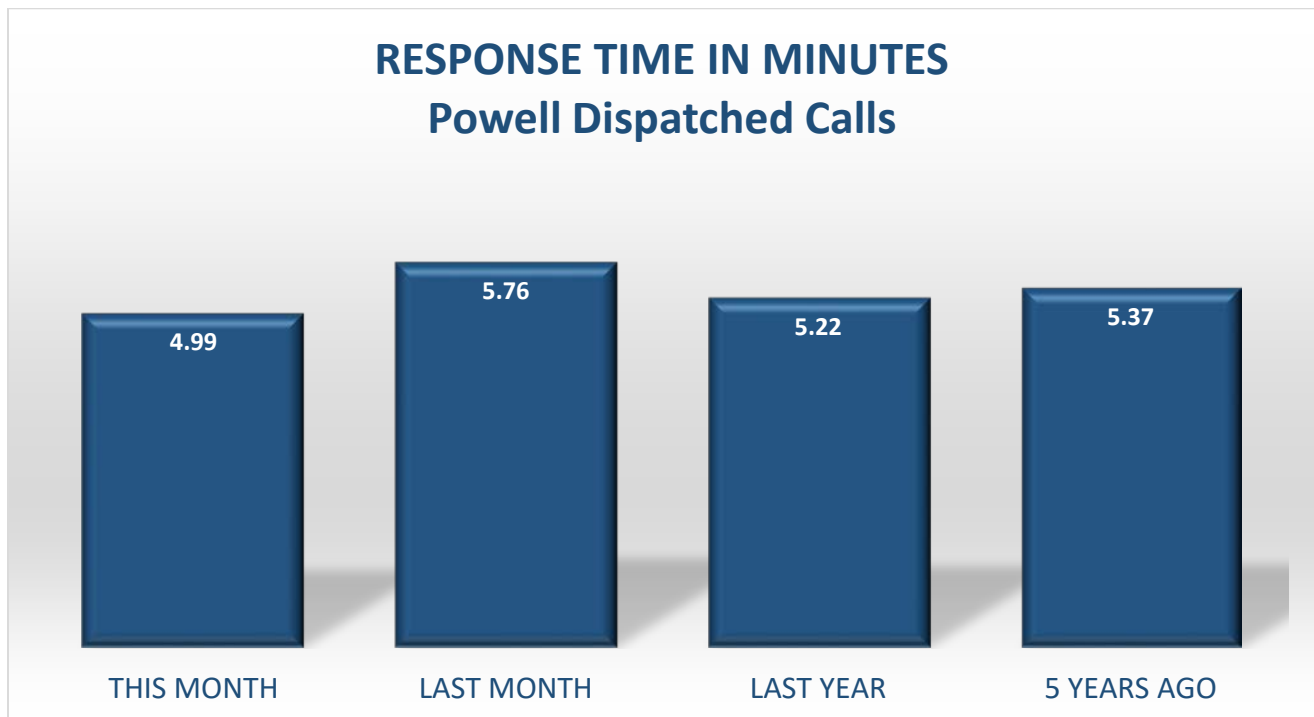
NATURE	MINUTES ON CALLS	PERCENT OF TIME	CALLS	PERCENT OF CALLS
Business / House Check	5,051.4	16.6%	986	52.5%
Special Detail	4,536.2	14.9%	72	3.8%
Follow-Up/Investigation	4,345.8	14.3%	100	5.3%
Traffic Control	3,291.8	10.8%	158	8.4%
Traffic Crash	2,499.6	8.2%	20	1.1%
Community Engagement	2,480.9	8.2%	31	1.6%
Traffic Stop	1,956.6	6.4%	189	10.1%
Assist other Agency	1,430.6	4.7%	107	5.7%
Alarm/911 Hang-Up	1,370.9	4.5%	78	4.2%
Investigate Complaint	767.8	2.5%	42	2.2%
Suspicious Activity	620.2	2.0%	34	1.8%
Theft	572.9	1.9%	19	1.0%
Juvenile	342.7	1.1%	3	0.2%
Domestic	331.8	1.1%	3	0.2%
Harassment/Threats	285.5	0.9%	6	0.3%
Suicide Attempt	170.5	0.6%	2	0.1%
Lockout	100.9	0.3%	8	0.4%
Drug / Narcotic	56.0	0.2%	1	0.1%
Animal Call	55.9	0.2%	3	0.2%
Well Being Check	52.5	0.2%	1	0.1%
Parking	47.8	0.2%	10	0.5%
Lost & Found	31.9	0.1%	4	0.2%
Missing Child	20.0	0.1%	1	0.1%
Trash Dumping	3.7	0.0%	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, Officer Latiolais, were deployed three times in October – all community engagements. They completed 14 hours of training.

K9 Axel participated in a Facebook contest for Ohio Police K9s. He received this Kong from K9s of Valor. ♦



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Officer A. Wilt's October activities included a program on Women's Situational Awareness at Pinot's Palette, Tyler Elementary Boo Thru (pictured), a Boy Scout Bike Rodeo, Candy by the Carload (below), and a Zoom meeting with the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. She also installed three car seats. ♦





DRONE PROGRAM

The drone program recorded 11 flights in October, including video of the site of the fatal traffic crash on Sawmill Parkway at Woodcutter Drive. This proved valuable for the accident reconstruction process. Officer Jared Wilt was the pilot for that flight, and he used the Mavic Enterprise drone. ♦

TRAINING

In October the department conducted 297 hours of training to include **Verbal De-Escalation, Use of Force, Defensive Tactics, Firearms, Simunitions, Child Safety Seats, Bias Policing, Pursuit, Victim's Rights, Managing the Discipline Process** and **Legal Considerations for Internal Investigations**. ♦

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 was one use of force in October.

Display of Weapons. On October 3, officers initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle fitting the description of one involved in a shooting in Dublin. Dublin officers interviewed the driver and passenger on scene and determined they were not the wanted suspects, so they were promptly released. The actual suspects turned themselves in later that night. ♦

CALEA ACCREDITATION

The agency participated in a virtual On-Site Assessment October 12-14, 2020. Areas of focus were Patrol (especially the drone program), Investigations, All Hazards, and Records (especially body-camera video). Officer Scott Sanford, Accreditation Manager, expects the final report in a few months, and re-accreditation is expected in March.

STAFF MEETING

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019 annual staff meeting was not held until October this year. After the Pledge of Allegiance and the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics, Chief and Deputy Chief shared departmental news. Guests included City Manager Andy White, Municipal Prosecutor Natalia Harris, and Coroner's Investigator Charlie Carson.

Sergeant Andy Lucas presented the awards for 2019.

- ❖ The Lifesaving awards for Officers Josh Waymire and Ken Hiltz will be presented during a City Council meeting in November.
- ❖ Detective Darren Smith was awarded Officer of the Year for his willingness to help throughout the department, the Light Ohio Blue project, representing the agency at funerals, and his work following through with the Brandon Ivy murder case.



- ❖ Officer Ken Hiltz was recognized for 25 years of service.
- ❖ Officers Jason Latiolais, Ryan Pentz and Fred Hart were recognized for 20 years of service.
- ❖ Sergeant Scott Roach and Clerk Patti Mills were recognized for 15 years of service.
- ❖ Officer Audrey Will received a Letter of Recognition for skillfully de-escalating a traffic stop with an intoxicated individual.
- ❖ Clerk Rebecca Wenden received a Letter of Recognition for rebranding the agency's paperwork.
- ❖ Officer Audrey Wilt was recognized for 10 years of safe driving.

TRAFFIC SURVEY (STEALTH STAT)

The 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.

North Liberty at Adventure Park Drive

October 5-6, 2020

Speed Limit 25

Direction	Average Speed	85 th Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	28.55	34	25-34	137.91
Southbound	29.23	34	25-34	169.69

Liberty Road North at Bryton Drive

October 12-19, 2020

Speed Limit 35

Direction	Average Speed	85 th Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	41.22	47	37-46	112.95
Southbound	40.15	46	37-46	190.55

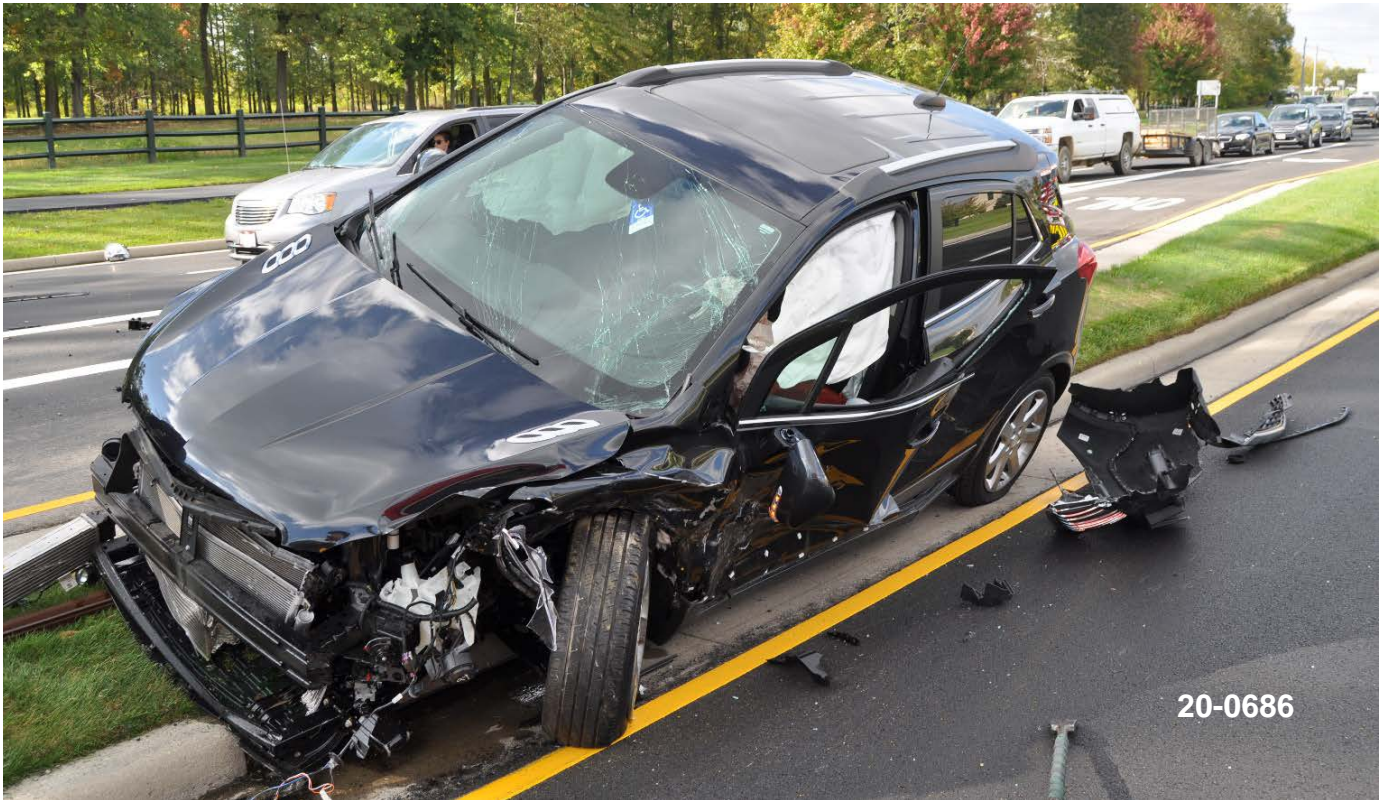
Bennett Parkway at Charterhouse Court

October 19-20, 2020

Speed Limit 25

Direction	Average Speed	85 th Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	30.32	36	27-36	45.26
Southbound	29.29	35	25-34	53.37

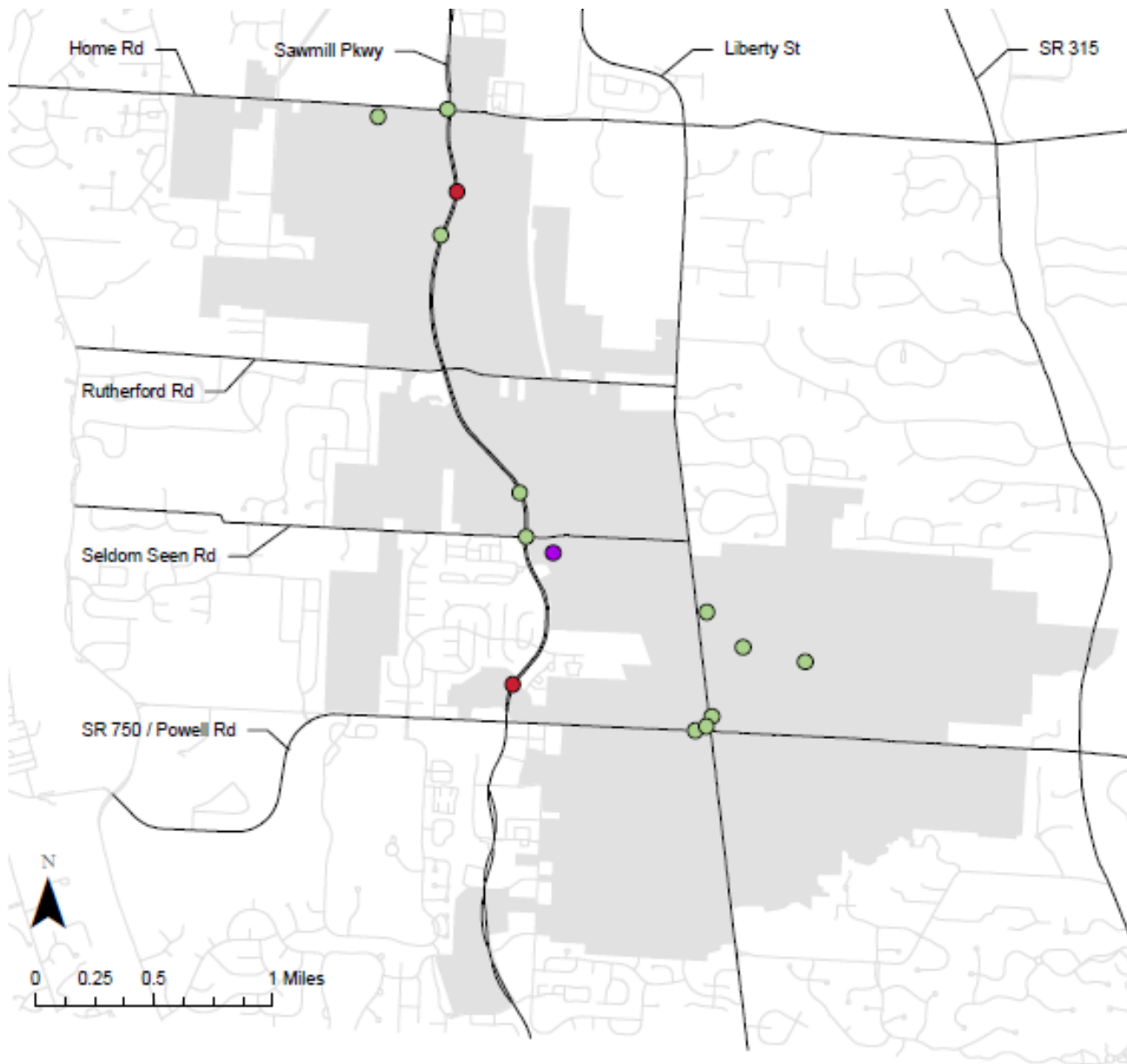
TRAFFIC CRASHES



CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
20-0683	10/5/2020	FAIL TO CONTROL	<i>Injury</i> Unit 1 was traveling northbound in the parking lot at 3474 Sawmill Dr. Unit #1 turned eastbound to park. Unit 1 continued traveling eastbound striking a handicap parking sign, followed by a brick wall.
20-0686	10/5/2020	FAIL TO YIELD	<i>Fatal</i> Unit 1 was westbound on Woodcutter Dr. heading toward Sawmill Pkwy. and Unit 2 was northbound on Sawmill Pkwy. approaching Woodcutter Dr. Unit 1 attempted to turn left onto Sawmill Pkwy. and was struck by Unit 2. Unit 2 crossed into the southbound lanes before coming to rest on the westernmost curb. Unit 1 continued northbound, rotated to face southbound before striking a curb and a street sign.
20-0687	10/7/2020	FAIL TO YIELD	Unit 1 was facing southbound on Hall Street. After stopping, Unit 1 attempted to continue south on Hall Street and struck Unit 2 who was attempting a left turn from the west, to the north on Hall Street. CITE

CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
20-0695	10/8/2020	HIT-SKIP	Unit 2 was parked in the parking lot of 44 N. Liberty St. Unit 1 backed into Unit 1, causing minor damage and then left the scene.
20-0696	10/9/2020	HIT-SKIP	Unit 1 was backing out of 213 Woodedge Circle when it failed to stop in time and backed into a vehicle parked on the roadway at address 212 Woodedge Circle. CITE
20-0697	10/9/2020	HIT-SKIP	Owner of Unit 2 found their vehicle damaged while it was parked facing south in a parallel parking spot in front of 15 N. Liberty Street.
20-0705	10/13/2020	HIT-SKIP	Unit 2 was driving through the lot of 40 Grace Dr. Unit 1 was backing out of a parking stall at 40 Grace Dr. Unit 1 backed into Unit 2.
20-0707	10/13/2020	ACDA	Unit 1 was traveling northbound on Sawmill Pkwy. Unit 2 was traveling northbound and was stopped in traffic on Sawmill Pkwy. Unit 1 failed to keep an assured distance ahead and rear ended Unit 2 as it was stopped in traffic. CITE
20-0714	10/19/2020	FAIL TO YIELD	Unit 1 was northbound on Sawmill Parkway. Unit 2 was southbound on Sawmill Parkway. Unit 1 attempted to turn west onto Home Road from Sawmill Parkway and was struck by Unit 2. CITE
20-0716	10/19/2020	FAIL TO YIELD	<i>Injury</i> Unit 2 was southbound on Sawmill Pkwy. at Galloway Dr. Unit 1 was northbound on Sawmill Pkwy. at Galloway Dr. Unit 1 attempted to turn left into a private lot and was struck by Unit 2. CITE
20-0718	10/20/20	FAIL TO CONTROL	Unit 2 was parked facing eastbound in front of 3767 Hickory Rock Dr. Unit 1 was traveling eastbound on Hickory Rock Dr., attempted to pass Unit 2, and struck Unit 2 on the left rear side of the vehicle. CITE
20-0719	10/22/20	HIT-SKIP	Unit 1 was southbound on Sawmill Parkway. Unit 1 drove into the median and struck a 'Keep Right' road sign, returned to the roadway, and left the scene.
20-0736	10/29/20	FAIL TO YIELD	Unit 2 was eastbound on Seldom Seen Rd. and Unit 1 attempted to make a left turn from the CVS lot onto Seldom Seen Rd. After entering the roadway, Unit 1 was struck by Unit 2. CITE
20-0740	10/31/20	FAIL TO YIELD	Unit 1 was traveling northbound on Trail Edge Circle and stopped at the stop sign. While Unit 2 was traveling westbound on Ridge Side Drive, Unit 1 turned onto Ridge Side Drive and struck Unit 2. CITE

MAP OF TRAFFIC CRASHES

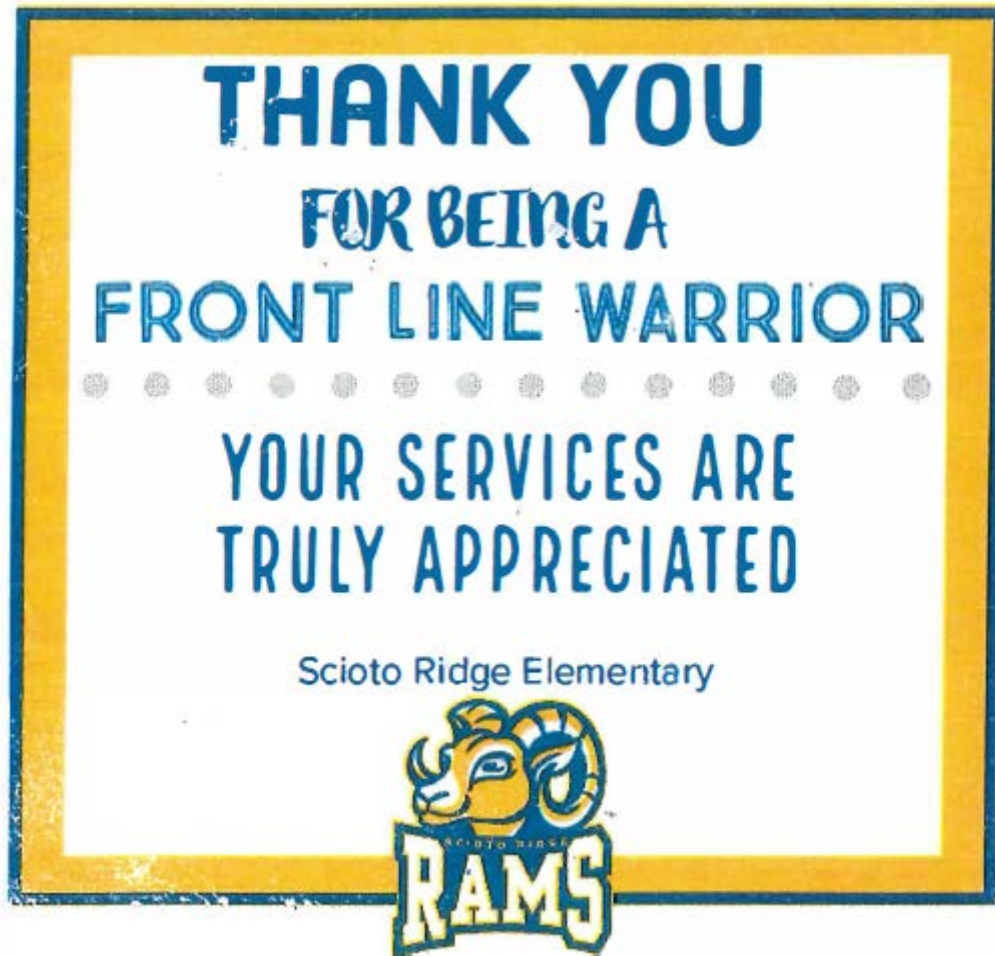


October 2020 Crash Type

- INJURY
- INJURY & PRIVATE PROPERTY
- PRIVATE PROPERTY
- PROPERTY DAMAGE

Map by the City of Powell Development Department

THANK-YOU NOTES



Dear Sergeant Boruchowitz-
im sorry that I called the police
and that you had to leave an
emergency to check on me. Thank
you for making sure I was safe. You
were nice like I thought you would
be. I'm sorry I took your time. I
wont do it again. Your friend,
LEVI





Claire McGee Ochmanek



10:47 AM

Thank you to Officer Ken for being so kind to our little trick or treaters last night!!!!!! Our boys loved the glow sticks! We love that they make such a presence on Halloween night. 🧡



Thanks for messaging us. We try to be as responsive as possible. We'll get back to you soon.



Stephanie Keithly Blaine ▶ The Powell Bubble



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I can't say enough great things about the Powell Police! My daughter was in a car accident lastnight and they responded in what felt like 5 minutes. Not only that, but they were concerned about both parties being safe and were very thorough in gathering information. This morning one of the officers called to make sure my daughter was still okay and also called her passenger's parent to check on her. I am so impressed by their kindness and compassion. With all the craziness in the world, I am so grateful to these people that put themselves at risk to do their jobs and protect us everyday. Thank you Powell Police Officers 💙❤ Be Safe out there!

Note: Officers Convery and Phenix handled this crash.

Subject: Re: Speed Zone

Sir,

Wow. Thank you so very much for your response! You went above and beyond any response that we could hope for. I reached out knowing that we have a top-notch and professional Police Department and you have more than solidified my belief!

***Our 5 kids and the community are truly safer because of you and your team! Stay safe. Stay strong. Stay focused. I am retired military and you have the unwavering support of myself and my family. Thank you, Sir!

Respectfully,
Mark Fauris

On Oct 9, 2020, at 10:59 AM, Ron Sallows <RSallows@cityofpowell.us> wrote:

Mr. Fauris,

Thank you for reaching out to me regarding your speed concern for Liberty Street. Most of the west side or southbound lane of Liberty Street is within the City of Powell, and the right side or northbound lane lies within Liberty Twp. which is serviced by the Delaware County Sheriffs' Office. I will have our staff put up a stealth-stat speed measuring device in the area next week to determine vehicles' speeds by the time of day. After the speed analysis report comes back, I will share this information with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and will assign officers from our department to work the area during times when speeding is an issue. Hopefully, between the two agencies, we will be able to address your concerns.

A formatted version of the Stealth Stat Speed Report will be made available on our City of Powell Website.

If you have any questions or want to discuss the matter further, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Ron Sallows
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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!