



The City of Powell Police Department

November 2020 Activity Report

Stephen L. Hrytzik
Chief of Police



STATISTICS

	Current Month	Last Month	Last Year	5 Years Ago
Calls for Service	1,840	1,906	1,890	1,476
Dispatched Calls	388	412	378	363
Police Reports	48	63	100	92
Adult Arrests	8	12	5	10
Juvenile Arrests	3	4	0	0
Traffic Stops	152	189	197	82
Traffic Citations	8	25	47	12
Traffic Crashes	11	14	10	10
False Alarms	28	29	19	20
House Watches	17	12	39	43
Preventative Patrols	161	190	145	69
Stacked Calls	15	13	14	13

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

NOTABLE CASES

Bad Check | A man presented a \$12,000 check at a bank on Sawmill Parkway. A bank employee spotted the Kentucky check as fraudulent. The man claimed to have sold equipment to the company that supposedly issued the check. After investigating, Detective Smith questioned the man, and he admitted to the scam.



Sentenced | Kristen Leigh Ramunas was sentenced to 4½ years for multiple counts of theft from residents of a Powell assisted living facility where she was a caregiver. She will be required to pay court costs and almost \$5,000 in restitution. Detectives Smith and Pentz identified her when she used stolen credit cards at different stores and pawned stolen jewelry all around town. She confessed and pled guilty. ♦

NATURE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

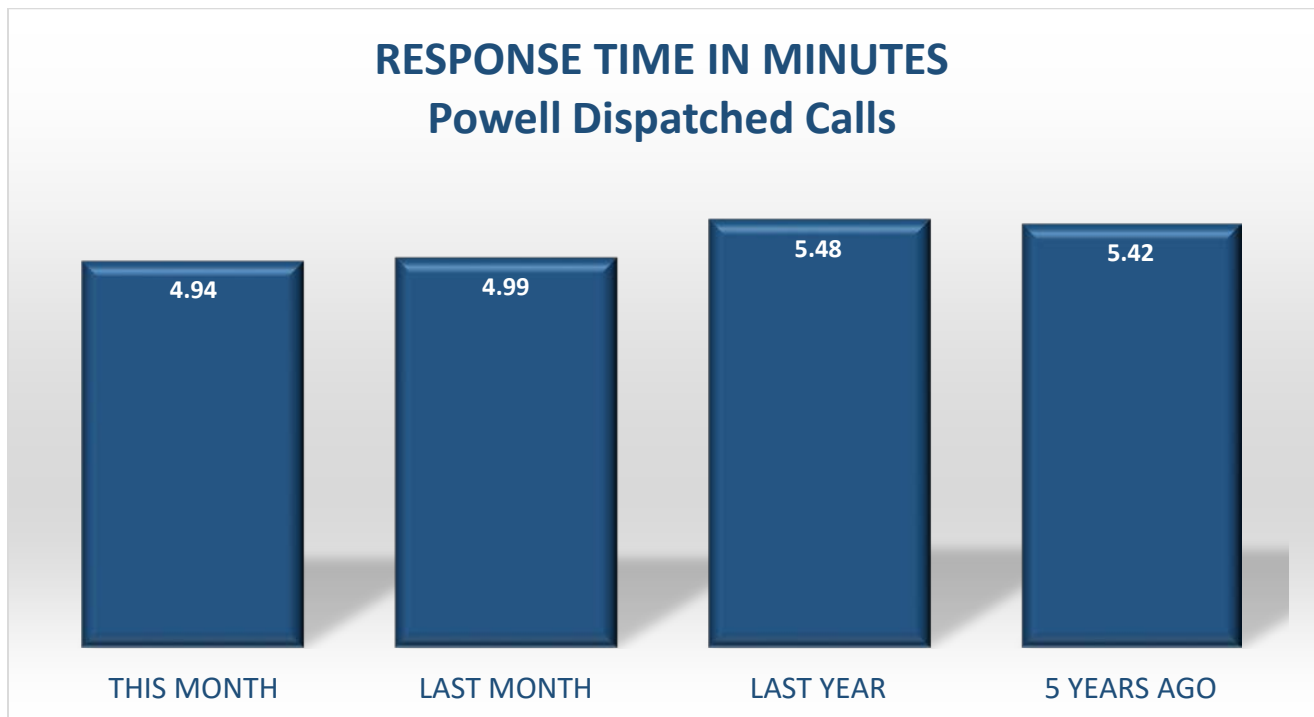
NATURE	MINUTES ON CALLS	PERCENT OF TIME	CALLS	PERCENT OF CALLS
Business / House Check	4,992.5	22.3%	1038	56.9%
Special Detail	3,388.0	15.1%	60	3.3%
Follow-Up/Investigation	3,207.1	14.3%	94	5.2%
Traffic Control	2,205.6	9.8%	123	6.7%
Assist other Agency	1,327.7	5.9%	78	4.3%
Suspicious Activity	1,203.2	5.4%	49	2.7%
Alarm/911 Hang-Up	886.8	4.0%	85	4.7%
Traffic Crash	872.2	3.9%	17	0.9%
Traffic Stop	851.7	3.8%	152	8.3%
Community Engagement	503.3	2.2%	18	1.0%
Juvenile	447.7	2.0%	6	0.3%
Domestic	435.0	1.9%	3	0.2%
Theft	394.8	1.8%	13	0.7%
Well Being Check	376.8	1.7%	4	0.2%
Investigate Complaint	360.6	1.6%	29	1.6%
Harassment/Threats	325.0	1.4%	6	0.3%
Animal Call	168.0	0.7%	11	0.6%
Parking Complaint	130.3	0.6%	17	0.9%
Vandalism	107.3	0.5%	9	0.5%
Suicide Attempt	102.0	0.5%	1	0.1%
Lockout	51.6	0.2%	4	0.2%
Warrant	48.8	0.2%	1	0.1%
Lost & Found	31.6	0.1%	4	0.2%
Sex Offense	1.5	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 twice in November, one K9 sniff and one community engagement. They completed 15.25 hours of training.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Oriented Policing (C.O.P) Officer A. Wilt's November activities included a program for the children at the Goddard School (pictured), a presentation on identity theft to the St. Joan of Arc Women's Group via Zoom, and the SAFE Delaware Remembrance Wreath Ceremony for the victims of fatal traffic crashes over the last year (below). She also installed seven car seats. ♦



DRONE PROGRAM

Officer Alex Hale used the Mavic Enterprise drone to assist the Delaware County Sheriff's Office with a missing person search. The drone was unable to locate the subject, but he was found unharmed the next day. ♦

ABOVE AND BEYOND

Officers Hart and Sanford helped a stranded motorist change a flat tire.

TRAINING

In November the department conducted 255.25 hours of training to include **Simunitions, Legal Update, Mental Health Training, Verbal De-Escalation** and **Recruiting and Hiring for Law Enforcement.** ♦



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 November. ♦

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.

Zion Drive at Andover Drive November 2-8, 2020 Speed Limit 25

Direction	Average Speed	85 th Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	18.55	24	12-21	6.49
Southbound	19.37	25	16-25	8.45

**Murphy Parkway at Presidential Parkway
November 23-30, 2020
Speed Limit 25**

Direction	Average Speed	85 th Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	30.71	36	26-35	51.35
Southbound	30.16	35	26-35	43.56

TRAFFIC CRASHES

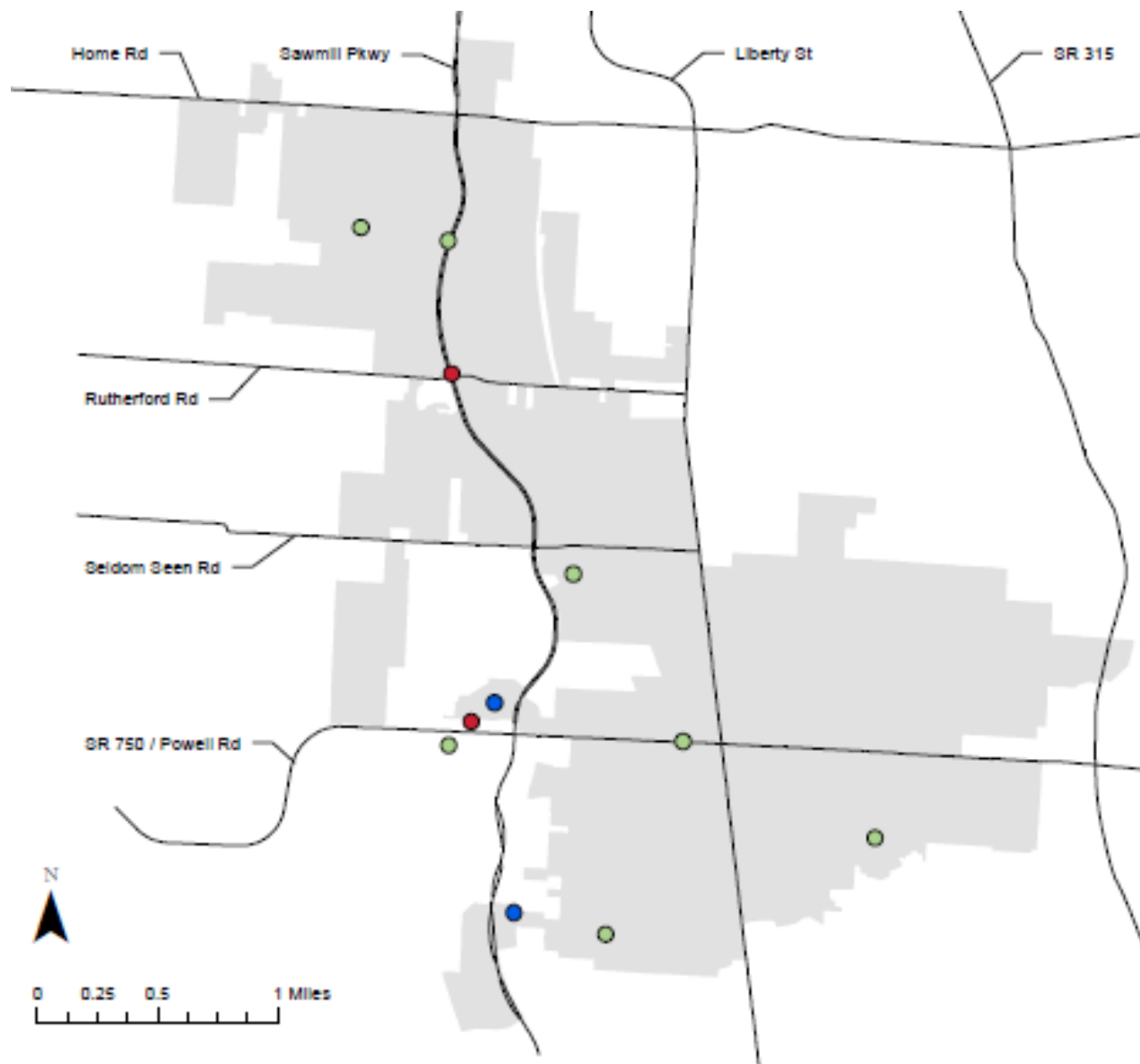


CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
20-0744	11/2/20	BACKING	Unit 1 had just completed a turn eastbound onto Village Club Dr. when it came to a stop in the roadway, and reversed in the roadway to turn around. Unit 2 had come to a stop behind Unit 1 when it observed Unit 1 stopping. While Unit 2 was stopped, Unit 1 backed into Unit 2. CITED.

CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
20-0745	11/3/20	LEFT OF CENTER	Unit 2 (refuse truck) was stopped just prior to 423 Shale Ridge Ct. facing eastbound. Unit 1 was traveling eastbound and attempted to pass Unit 2 on the left to turn right into the driveway of 423 just past Unit 2. At this time, Unit 2 began moving and struck Unit 1 in the right side as it attempted to turn into the private drive. It should be noted that Unit 2 was being driven from the passenger side, which caused Unit 1 to be invisible from the driver's point of view. CITED.
20-0746	11/3/20	YIELD	<i>Injury</i> Unit 1 was heading eastbound on the access road on the north side of Chase Bank located at 4066 W. Powell Road and stopped at the 4-way stop sign. Unit 2 was heading south on the access road that intersects the same intersection. Unit 2 had stopped and had entered the intersection with the proper right of way. Unit 1 then proceeded into the intersection striking Unit 2 in the passenger side.
20-0747	11/3/20	CONTROL	Unit 1 drove in the pickup window lane at the business and struck the awning with the top of a box truck. Unit 1 was traveling from South to North.
20-0748	11/3/20	CONTROL	Unit 1 was westbound and Unit 2 was eastbound on SR 750. As Unit 1 crossed over the railroad crossing, the vehicle went left of center and struck Unit 2 head-on. CITED.
20-0749	11/3/20	DEER	Unit 1 was southbound on Sawmill Pkwy at Sawmill Circle when a deer entered the roadway from the west and was struck by Unit 1.
20-0766	11/13/20	HIT-SKIP	Unit 2 was parked in the lot at 4000 W. Powell Rd. and was unoccupied. Unit 2 was struck by an unknown unit.
20-0768	11/16/20	MEDICAL	Unit 1 was eastbound on Village Club Drive in the area of 3737 Village Club Drive. While negotiating the curve, Unit 1 continued straight and struck a curb, drove off the right side of the roadway and struck a tree. The vehicle continued eastbound through the grass until coming to rest on the sidewalk.
20-0769	11/16/20	YIELD	<i>Injury</i> Unit 2 was northbound Sawmill Pkwy. and switched lanes prior to the intersection. Unit 1 was southbound Sawmill Pkwy. Unit 1 attempted to turn eastbound onto Rutherford Rd. and struck Unit 2. Unit 2 left the roadway after the initial impact.

CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
20-0779	11/22/20	RED LIGHT	Unit 1 was southbound on Liberty St., stopped at the red light at the SR 750 intersection and Unit 2 was westbound on SR 750. Unit 1 proceeded southbound through the red light and was struck by Unit 2. CITED.
20-0788	11/30/20	HIT-SKIP	Unit 1 was completing a delivery and backed southbound into the mailbox at 552 Zion Dr.

MAP OF TRAFFIC CRASHES



November 2020 Crash Type

- INJURY
- PRIVATE PROPERTY
- PROPERTY DAMAGE

Map by the City of Powell Development Department

THANK-YOU NOTES

Nov. 16 -

Dear Chief Hrytzik,

In Nov. 16 around 8:00 p.m. in the Woods at Big Bear neighbors noticed newspapers accumulating in front of a resident's garage and no lights on inside the home. The neighbors did not have access to the condo so Powell Police were called.

The officer who initially arrived was able to enter the unit and proceed as he had been trained to do. He did these things quickly and efficiently. This was much appreciated.

Unfortunately, our neighbor had died. It was left to this officer to inform us - the neighbors - of this sadness. And that is why I am writing. This officer's

kind words and demeanor meant so much in those few minutes. I do not know his name or badge number but, still, want to acknowledge how he did his job with such kindness made a difference.



Cards and envelopes are made from recycled material and are recyclable.

Appreciatively
Jud Richards

Officers J. Wilt, J. Waymire, and B. Phenix assisted with this call.



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Subject: Officer Sanford

Good morning Officer Sallows,

I wanted to send my sincere thanks to Officer Sanford for helping my son and husband this morning with a flat tire (actually a blown tire). My son was needing to get to Ohio State for classes early this morning and his tire went flat on Rutherford and Seldom Seen. Luckily, Officer Sanford was close by and stopped to help Jason. Both my husband and I soon arrived and Officer Sanford was an enormous help to my husband with changing the tire and having the right tools.

Please send him our thanks and appreciation!



Julie Boothman
Project Coordinator



Delaware County, OHIO, Sheriff's Office ✓

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The call began as a theft in progress from the Kroger Marketplace on US 23, and thanks to good eyewitness descriptions, deputies were able to quickly locate the suspects and vehicle. During the investigation, deputies confiscated merchandise worth over \$1500, and the suspects were charged with theft, drug possession, and improper handling of firearms. A big shout out to deputies Close and Ambrozich and the Powell Police Department for their excellent police work, and to Kroger employees for their safe and smart actions.

Officers A. Hale, B. Phenix and S. Convery assisted with this Sheriff's Office case.

Thank you
for
service
for
hope ~~for~~
best rest of you guys



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Thank you being nice
and for being our
friend. Have a nice
day.

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Dear Powell Police Dept 11/24/20

We just want to say thank you
to all of you that selflessly
give of yourselves day after
day, to protect & serve our
community.

We appreciate you!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastors Stephen & Sarah
& The Faith Life Church team