



# The City of Powell Police Department

## December 2020 Activity Report

Stephen L. Hrytzik  
Chief of Police



## STATISTICS

	Current Month	Last Month	Last Year	5 Years Ago
Calls for Service	1,641	1,840	1,808	1,483
Dispatched Calls	351	388	444	445
Police Reports	54	48	92	114
Adult Arrests	2	8	10	9
Juvenile Arrests	1	3	3	0
Traffic Stops	120	152	142	93
Traffic Citations	11	8	19	9
Traffic Crashes	11	11	13	10
False Alarms	25	28	22	25
House Watches	17	17	61	56
Preventative Patrols	136	161	110	59
Stacked Calls	16	15	19	21

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

## NOTABLE CASES

**Fraudulent Unemployment Claims** | There were nine cases of identity theft through unemployment claims in December. In most cases, the victim's employer spotted the fraud, but in some cases, the unemployment office sent a PIN or a debit card to the victim. These cases were referred to Job & Family Services, Fraud Department, for investigation with Detective Darren Smith assisting.

**Stolen Vehicle** | A car was stolen from the Powell Crossing neighborhood. The car was unlocked with the keys inside. The Ohio State Highway Patrol recovered the car a few days later on the interstate near Orient, Ohio and apprehended two suspects. The suspects were also charged with Drug Possession, Carrying Concealed Weapons, and Having Weapons under Disability. ♦

## NATURE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

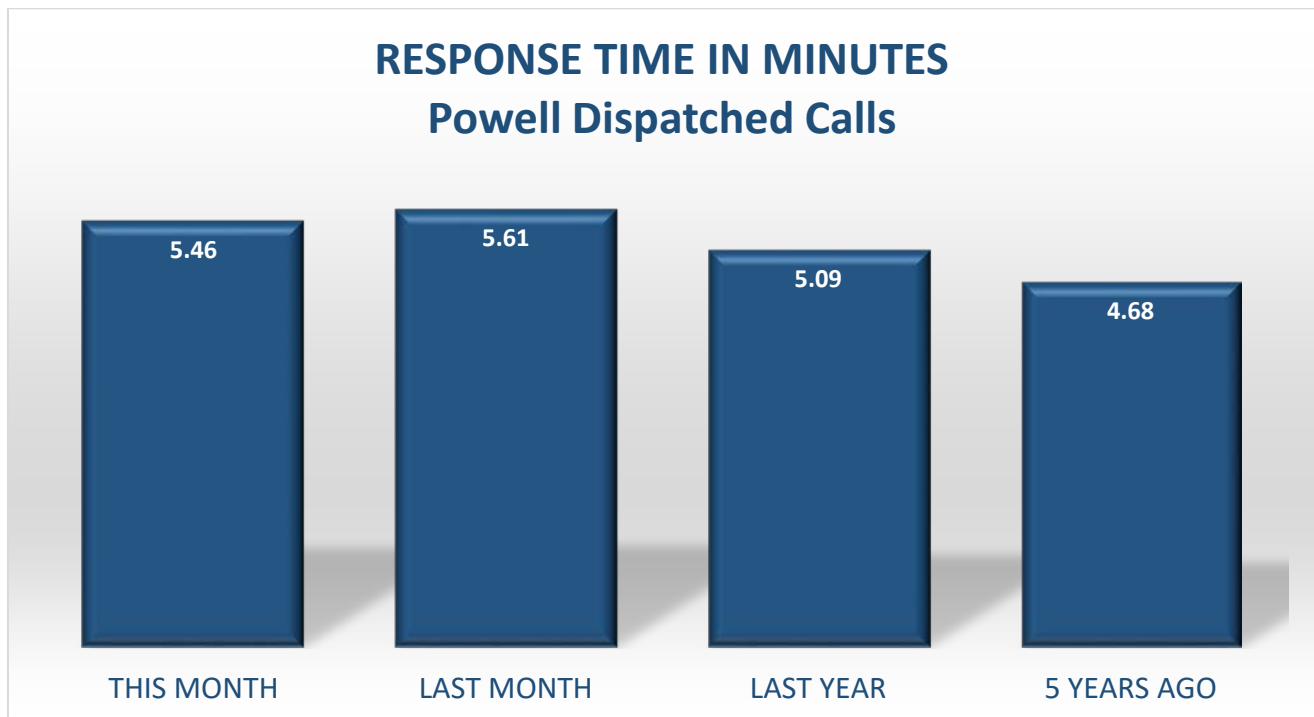
NATURE	MINUTES ON CALLS	PERCENT OF TIME	CALLS	PERCENT OF CALLS
Special Detail	4,841.5	21.3%	86	5.3%
Business / House Check	4,213.2	18.5%	905	56.1%
Follow-Up/Investigation	3,083.2	13.5%	88	5.5%
Traffic Control	1,749.2	7.7%	85	5.3%
Community Engagement	1,503.2	6.6%	21	1.3%
Alarm/911 Hang-Up	925.8	4.1%	94	5.8%
Traffic Stop	916.4	4.0%	120	7.4%
Theft	811.3	3.6%	19	1.2%
Traffic Crash	674.4	3.0%	14	0.9%
Suspicious Activity	647.3	2.8%	31	1.9%
Fight	614.8	2.7%	2	0.1%
Assist Other Agency/Unit	540.8	2.4%	75	4.6%
Investigate Complaint	431.3	1.9%	27	1.7%
Death Investigation	377.0	1.7%	1	0.1%
Domestic	309.4	1.4%	4	0.2%
Well Being Check	281.4	1.2%	8	0.5%
Mental Health Crisis	172.3	0.8%	2	0.1%
Vandalism	137.7	0.6%	3	0.2%
Animal Call	114.4	0.5%	6	0.4%
Harassment/Threats	112.0	0.5%	2	0.1%
Juvenile	89.8	0.4%	3	0.2%
Lockout	77.3	0.3%	7	0.4%
Stolen Vehicle	70.8	0.3%	1	0.1%
Parking Complaint	38.4	0.2%	7	0.4%
Lost & Found	37.3	0.2%	2	0.1%
Sound of Shots	10.1	0.0%	1	0.1%

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

## STACKED CALLS



## RESPONSE TIME



## COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

C.O.P. Officer Audrey Wilt's December activities included:

- ❖ Holidays in Powell and the Santa Porch Parade
- ❖ Heroes and Helpers: Powell and Dublin police shopped at Target for 33 children. The event was supported by the Powell PD No-Shave November event, Dublin Bridges, the Dublin CPAAA, our PCPAAA and Target (Photos 1 and 2).
- ❖ Officer Fred Hart assisted the LTFD with their annual toy drive.
- ❖ Operation Santa's Sleigh with Detective Darren Smith and many other agencies at Nationwide Children's Hospital (Photos 3, 4 and 5).
- ❖ Birthday Cruiser and Belt Display
- ❖ Installed six car seats ♦



## K9 ACTIVITY

K9 Axel and his handler, Officer Jason Latiolais, were deployed once in December for a narcotics sniff. They completed 14 hours of training.

## TRAINING

In December the department conducted 52 hours of training to include **ICS and All Hazard Training, Crimes against Seniors, Legal Updates, Ohio Child Passenger Safety Law** and **Motorcycle Safety**. ♦



## 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 two uses of force in December:

- ❖ Officers responded to a report of a fight. The suspect was in his car and refused verbal commands to exit the vehicle. Officers assisted him from the vehicle. While being handcuffed and searched, the suspect resisted, injuring an officer. Leg shackles had to be used.
- ❖ Officers responded to a theft complaint. After attempts to de-escalate failed, officers displayed Tasers to stop the combative subject from destroying property. Officers used handcuffs, balance displacement and joint manipulation to take the subject safely into custody. ♦



## 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.

### South Liberty Street at Bennett Parkway

December 8-14, 2020

Speed Limit 25

Direction	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	29.03	34	25-34	143.99
Southbound	29.78	35	25-34	130.83

### Retreat Lane at Fox Run

December 14-21, 2020

Speed Limit 25

Direction	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Eastbound	22.84	28	19-28	14.39
Westbound	23.48	33	25-34	21.26

### State Route 750 at Bennett Parkway

December 21-28, 2020

Speed Limit 35

Direction	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Eastbound	29.79	37	29-38	79.99
Westbound	28.08	36	28-37	264.93

## TRAFFIC CRASHES



CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
20-0795	12/2/20	<b>HIT-SKIP</b>	While parked facing northeast in a parking spot at 4000 W. Powell Rd., Unit 2 was struck by an unknown vehicle between the hours of 1300 and 2100. It is unknown the direction of travel or vehicle type for Unit 1
20-0799	12/4/20	<b>MARKED LANES</b>	Unit 1 was stopped eastbound on SR 750 at the Bennett Pkwy. traffic light. Unit 1 was in the turn lane to turn north onto Cressingham Ln. Unit 2 started traveling eastbound on SR 750. Unit 1 merged into the eastbound travel lane and struck Unit 2. <b>CITED.</b>
20-0801	12/5/20	<b>DEER</b>	Unit 1 was traveling northbound on Sawmill Pkwy. and ran off the road to the right to avoid striking a deer. Unit 1 then struck a street sign near the intersection of Sawmill Pkwy. and Market Street.
20-0805	12/7/20	<b>BACKING</b>	Unit 1 was pulling out of a parking spot to the southwest and struck a fire hydrant while at 3368 Mainview Ct.
20-0808	12/8/20	<b>ACDA</b>	While traveling westbound on SR 750, Unit 1 struck Unit 2 from behind. Unit 2 had slowed in traffic when it was stuck by Unit 1. <b>CITED.</b>



CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
20-0819	12/15/20	<b>FAILURE TO YIELD</b>	Unit 1 was northbound on Sawmill Parkway and intending to turn west onto Royal Belfast. Unit 1 proceeded with the turn and was struck by Unit 2 which was southbound in the driving lane of Sawmill Parkway. Unit 1 believed he had a turn arrow and Unit 2 states he proceeded on a green light. Nothing indicated that Unit 1 had a left turn indicator for the area. <b>CITED.</b>
20-0821	12/15/20	<b>HIT-SKIP</b>	Unit 1 was traveling in front of 384 Briarbend Blvd and struck the mailbox in front of the home. It is unknown if Unit 1 was going forward or backing up at the time of the crash.
20-0830	12/24/20	<b>ACDA</b>	Unit 2 was stopped eastbound at the traffic light at Seldom Seen Rd. at Liberty Rd. in the left turn lane. Unit 1 was traveling eastbound on Seldom Seen Rd. and struck Unit 2 in the rear of the vehicle.
20-0831	12/25/20	<b>FAILURE TO YIELD</b>	While attempting a left turn from the east to the south onto Sawmill Parkway from Presidential Parkway, Unit 1 struck Unit 2. Unit 2 was traveling straight through the intersection on a green light eastbound. <b>CITED.</b>
20-0834	12/27/20	<b>MARKED LANES</b>	Both units were traveling north on Sawmill Pkwy. near the intersection at Galloway Dr. Unit 1 failed to stay within the marked lanes of the road and sideswiped Unit 2. <b>CITED.</b>
20-0837	12/29/20	<b>FAILURE TO CONTROL</b>	Unit 1 was eastbound on Club Way Ct making a right hand turn onto Hopespring Pl when it went over the curb at the corner of Club Way Ct and Hopespring Pl and struck the street sign.

## MAP OF TRAFFIC CRASHES



### December 2020 Crash Type

- INJURY
- PRIVATE PROPERTY
- PROPERTY DAMAGE

*Map by the City of Powell Development Department*

## THANK-YOU NOTES

Ofc. Phenix,

The below post was put on Facebook yesterday. It has generated over 570 likes and 29 comments. Thanks for taking time during your shift to play football with the kids and being a positive role model for them.

Keep up the great work!

Respectfully,

### Ron Sallows

Deputy Chief of Police, Badge #711  
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The Powell Bubble



Anne Marie Russell Wehrum

21h · 🌐

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This was so much fun to watch. One of our finest taking time to play a game of neighborhood football. 🏈



👍❤️👍 570

29 Comments



Karen Suver Groeniger  
Love it!!!!!!

Like · Reply · 21h



Stephanie Brown  
That's awesome.

Like · Reply · 21h



April Davidson  
This is so great to see! And also thanks for posting something positive!

Like · Reply · 21h

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K'Anne Prejean Cox  
Great to see!!!

Like · Reply · 21h



Tylor MacKenzie Lamb  
Love this!

Like · Reply · 21h



Molly Moritz Thiel  
I can't wait to hear how this game turned out!

Like · Reply · 21h

 Susan Elizabeth



Like · Reply · 21h

 Angela Marie  
Wow mom you're poppin off 🤪❤️ #popular

Like · Reply · 20h

 Amy Dellovade Bean  


Like · Reply · 19h

 Kelly Whittington  
Awesome 🍌 ...

Like · Reply · 19h

 Missy Archer



Like · Reply · 19h

 Regan Flinn  
Love that!! We had an officer play throw the football with

 Lauren Flores  
Powell Police is the best

Like · Reply · 17h  1

 Leslie Carney  
These kids will always remember this 🍌🍌🍌❤️

Like · Reply · 15h

 Toni Veneziano Evans  
Blue lives matter!!!!   2

Like · Reply · 15h

 Tamara Baisden Frazier  
Awesome!!

Hide or report this

 Jennifer Hasson  
This is super awesome and uplifting! 🍌 We need more positive energy around us! 🍌 Love it! ❤️

Like · Reply · 19h

 Punky Rose  
Where and when ? Wonderful

Like · Reply · 18h

 Darla Bourgeois Huff  
This.

Like · Reply · 18h

 Meagan Keefe Earl  
Love this ❤️

Like · Reply · 18h

 Lori Roe

Like · Reply · 17h



Like · Reply · 17h

 Lauren Flores  
Powell Police is the best

Like · Reply · 17h  1

 Leslie Carney  
These kids will always remember this 🍌🍌🍌❤️

Ofc. Hiltz and Ofc. Waymire –

Heather Naviello left a voice mail expressing her thanks for the way you handled her mother in law's passing on 12/6/2020. Thank you for representing the Powell Police Department in a professional manner!

### Scott Roach

Police Sergeant, Badge #723  
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**Subject:** Thank-you for your excellent service!

Hello,

I reside at [REDACTED] Blue Water Ct here in the city of Powell. I live as well at my Florida residence.

While in Florida, I sign up for your house watch program. Now that I have a RING doorbell, I can see what excellent service you provide to the residents of Powell!

Officers stopped by nearly every day, checked my front door, most waved to me via the RING doorbell camera. They walked around my house, they were so thorough in their care for my home.

I see them still, driving by, patrolling our neighborhood.

A great big THANK-YOU to the officers who checked on my house! Thank-you for offering this service to us! I am grateful.

Merry Christmas to the whole team and stay safe out there!

Melinda Vasila

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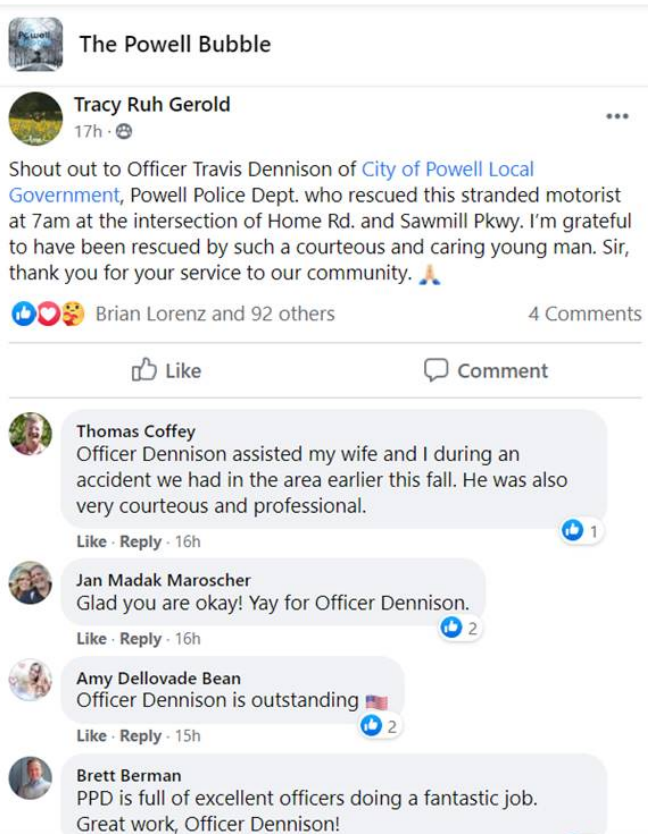
Ofc. Dennison,

The below post was posted on Facebook. There are a few other comments from other people you have assisted in the past. Thanks for representing yourself and the Powell Police Department in such a professional manner. Keep up the great work!

Respectfully,

**Ron Sallows**

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Det. Smith,

The attached note was received from Jill Martin and Lori Blind. They express their gratitude and appreciation for how you investigated the theft involving their elderly mother, who resides at the Powell Assisted Living and Memory Care.

Keep up the excellent work, and thanks for representing yourself and the Powell Police Department!

Respectfully,

**Ron Sallows**

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Dear Detective Smith, Dec 16, 2020

I'm sure you were thrilled to hear of the sentencing for the woman who stole not just from my parents, but the other vulnerable elderly at PACMC.

I'm sure your incredible work had much to do with this case being brought to justice. We cannot express our appreciation for the time and effort you put forth to convict this woman. Your kindness and respectful manner in which you dealt with our mom was like a healing balm on such an egregious act. May you find great satisfaction in the work you have accomplished in the particular case. God Bless You for what you do, each & every day.

Sincerely,  
Jill Martin Lori Blind

Ofc. Heading,

The below comment was posted on Facebook. The post has generated more than 1000 likes and 63 comments, many that were supportive of the Police Department.

Thank you for taking time while on duty to stop and play basketball with the boy. Your act of kindness has brought recognition and appreciation to you and the police department.

I copied some of the other posts for each of you to review. You will see many other positive messages that discuss interactions with members of the Powell Police Department. Chief Hrytzik and I thank each of you for your dedication to serving the Powell community each day!


Keep Up The Great Work!

Respectfully,


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 **The Powell Bubble**


Write an answer...

 **CraigJen Bartling**  
December 6 at 1:19 PM · 🌐

I had to share what happened to my son just now. He was outside shooting baskets and a Powell police officer was driving by and waved to him. She turned back around and stopped and asked if she could play a game of "pig" with him. He was so excited and came running in afterwards to tell us. It made his day! Thank you to the officer who did that ❤️

👍❤️👍 Laurie Karr, Janell Cameron and 1K others 63 Comments

👍 Like      💬 Comment

 **Jackie Olexa White**  
Now that is so cool!!

Like · Reply · 2d      👍 2

 **Jason Tracey**  
How cool is this?!!! Community policing at its finest!!!  
Getting to know the community while on patrol.

Like · Reply · 2d      👍 6

 **Amy Swan Nagel**  
This is awesome!!!

Like · Reply · 2d      👍 1

 **Kathy Fisher Pfahl**  
❤️

Like · Reply · 2d

 **Don Mantz**  
Powell police are awesome. They help the community in many ways.

Like · Reply · 2d      👍 5

 **Jason Tracey**  
**Don Mantz** totally agreed. Police in general receive such a bad reputation. Unfortunately, there are terrible ones that wear the uniform amongst the many, many that are good, much like every other profession.

Like · Reply · 2d      👍 2

 **Lisa Scanlon**  
My daughter last week was pulled over for speed and totally freaked out and upset! The cop calmed her down and followed her to work to make sure she got there safe! These are the things that make our police great! That officer was amazing and I appreciate everything she did!


Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Barb Ament-Skeen**  
It was not in Powell, but my daughter was with her friends and was pulled over for speeding. She was so upset. The officer talked to her and her friends, called me from her phone and told me what happened and that he was not going to give her a tick... [See More](#)

Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Kim Bashang Francis**  
Second great story I've read in 2 days!

Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Mark Fauris**  
This community!!

Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Bonnie Pugh**  
That's my friend, Officer Heading!! I just told her & she said "i love this community!"


Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Annette Fleming Haggarty**  
Love this



Like · Reply · 2d

 2

 **Stephanie Brown**  
Love this !!

Like · Reply · 2d

 2

 **Michelle Jones Goodrich**  
Love this 

Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Carol Kender**  
great story thanks for sharing

Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Kellie Ison**  


Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Lauren Flores**  
Supeer Sweet God Bless her!!

Like · Reply · 2d

 2

 **Nancy Thulin**  
Awesome. Most peace officers are amazing!




Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Donna Thompson**  
That's the best community service! Love when police officers can be seen in a positive light. 

Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Norm Boling**  
I love our Police!!  

Like · Reply · 2d

 **Madeline Miller Dorstewitz**  
Powell police are awesome!!!

Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Natalie Fravel**  
This is awesome! Thanks for sharing.  

Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Peter Lemmon**  
Nice

Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Alex Ribble**  
It's nice to see some positive posts on the Bubble! Thanks for sharing!

Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Mary Jauregui**  
Fantastic!! 

Like · Reply · 2d

 **Kathy Manzer**  
Awesome  

Like · Reply · 2d

 **Jim Bankoske**  
I love our Powell Police officers. And I remember there was a new women that was sworn in a few months ago!! She might fit right in being awesome!!!


Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Missy Lawson**  
Awesome story! Thanks for sharing.



Like · Reply · 2d

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 **Marsha Fedorowicz Cwynar**  
Powell PD and DelCo Sheriff's department are THE BEST around!

Like · Reply · 2d · Edited

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 **Kathy Woolford Kemp**  
We are ALL starving for caring, human interaction, even our wonderful police officers!  

Like · Reply · 2d

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 Christine Holcomb DiCarlo  
Awesome stories about our local law enforcement! Thank you for sharing!

Like · Reply · 2d

 Kiersten Nicole  
Was it Audrey? She's an incredible human being if so!

Like · Reply · 2d

 CraigJen Bartling  
Kiersten Nicole it was officer heading

Like · Reply · 1d

 Jennifer Gault  
Best ever!!!!


Like · Reply · 2d

 Ross Gillespie  
Awesome

Like · Reply · 2d

 Judith Richardson  
Our little condominium community just need some assistance. Powell Police were amazing. Friendly, kind, efficient, timely.  
Greatly appreciated.


Like · Reply · 2d

 Katie Himes  
Annette Heading your welcome

Like · Reply · 2d


 Sarah Covelli  
Annette Heading omg this is awesome!

Like · Reply · 1d

 Write a reply...

 Tracy Jones-Flanigan  
So thoughtful. Your son will never forget that kind gesture.

Like · Reply · 2d

 Joe Szymanowski  
That's awesome


Like · Reply · 2d

 Jim Mendenhall  
We are fortunate here in Powell to have some fine officers lead by a Great Chief.

Like · Reply · 2d

 Heidi Palmer Jensen  
Love this post

Like · Reply · 2d


 Dan Korthals  
My grandmother will be 97 years old tomorrow and she is a feisty one. The Powell Police have been Amazing with her! They had 4 cruisers, 3 EMT's and the Fire Chief at her care facility one day when she was raising hell and they were all so kind and sweet with her. Even sent a cruiser as escort to the ambulance they took her in. I was moved by the kindness they showed. She may not have appreciated it. But I was so thankful.

They are the best!

Like · Reply · 2d

 Phyllis Mattmiller  
So sweet !! Just goes to show all of us there r still good people in this world!! Thank u officer !!

Like · Reply · 2d

 Katie Himes  
Annette Heading officer Heading is the best that's my girl.

Like · Reply · 2d

 Annette Heading  
Katie Himes thanks for tagging she can't wait to see this!

Like · Reply · 2d

 Punky Rose  
Wonderful


Like · Reply · 1d

 Barbara Lyndes  
Who won?


Like · Reply · 1d

 Greg Wolfson  
Good things happen to good people and he's a great kid. Btw, he said he won P-I-G to 0. He wasn't bragging, I asked.

Like · Reply · 1d

 Emma Wujek  
Love this.

Like · Reply · 12h

 Shannon Lowary Hubbs  
Had to be Audrey!!

Like · Reply · 10h

**Subject:** RE: COVID-19 Update

This is a very exciting time – we can finally start some offense against this virus. We are very grateful for the support of Chief Sallows during all of this – his support is invaluable!

If there are other questions, please let me know. Happy holidays to you and yours!

Dedicated to Your Health,

**Shelia Hiddleston, MS, RN**

Health Commissioner

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**To:** Audrey Wilt <[awilt@cityofpowell.us](mailto:awilt@cityofpowell.us)>

**Subject:** Thank you so very much!

Officer Wilt

I wanted to take a minute to thank you for stopping by my grandson Ty house last evening. Ty thinks you're the coolest officer ever!! This will probably be one of his fondest birthday memories , thanks to your kindness.

Sometimes he's shy in the beginning of meeting people. I hope he was polite and engaging .

My daughter was Impressed with your kindness and most grateful of you taking the time to do this

My husband and I spend a lot of time in Powell , babysitting the boys, so I hope someday soon I will get to meet you and thank you in person.

Stay safe and Happy New year 🎉

Adel Moritz

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