



The City of Powell Police Department

May 2021 Activity Report

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Chief of Police



STATISTICS

	Current Month	Last Month	Last Year	5 Years Ago
Calls for Service	1,963	2,018	1,330	1,567
Dispatched Calls	451	430	455	473
Police Reports	71	64	67	136
Adult Arrests	12	10	3	16
Juvenile Arrests	0	1	3	7
Traffic Stops	165	166	9	125
Traffic Citations	15	11	7	19
Traffic Crashes	14	10	15	11
False Alarms	16	28	25	39
House Watches	19	32	9	45
Preventative Patrols	267	263	279	83
Stacked Calls	19	11	14	25

Note: 2020-2021 statistics were affected by our modified COVID-19 response protocol.

NOTABLE CASES

Threats/Harassment | A resident exchanged nude photos with a subject on a dating app. The subject then demanded money and threatened to distribute the photos. The incident is under investigation.

Criminal Damaging | A side mirror was broken off a car parked at a business on Moreland Street. A suspect was identified on video and charged with the offense.

Theft | A purse was stolen from a car on Sawmill Parkway while the owner was pumping gas. Investigation revealed several similar crimes around central Ohio. In cooperation with Blendon Township, Columbus and Dublin police departments, a suspect was identified and indicted on theft, felony theft, and misuse of credit card charges. ♦

NATURE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

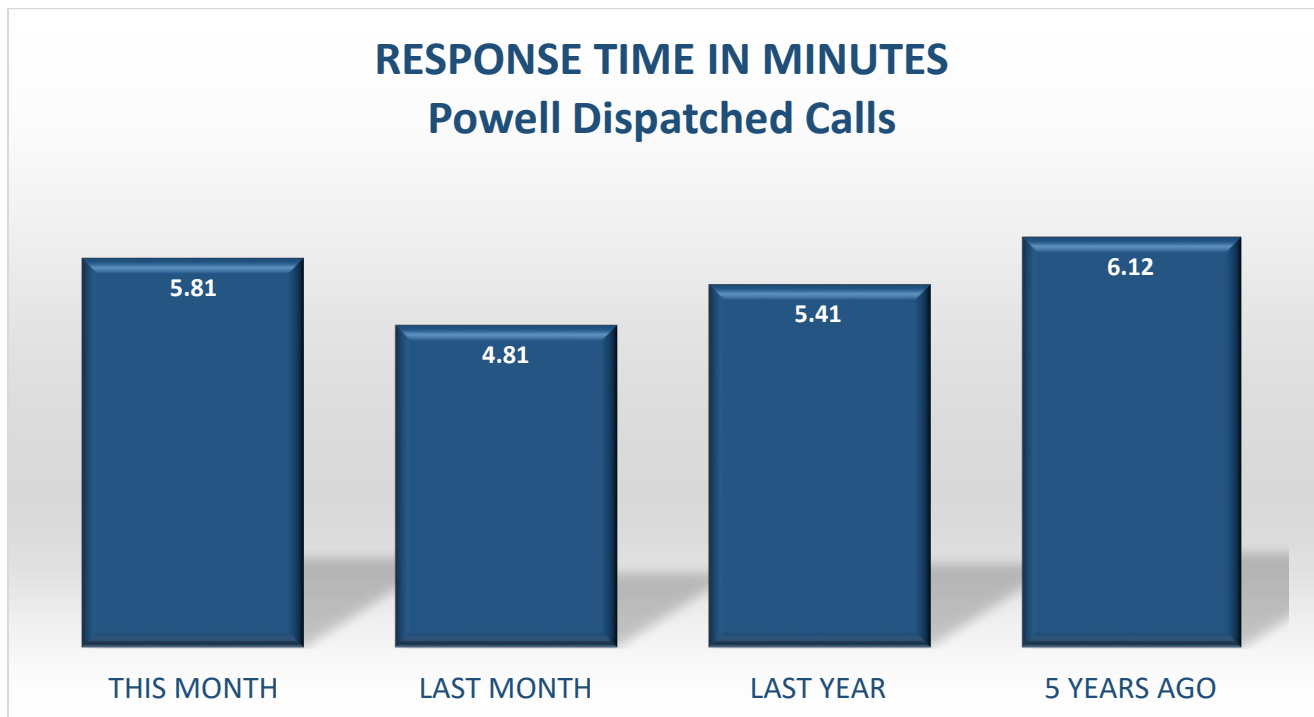
NATURE	MINUTES ON CALLS	PERCENT OF TIME	CALLS	PERCENT OF CALLS
SPECIAL DETAIL	6274.4	23.8%	103	5.3%
BUSINESS/HOUSE CHECK	4763.5	18.1%	983	50.5%
FOLLOW-UP/INVESTIGATION	3595.2	13.6%	94	4.8%
TRAFFIC CONTROL	2621.7	9.9%	173	8.9%
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY/UNIT	1463.9	5.6%	101	5.2%
TRAFFIC STOP	1211.6	4.6%	166	8.5%
CRASH	1137.3	4.3%	26	1.3%
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	852.5	3.2%	56	2.9%
ALARM/911 HANG-UP	848.4	3.2%	101	5.2%
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	619.3	2.3%	37	1.9%
THEFT	587.5	2.2%	12	0.6%
DOMESTIC	387.8	1.5%	5	0.3%
INVESTIGATE COMPLAINT	336.4	1.3%	25	1.3%
JUVENILE COMPLAINT	327.7	1.2%	10	0.5%
ANIMAL CALL	259.3	1.0%	13	0.7%
MISSING PERSON	134.4	0.5%	2	0.1%
HARASSMENT/THREATS	132.9	0.5%	4	0.2%
ASSAULT/FIGHT	121.5	0.5%	2	0.1%
LOST & FOUND	116.0	0.4%	5	0.3%
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	113.2	0.4%	2	0.1%
WELL BEING CHECK	86.2	0.3%	4	0.2%
SUICIDE ATTEMPT	74.6	0.3%	1	0.1%
VANDALISM	71.9	0.3%	3	0.2%
PARKING COMPLAINT	64.6	0.2%	8	0.4%
STOLEN VEHICLE	64.0	0.2%	2	0.1%
MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS	51.0	0.2%	1	0.1%
LOCKOUT - VEHICLE/OTHER	33.8	0.1%	6	0.3%
WARRANT	16.4	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, **Officer Jason Latiolais**, were deployed four times in May: three narcotics detection for other agencies and one community engagement with the County Prosecutor to create a video for the library's summer reading program. They trained for 14 hours. ♦



TRAINING

In May the department conducted 201 hours of training to include **Advanced Public Records, Narcan Training, Use of Force Review, Legal Update, Semi-Automatic Pistol Instructor, ARIDE** and **Defensive Tactics**. ♦

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING



Chief Hrytzik greets parade goers.

C.O.P. Officer Audrey Wilt had a busy month with the **Rock the Vote** concert on May 2, two **Girl Scout** presentations, the **Light Ohio Blue** campaign, a **Home Owners' Association** meeting for Grandshire, six **car seats**, and the **Memorial Day Parade**. ♦

DRONE

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio State Highway Patrol requested drone assistance with a suspect at large. **Officer Jared Wilt** deployed the Mavic Enterprise and captured the suspect's apprehension on video. He also filmed the Memorial Day parade using the Mavic Enterprise. ♦

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM



Police respond to many calls that are not criminal in nature. Using a CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) disposition notifies HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow Counties that there is a need for further assistance. HelpLine reviews the call information and assigns follow up by agencies such as Maryhaven, SourcePoint, Syntero, or the Delaware County Board of Mental Health.

❖ In May, there were three calls with CIT dispositions. ♦

USE OF FORCE

The Powell Police Department carefully tracks all uses of force by the agency.

❖ There were no uses of force in May. ♦

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.

Hickory Rock Drive May 4-9, 2021, Speed Limit 25

Direction	Average Speed	85 th Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	23.66	29	20-29	19.53
Southbound	24.46	30	22-31	20.52

**Steitz Road at Harold Drive
May 18-25, 2021, Speed Limit 35**

Direction	Average Speed	85 th Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	38.88	47	36-45	112.40
Southbound	39.55	47	37-46	98.80

TRAFFIC CRASHES



CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
21-0356	5/5/2021	ACDA	Units 1 and 2 were southbound on N. Liberty St. at Seldom Seen Rd. Unit 2 was stopped at the traffic signal waiting to turn right from southbound N. Liberty Street to westbound Seldom Seen Road, when Unit 1 struck from behind. Unit 1 did not speak English and was unable to fill out a statement. CITED

CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
21-0357	5/5/2021	HIT-SKIP	<i>Injury</i> Unit 2 was southbound on Liberty Street south of Powell Road. Unit 2 saw a vehicle pull out of Espresso 22 and was afraid she was going to be struck. Unit 2 dropped her motorcycle in the street causing damage and personal injury. Unit 1 continued on without stopping.
21-0365	5/8/2021	FAILURE TO YIELD	Unit 2 was eastbound on SR 750 coming through the intersection of Sycamore Ridge Dr. At this time Unit 1 attempted to turn out of Sycamore Ridge Dr. in time to get in front of Unit 2 but failed to do so in time. Resulting in Unit 1 striking Unit 2 on the front passenger side. Unit 1 was cited for failing to yield right of way. CITED
21-0367	5/8/2021	DEER	Unit 1 was traveling southbound on Murphy Parkway. A deer ran west in front of Unit 1 and was struck.
21-0370	5/9/2021	HIT-SKIP	Unit 1 drove off the right side of the roadway on Grandshire Drive, where it struck a pedestrian crossing sign. The driver of Unit 1 did not remain in the area, nor did they report the crash to law enforcement, as they left the scene of the crash. Unit 1 was later located by patrolling officers, parked in a driveway, and contact was made with the driver of Unit 1. CITED
21-0379	5/13/2021	ACDA	Unit 1 was traveling eastbound on West Olentangy St. near Lincoln St. Unit 2 and Unit 3 were stopped in traffic, eastbound on West Olentangy St. near Lincoln St. Unit 1 failed to keep an assured clear distance ahead and rear ended Unit 2. Unit 2 failed to control its vehicle after the collision and rear ended Unit 3. CITED
21-0380	5/13/2021	ACDA	Units 1 and 2 were westbound on SR 750 east of Murphy Parkway. Unit 2 stopped for traffic and Unit 1 was unable to stop and struck the rear of Unit 2. CITED
21-0381	5/13/2021	BACKING	Unit 1 was parked facing westbound on SR 750. Unit 1 attempted to pull into traffic on SR 750. Unit 1 did not see unit 2. Unit 1 struck Unit 2 which caused Unit 1 to be pushed into Unit 3 that was also parked on SR750. CITED
21-0382	5/14/2021	FAILURE TO CONTROL	<i>Injury</i> Unit 1 was traveling east on Home Rd. Unit 1 was distracted by a cell phone, turned the wheel abruptly, and continued traveling northeast into the turn lane on Home Rd. Unit 1 rolled over onto the west lane of travel on Home Rd. and struck a sign, then slid into a ditch. CITED

CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
21-0388	5/18/2021	ACDA	Units 1 and 2 were traveling westbound on West Olentangy St. near Village Pointe Dr. Unit 2 stopped in traffic at a red light and was rear ended by Unit 1. CITED
21-0390	5/19/2021	FAILURE TO CONTROL	Unit 1 was pulling into a parking spot at 8771 Moreland St. and struck a parked Unit 2.
21-0399	5/22/2021	ACDA	<i>Injury</i> Unit 2 and Unit 3 were stopped in traffic, facing east on W Olentangy St. Unit 1 was traveling east on W Olentangy St. behind Unit 2. Unit 1 struck the rear of Unit 2. Unit 2 then struck the rear of Unit 3. CITED
21-0402	5/25/2021	BACKING	Unit 1 backed out of the driveway at 8636 Blue Water Drive and scraped Unit 1 along a mailbox causing damage to Unit 1.
21-0404	5/27/2021	HIT-SKIP	A unknown unit struck a light pole across from 70 Grace Drive.
21-0412	5/18/2021	FAILURE TO CONTROL	Unit 1's driver left his car in gear/drive accidentally and exited his car. Unit 1 then rolled into the garage at 218 Donerail, damaging the door.

MAP OF TRAFFIC CRASHES



May 2021 Crash Type

- INJURY
- PRIVATE PROPERTY
- PROPERTY DAMAGE

Map by the City of Powell Development Department

THANK-YOU NOTES

Happy Police Week!

Thank you for all you do for our community. I am a Police Wife and my company and I will always support you!

Thank you so much!!!

We are a beauty team that specialize in weddings/events. We honor our Police Wives/officers by offering 25% off services.

Thank you for all the sacrifices you make daily to keep us safe.

Dreaming Beautifully -Le Reve

Beauty team

We understand that
your job can strain
at times but your car
shouldn't have to.

We Love You 6

Dear OFFICER,

With everything going
on with our world, we
wanted to let you know
that we love you, we
appreciate + respect you.
If ever we have to
we will protect you.

Eddie, Sophia + Jayden
Zuniga

Please carry this
and know that you
are being prayed
over.

The Zuniga Family

We are so grateful to
all of you for your
service and the

protection that you
provide our city every
day. We pray for
God to give you
wisdom and ask for
a hedge of protection

around you as you
do your job every
day.

Our family
appreciates you!

Winn, Betsy,
Shepherd, Malcolm
and Gus

"Please thank the officer that came to my house last night. I accidentally called 911 while on the phone with Mason. (Older mama😊). As someone who needed help many years ago...I really appreciate that our Powell police are so responsive and caring."



Abi Freeman ► **City of Powell**
Local Government



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To the cop at Arbor Ridge Park helping a young man change a tire this afternoon... you're a good man. Thank you.

Hello! Thank you for your public service. We are new-ish to Powell and its a great town and we feel very safe. Except...when crossing Presidential Pkwy at Grandshire. I don't know if people don't notice the stop sign, or don't care, but it is such a dangerous intersection. There are many kids who cross there to go to school and at least a couple times a week, someone runs that stop sign when we are on our way to Tyler Run. Today, we decided to cross Grandshire instead of Presidential and right before we crossed soemone ran the Grandshire stop sign. I see other places around Powell that have crosswalk signs, and maybe that would help. I am just very nervous at this intersection and I am hoping you can check it out. Thanks!

Thanks for reaching out to the City of Powell via web submission. First, I would like to welcome you to the City of Powell. Regarding your traffic complaint - I have copied two of our Patrol Sergeants, Sgt. Andy Lucas and Sgt. Ben Boruchowitz, on your email. They will share this information with the officers on their shift and will monitor the area. If the crosswalks need to be re-painted, we can put in a work order.

Thank you so much for getting back to me. I saw an officer out there and it definitely slowed down the intersection :) I think the crosswalk paint is OK, but I did notice there is no yellow crosswalk sign. Maybe that would help...

I really appreciate your attention to this matter!

Thank you again, Lisa Scott



Luke Henry

May 8 at 8:26 PM · 🌐

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Thank you Powell Police and an extra thanks to Officer Hale. Our son had his 6th birthday and he wanted it to be a "Police Theme". Officer Hale showed up and was absolutely awesome!!! He was so good with the kids and very patient. He allowed everyone to see his car and was more than willing to answer any questions. Cooper (our son) was even able to put Officer Hale in cuffs! We love our Police! Stay safe and THANK YOU!!!



The Powell Bubble



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46 Comments