

# The City of Powell Police Department

# October 2021 Activity Report

Stephen L. Hrytzik Chief of Police



# **STATISTICS**

	Current Month	Last Month	Last Year	5 Years Ago
Calls for Service	1,849	1,951	1,906	1,568
Dispatched Calls	437	460	412	373
Police Reports	98	50	63	97
Adult Arrests	5	3	12	5
Juvenile Arrests	1	2	4	1
Traffic Stops	120	123	189	121
Traffic Citations	14	5	25	5
Traffic Crashes	12	9	14	10
False Alarms	33	38	29	32
House Watches	26	11	12	21
Preventative Patrols	131	139	190	61
Stacked Calls	Not Available	Not Available	13	16

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

# **NOTABLE CASES**

Theft | Powell officers responded to a bank on Sawmill Parkway where officers located a white Ford F-250 still running and stuck in a ditch. The truck was equipped with a tow strap and chains in an attempt to steal the bank's ATM machine. The truck itself had been stolen from Grace Drive earlier in the night. ◆



# **NATURE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE**

INCIDENT TYPE	MINUTES ON CALLS	PERCENT OF TIME	CALLS	PERCENT OF CALLS
BUSINESS / HOUSE CHECK			1008	54.5%
TRAFFIC CONTROL			142	7.7%
TRAFFIC STOP			122	6.6%
ALARM/911 HANG-UP			98	5.3%
FOLLOW-UP / INVESTIGATION			94	5.1%
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY/UNIT			87	4.7%
SPECIAL DETAIL			81	4.4%
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY			46	2.5%
INVESTIGATE COMPLAINT			30	1.6%
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT			25	1.4%
THEFT			19	1.0%
CRASH			15	0.8%
ANIMAL CALL			13	0.7%
LOCKOUT - VEHICLE / OTHER			12	0.6%
PARKING COMPLAINT			8	0.4%
WELL BEING CHECK			7	0.4%
DOMESTIC			6	0.3%
HARASSMENT / THREATS			6	0.3%
JUVENILE			6	0.3%
LOST & FOUND			4	0.2%
MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS			4	0.2%
SEX OFFENSE			3	0.2%
UNKNOWN			3	0.2%
VANDALISM			3	0.2%
DRUGS/INTOX			2	0.1%
SUICIDE ATTEMPT			2	0.1%
MISSING PERSON			1	0.1%
TRASH DUMPING			1	0.1%
WARRANT			1	0.1%

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

Time on calls was not available due to the new computer system. See note on next page.

#### STACKED CALLS & RESPONSE TIME

Delaware County agencies switched to a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) at the end of August. We anticipate that the above statistics will be available after we receive training on the reporting module in December.

#### **K9 ACTIVITY**

K9 Axel and his handler, Officer Jason Latiolais, trained for 14 hours, and they were deployed once for a narcotic sniff which yielded Psilocybin mushrooms and marijuana.

Axel watches alertly from his cruiser 'doghouse'.



#### **COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING**

C.O.P. Officer Audrey Wilt participated in the Tyler Run 'Fun Walk' and met with two Boy Scout troops. She made

safety presentations to the Rotary, Recreations Outlet, and an HOA leadership meeting. She found time for golf cart inspections and child safety seat installations as well as HER Realtors 'Fallapalooza'.

## **CIVICS DAY**



About 80 children from Scioto Ridge Elementary visited the police department where they got a fingerprint, a cruiser display and a tour of the jail. In City Hall they learned about City Council, city government and the job of the City Manager. Liberty Township Fire Department brought an engine to show them, and Public Service brought a big back hoe.

Clerk Patti Mills turns the key on the curious children in Cell № 1.

#### **CANDY BY THE CARLOAD**



The parking lot at Seldom Seen Park was transformed into a trick-ortreater's treasure chest as local businesses and organization set up booths and car trunks filled with candy, toys and other Halloween goodies. •

Three young officers visited Officer Audrey Wilt's station.

#### **DRONE**

None of the drones were deployed in October. •

### **TRAINING**

In October, the department conducted 214.5 hours of training to include **Ethics**, **Bias Based Policing**, **Pursuits**, **Simunitions**, **Legal Update**, **Taser Instructor**, **Crisis Intervention Training** and **Child Abuse Training**. ◆

#### **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 October, there were 10 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 October. ◆

# 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 October 12-18, 2021, Speed Limit 25

Direction	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	29.83	35	25-34	96.57
Southbound	30.42	36	26-35	112.95

# Verona Drive at Fairoaks Drive October 19-25, 2021, Speed Limit 25

Direction	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	24.09	30	20-29	23.13
Southbound	26.28	35	26-35	26.72

# North Liberty Street at Case Avenue October 26-November 1, 2021, Speed Limit 25

Direction	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	29.59	34	25-34	109.37
Southbound	28.70	33	25.34	118.58

# **TRAFFIC CRASHES**



CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
21-09080	10/2/2021	FAILURE TO CONTROL	Unit 1 was traveling southbound on Spring Garden Lane when the vehicle drove off the right side of the roadway. Unit 1 then struck the mailbox in front of 7750 Spring Garden Lane with the front and passenger side of the vehicle. CITE
21-09227	10/5/2021	TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	Injury   Unit 1, a pedestrian, was crossing Sawmill Pkwy. at the intersection of Royal Belfast Blvd. Unit 1 failed to follow the pedestrian traffic control device prohibiting him from crossing the roadway. As Unit 1 was in the roadway, within the crosswalk, Unit 2 struck Unit 1 on the left side of his person with the passenger side of Unit 2. Unit 1 was checked by medics and elected to not be transported to the hospital for treatment. Unit 1 stated he was sore, but reported no major injuries.
21-09268	10/5/2021	ACDA	Unit 1 and 2 were eastbound on SR 750 at the grade crossing. Unit 2 stopped for traffic, and Unit 1 struck the rear of Unit 2. The driver of Unit 1 was cited for the crash. CITE
21-09356	10/7/2021	ACDA	Injury   Unit 2 was struck from behind while facing northbound on Sawmill Pkwy. by Unit 1 who was traveling northbound on Sawmill Pkwy. CITE

CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
21-09558	10/10/2021	OVI	Unit 1 was traveling east on Shale Ridge Ct. Unit 1 traveled northeast and struck a curb, then struck a mailbox at 340 Shale Ridge Ct. CITE
21-09635	10/11/2021	BACKING	Unit 1 turned east into a driveway at 726 Bovee Lane. Unit 1 reversed traveling west and struck Unit 2 that was parked on the street in front of 723 Bovee Lane. CITE
21-09673	10/12/2021	UNSEC. LOAD	Unit 1 was eastbound on SR 750 in the area of Depot St. Unit 1 crossed the grade crossing, and the trailer it was towing became separated from the vehicle. The trailer continued eastbound and struck a curb and a light pole. On inspection of the trailer/vehicle after the crash, it was observed that there were no safety chains or a pin to secure the trailer to the trailer hitch. CITE
21-09694	10/12/2021	FAILURE TO CONTROL	Unit 1 struck a fire hydrant off the right side of the roadway. Unit 1 did not however leave the right side of the roadway. CITE
21-09886	10/15/2021	HIT-SKIP	While traveling south on Grace Drive, Unit 1 was observed by a witness driving off the road to the right and striking a mail box. The witness observed the driver of Unit 1 exit their vehicle to check for damage and then leave the scene south on Grace Drive, then east on East Olentangy Street.
21-09924	10/16/2021	OVI	Unit 1 was westbound on Home Rd. Unit 1 turned southbound on Sawmill Pkwy, lost control and struck a curb, disabling the vehicle. <b>CITE</b>
21-10046	10/18/2021	FAILURE TO CONTROL	Unit 1 was overtaking a parked car and southbound on Hopewell Drive. Unit 1 struck the parked vehicle by making contact with the mirrors.
21-10439	10/25/2021	FAILURE TO CONTROL	Unit 1 was making a left turn from Olentangy Ridge Pl. onto SR 750. Driver of Unit 1 stated he lost steering capabilities and wasn't able to make the turn. Unit 1 drove off the roadway and into a ditch. Damage to the shoulder was noted after Unit 1 was towed.

# **MAP OF TRAFFIC CRASHES**



# October 2021 Crash Type

- INJURY
- PRIVATE PROPERTY
- PROPERTY DAMAGE

#### THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Officer WiltThank you for taking the
time to be a judge for our
Call bake. We know you are
busy so we appreciate your
Support. Thank you for all that
you do for our community.
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# Citizen Commendation for Kaylyn Heading

Councilperson Karr asked Chief Hrytzik to say "thanks" to you for taking the time to assist her with her dog the other night at the tennis courts in Arbor Ridge Park. She was incredibly appreciative!

# **Citizen Commendation for Andy Lucas**

Deputy Chief Sallows received the following email compliment from a citizen regarding a case:

Please relay to Sergeant Andy Lucas my appreciation of his dedication in resolving the fraud report. I know he has been swamped with this type of fraud claim and his drive and dedication is to be admired. His dedication is high praise for the Powell Police Department. Please keep up the wonderful work.

