



# The City of Powell Police Department

## December 2022 Activity Report

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Chief of Police



## STATISTICS

	Current Month	Last Month	Last Year	5 Years Ago
Calls for Service	<b>1,958</b>	1,887	2,015	1,552
Dispatched Calls	<b>401</b>	439	431	423
Police Reports	<b>53</b>	67	57	83*
Adult Arrests	<b>4</b>	11	7	6
Juvenile Arrests	<b>0</b>	0	1	8
Traffic Stops	<b>86</b>	104	120	87
Traffic Citations	<b>5</b>	13	7	11
Traffic Crashes	<b>24</b>	12	15	10
False Alarms	<b>41</b>	34	35	22
House Watches	<b>50</b>	30	41	83
Preventative Patrols	<b>105</b>	116	210	60
Stacked Calls	<b>9</b>	9	33	24

*\*We no longer count false alarms as Police Reports.*

## NOTABLE CASES

**Assault** | While officers were trying to find an adult to take responsibility for an intoxicated person, that person became agitated and struck a police officer. He was charged with disorderly conduct, assault, and assault on a law enforcement officer.

**Theft** | Police were called after a suspect was spotted pulling in front of multiple residences, jumping out of her vehicle and taking delivered packages off of porches. Someone photographed the suspect's car and posted it on Facebook where it was recognized. Police spoke to the suspect who advised she did it because she was bored. The property, which included 27 bags of Lifesaver candy, was returned to the owners, and the suspect was charged with theft. ♦



## NATURE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

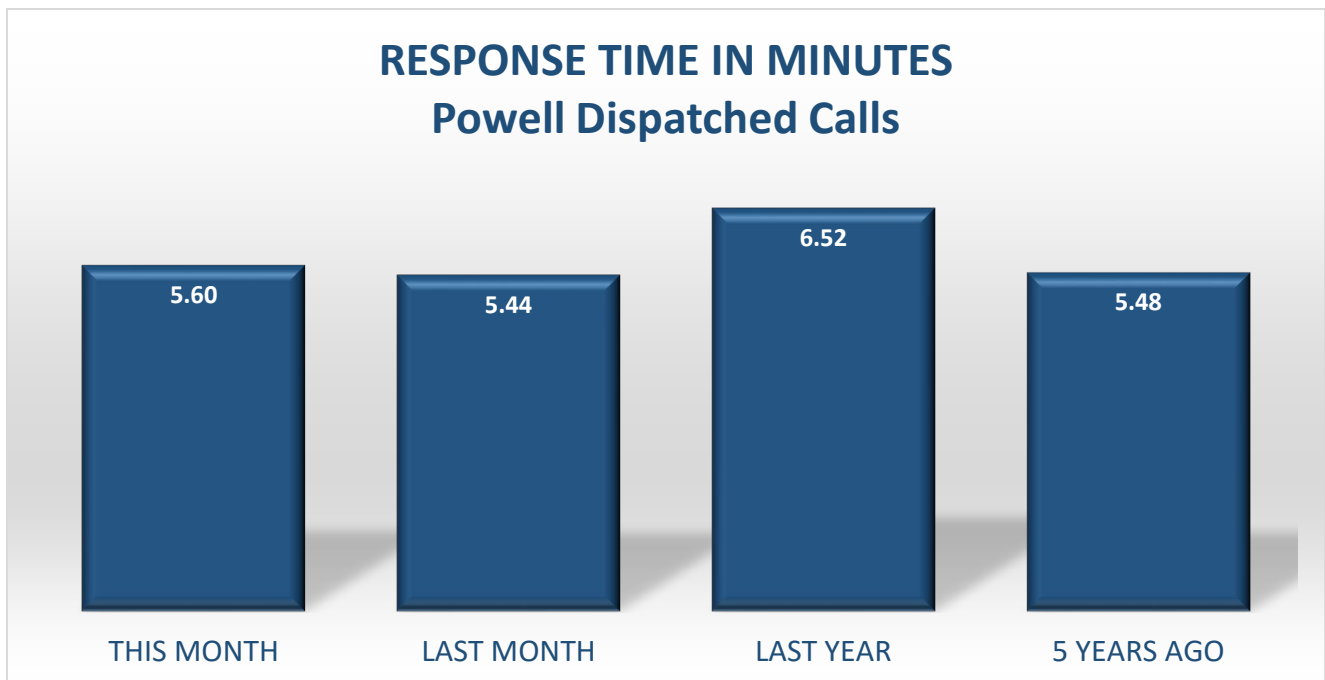
INCIDENT TYPE	MINUTES ON CALLS	PERCENT OF TIME	CALLS	PERCENT OF CALLS
BUSINESS / HOUSE CHECK	6,870.0	22.3%	1210	61.8%
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY/UNIT	5,200.3	16.8%	101	5.2%
SPECIAL DETAIL	4,691.2	15.2%	67	3.4%
FOLLOW-UP / INVESTIGATION	3,683.5	11.9%	110	5.6%
TRAFFIC CONTROL	2,597.9	8.4%	123	6.3%
ALARM/911 HANG-UP	1,342.0	4.3%	91	4.6%
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	1,095.1	3.5%	10	0.5%
CRASH	870.8	2.8%	24	1.2%
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	707.4	2.3%	23	1.2%
TRAFFIC STOP	546.7	1.8%	86	4.4%
THEFT	445.1	1.4%	13	0.7%
WARRANT/PRISONER TRANSPORT	439.1	1.4%	3	0.2%
DOMESTIC	423.6	1.4%	9	0.5%
INVESTIGATE COMPLAINT	402.0	1.3%	18	0.9%
MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS	294.3	1.0%	4	0.2%
CIVIL COMPLAINT	237.5	0.8%	7	0.4%
LOCKOUT	183.2	0.6%	19	1.0%
PARKING COMPLAINT	178.9	0.6%	12	0.6%
JUVENILE	166.9	0.5%	7	0.4%
HARASSMENT / THREATS	101.4	0.3%	4	0.2%
ANIMAL CALL	98.9	0.3%	4	0.2%
WELL BEING CHECK	91.3	0.3%	4	0.2%
LOST & FOUND	69.6	0.2%	5	0.3%
ASSAULT	61.2	0.2%	1	0.1%
VANDALISM	38.9	0.1%	1	0.1%
DRUGS/ALCOHOL	26.5	0.1%	1	0.1%

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

## STACKED CALLS



## RESPONSE TIME



## K9 ACTIVITY

Officer Jason Latiolais was on injury leave in December, so there were no K9 deployments. K9 Axel officially retired on December 31, 2022. ♦

## TRAINING

In December the department conducted 92.75 hours of training including All Hazards Plan, Delaware County Common Pleas Specialized Dockets, Performance Evaluations for Law Enforcement, Alco-Sensor PBT, Sexual Offenses: Mind and Motivation, 10 Myths of Sexual Assault, Ohio Ethics Law 2022, and a number of OPOTA Online courses. ♦

## USE OF FORCE

The Powell Police Department carefully tracks all uses of force by the agency. There were two uses of force in December.

- ❖ Officers were called to the scene of a mental health crisis where an individual was actively attempting to harm herself. An officer restrained her arms behind her back using joint manipulation and was able to handcuff her. The subject kicked and spat at officers and slipped out of the bed restraints in the medic. She stopped resisting once she arrived at Children's Hospital.
- ❖ An Uber driver called officers to help with an intoxicated passenger who was refusing to get out of the vehicle. Officers called the subject's father to come and take responsibility for him. That caused the subject to become agitated and strike the police sergeant. Police used balance displacement and a knee to the common peroneal nerve to take the subject to the ground and handcuff him. He was charged with disorderly conduct, assault, and assault on a law enforcement officer. ♦

## DRONES

The drones were not deployed in December. ♦



## HEROES AND HELPERS

The Powell and Dublin police departments and the Powell Target Department Store, worked together to give 22 children an opportunity to shop with a cop. Dar-Tech, Jill P. King, and other donors contributed to the event as well as donations from our officers for No-Shave November. Volunteers from the Powell and Dublin Citizens Police Academy Alumni Associations were on hand to wrap the presents. ♦





## COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

- ❖ Officer Audrey Wilt attended **Hidden in Plain Sight** at Olentangy Liberty High School which gave parents tips on teenage drug use and trends. A mock bedroom (pictured) demonstrated hiding places.
- ❖ Officer Wilt and Detective Darren Smith delivered HosPets gifts that the city collected.
- ❖ Officer Wilt and Detective Darren Smith gave a presentation to Middlefield Bank about safety during a bank robbery and investigations after.
- ❖ Officer Wilt gave a Cub Scout presentation including a tour, belt and cruiser display and fingerprinting.
- ❖ Officer Wilt participated in Operation Santa's Sleigh on 12/28/22 where hundreds of first responders paraded by Children's Hospital. (Pictured).
- ❖ Officer Wilt performed three car seat installs and one golf cart inspection.



## 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 December, there were two CIT calls. ♦

## 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.

### Sawmill Parkway at Stoneway Point November 28-December 4, 2022, Speed Limit 45

Direction	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Southbound	45.99	52	43-52	305.09
Northbound	45.22	52	43-52	180.90

### Hickory Rock Drive at Hickory Rock Blvd December 26, 2022-January 1, 2023, Speed Limit 25

Direction	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Southbound	22.87	27	19-28	10.97
Northbound	24.36	29	20-29	12.44



## TRAFFIC CRASHES



CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
22-21796	12/1/2022	<b>YIELD</b>	While exiting the parking lot near 3958 W. Powell Rd headed east, Unit 2 was struck in the right side by Unit 1. Unit 1 was turning right from the south to the east and did not see Unit 2 and struck Unit 2.
22-22079	12/5/2022	<b>CONTROL</b>	Unit 1 is unknown. Unit 1 appeared to have run off the road, driving over a curb and striking a stop sign near Middlebury Way and Bovee Ln.
22-22129	12/6/2022	<b>YIELD</b>	<i>Injury</i>   Unit 2 was northbound on Sawmill Pkwy. in the area of N. Hampton Dr. Unit 2 was southbound on Sawmill Pkwy. and attempted to make a left turn onto N. Hampton Dr. Unit 1 pulled into the path of Unit 2. Unit 2 struck Unit 1 and continued off the right side of

			the roadway after separation. After separation, Unit 1 traveled northbound on Sawmill Pkwy., returning to the southbound lanes, striking a curb before coming to rest in the grass west of Sawmill Pkwy. <b>CITE</b>
22-22182	12/7/2022	<b>BACKING</b>	Unit 2 was parked on Wallsend Ct. Unit 1 backed from the driveway of 142 Wallsend Ct. and struck Unit 2.
22-22191	12/7/2022	<b>BACKING</b>	Unit 2 was parked at a business on W. Powell Rd. Unit 2 was struck by Unit 1.
22-22368	12/10/2022	<b>BACKING</b>	Unit 2 was backing from the north to the south. While fully backed and attempting to drive towards the east, Unit 2 was struck in the right rear by Unit 1, who began to back from the south to the north.
22-22522	12/12/2022	<b>CONTROL</b>	Unit 1 was southbound on N. Liberty St at Adventure Park Dr. Unit 1 drove off the right side of the roadway, struck a street sign and a mailbox.
22-22614	12/13/2022	<b>CONTROL</b>	While parked facing south, Unit 1 said the brakes didn't work properly while starting. Unit 1 went over the curb south, crossed the mail drop off lane, and then struck a fence south of the drop off lane damaging the fence.
22-23061	12/20/2022	<b>BACKING</b>	<i>Injury</i>   Unit 2 was parked in the lot of 285 S. Liberty. Unit 1 was backing from a parking stall after turning around. Unit 1 backed into Unit 2.
22-23072	12/20/2022	<b>HIT-SKIP</b>	Unit 2 was a parked motor vehicle. Unit 2 was struck by an unknown vehicle in the parking lot of The Primrose School.
22-23073	12/20/2022	<b>MARKED LANES</b>	Units 1 and 2 were northbound on Sawmill Pkwy, south of Presidential Pkwy. The involved units came into contact with each other on the roadway. The occupants of Unit 2 reported that the driver of Unit 1 changed lanes into their vehicle. The operator of Unit 1 advised that Unit 2 changed lanes into his vehicle. Based on the fact that there are no independent witnesses for this crash, fault cannot be determined at this time.
22-23559	12/29/2022	<b>BACKING</b>	Unit 1 was backing up in the parking lot of Adventure Park. Unit 1 became distracted by the passengers in the vehicle and struck Unit 2 which was a parked vehicle.
22-23599	12/28/2022	<b>CONTROL</b>	Unit 1, an unknown white Honda Civic traveling northbound on Winding Woods Drive, struck the mail box. Unit 1 left the scene leaving a portion of the right

			front bumper and parts belonging to a lower right fog lamp.
22-23617	12/29/2022	<b>YIELD</b>	Unit 2 was southbound on Hopewell at Ridgeside Dr. After stopping for the stop sign, Unit 2 proceeded through the intersection. Unit 1 was eastbound on Ridgeside Dr., failed to stop at the stop sign prior to turning left at the intersection and struck Unit 2. <b>CITE</b>
22-23650	12/30/2022	<b>BACKING</b>	Unit 1 and 2 were waiting for a gate to raise at a business on Sawmill Pkwy. Unit 1 backed up to attempt to trip the sensor and backed into Unit 2. Unit 1 then proceeded through the carwash and left the scene.
22-23663	12/30/2022	<b>CONTROL</b>	Unit 1 and unit 2 were northbound of Sawmill Parkway in heavy traffic. Unit 1 attempted to change lanes and struck Unit 2 on the front right. <b>CITE</b>

## MAP OF TRAFFIC CRASHES



### December 2022 Crash Type

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

*Map by the City of Powell Development Department*



## NOTES OF SUPPORT



Dear Audrey,  
Thank you for your  
time, energy, and efforts  
to coordinate the Powell  
Citizen's Police Academy.  
I looked forward to the  
classes each week.  
I have a new appreciation  
for the sacrifices and  
challenges the officers  
face each day on the job!  
Thank you for your  
service to our community!  
In gratitude,  
Taryn Kapp

**Subject:** Hospets Santa Paws

Thank you so much!

I was overcome with joy when your representative came to my door with a big wrapped package for me and bags of my favorite candies on top. She was so friendly and how thoughtful it was that you cared to make Christmas special for a senior citizen in Powell!

### **Citizen Commendation for Darren Smith and Audrey Wilt**

Thank you very much for coming to go over best practices and robbery preparedness. It was nice to meet with our local Police team, and get some face time with the branch.

Thanks again, and let us know if the bank can help with any community involvement activities in the coming year!

Andy Apgear  
Middlefield Bank  
Branch Manager – Powell

