



The City of Powell Police Department

April 2023 Activity Report

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Chief of Police



STATISTICS

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	Current Month	Last Month	Last Year	5 Years Ago
Calls for Service	1,741	2,031	1,951	1,775
Dispatched Calls	440	373	461	519
Police Reports	51	42	61	94*
Adult Arrests	3	9	9	9
Juvenile Arrests	0	1	0	0
Traffic Stops	97	143	133	133
Traffic Citations	8	4	12	26
Traffic Crashes	15	13	8	11
False Alarms	30	37	38	21
House Watches	42	60	54	43
Preventative Patrols	178	182	184	143
Stacked Calls	17	16	21	29

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

NOTABLE CASES

Assist | Powell officers were called to assist Columbus police officers who were in plain clothes and unmarked cars. The Columbus officers observed three suspects stealing a trailer. Powell officers conducted two felony traffic stops – one for the truck and trailer and one for the car leading the truck. The suspects were eventually taken into custody by the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. ♦



NATURE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

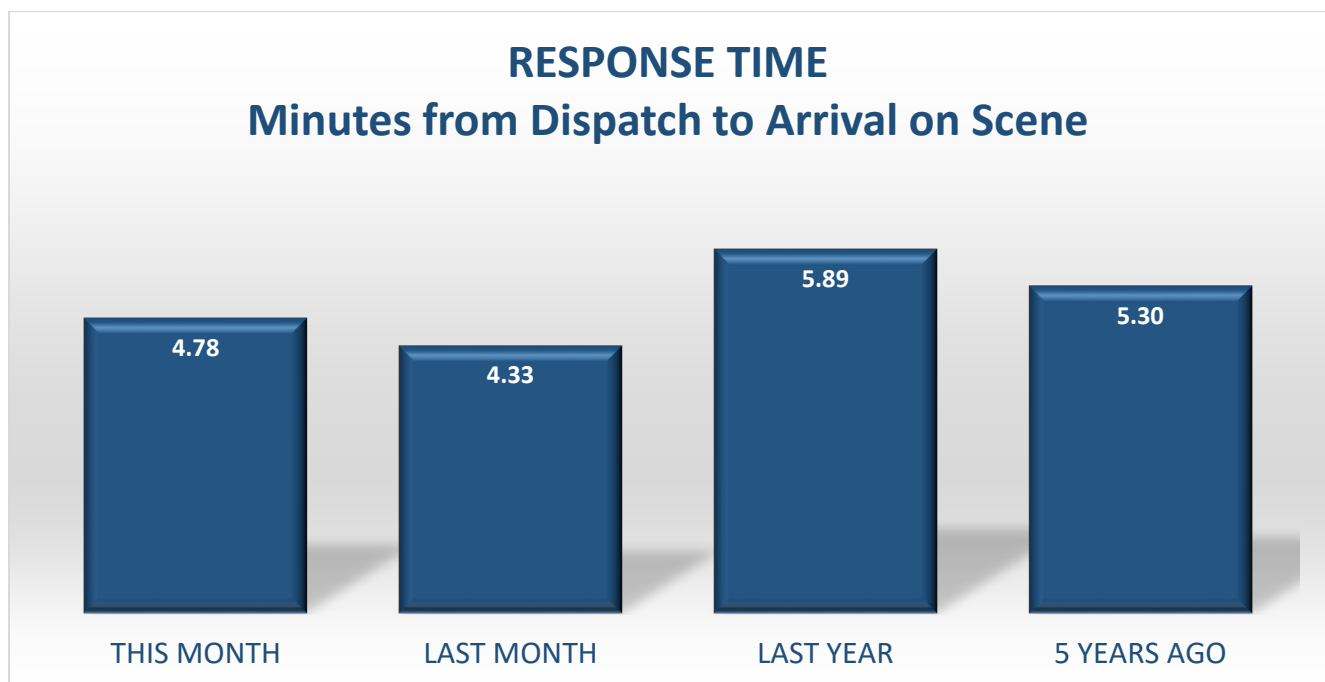
INCIDENT TYPE	TIME ON CALLS	PERCENT OF TIME	CALLS	PERCENT OF CALLS
BUSINESS / HOUSE CHECK	5,904.5	21.2%	1041	59.8%
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY / UNIT	4,052.8	14.5%	81	4.7%
SPECIAL DETAIL	3,711.6	13.3%	51	2.9%
TRAFFIC CONTROL / DETAIL	2,202.6	7.9%	89	5.1%
FOLLOW-UP / INVESTIGATION	1,628.7	5.8%	49	2.8%
THEFT	1,547.3	5.5%	11	0.6%
ALARM/911 HANG-UP	1,333.4	4.8%	96	5.5%
CRASH	1,185.2	4.2%	15	0.9%
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	1,106.6	4.0%	47	2.7%
TRAFFIC STOP	939.9	3.4%	97	5.6%
INVESTIGATE COMPLAINT	820.1	2.9%	33	1.9%
WELL BEING CHECK	582.7	2.1%	7	0.4%
MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS	557.2	2.0%	3	0.2%
WARRANT	348.1	1.2%	2	0.1%
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	305.6	1.1%	20	1.1%
JUVENILE	285.4	1.0%	11	0.6%
ANIMAL CALL	233.7	0.8%	12	0.7%
LOST & FOUND	225.7	0.8%	10	0.6%
LOCKOUT - VEHICLE/OTHER	193.2	0.7%	39	2.2%
VANDALISM	157.2	0.6%	4	0.2%
DEATH INVESTIGATION	143.5	0.5%	1	0.1%
PARKING COMPLAINT	142.0	0.5%	13	0.7%
HARASSMENT/THREATS	118.3	0.4%	3	0.2%
ASSAULT	100.3	0.4%	2	0.1%
MISSING PERSON	45.1	0.2%	1	0.1%
DRUGS/ALCOHOL	35.0	0.1%	2	0.1%
DOMESTIC	9.1	0.0%	1	0.1%

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

STACKED CALLS



RESPONSE TIME



TRAINING

In April the department completed 272 hours of training including Spring Agency Firearms, Pursuit Training Presentation, Delaware Municipal Court Search Warrant Process, NIBIN, What You Do Matters, SOAR Training Event, Supervisor Training and Education Program (STEP), Ohio Crime Prevention Association 2023 Training Conference, OTOA Tactical Response to Active Threat Course, and OACP Chief's In-Service and Annual Conference. ♦



USE OF FORCE

The Powell Police Department carefully tracks all uses of force by the agency. There was one use of force in April.

- ❖ Powell officers assisted the Columbus Division of Police in performing felony stops on a car and a truck with a stolen trailer. The felony stops involved officers displaying their handguns which is considered a use of force. Three suspects were arrested without incident. ♦

DRONES

Officer Jared Wilt deployed a drone over Memorial Park to assist in planning for Powell Festival. ♦



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 April, there were three CIT calls. ♦

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

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❖ Officers Audrey Wilt and Jillian Elliott attended the Ohio Crime Prevention Association Conference.

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❖ Officer Wilt and Officer Brandon Phenix held a small 'Ice Cream with a Cop' event at Handel's.

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❖ Other activities:

- Assisted the Delaware County Sheriff's Office with a RAD Women class.
- Presentation to Cub Scouts at the Liberty Methodist Church.
- Attended a Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician Cooperative meeting and installed two child car seats.
- Received hostage negotiator training for the Crisis Negotiation Team.
- Attended a Multi-Agency Crisis Intervention Team community gathering.
- Held a CarFit event with the Delaware Public Health District (pictured). ♦



TRAFFIC SURVEY (STEALTH STAT)

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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 April 3-9, 2023, Speed Limit 25

Direction	Average Speed	85 th Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	31.50	37	27-36	160.0
Southbound	30.23	36	26-35	161.5

North Liberty Street at Adventure Park Drive April 17-21, 2023, Speed Limit 25

Direction	Average Speed	85 th Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	29.88	35	26-35	180.98
Southbound	30.03	35	26-35	211.52

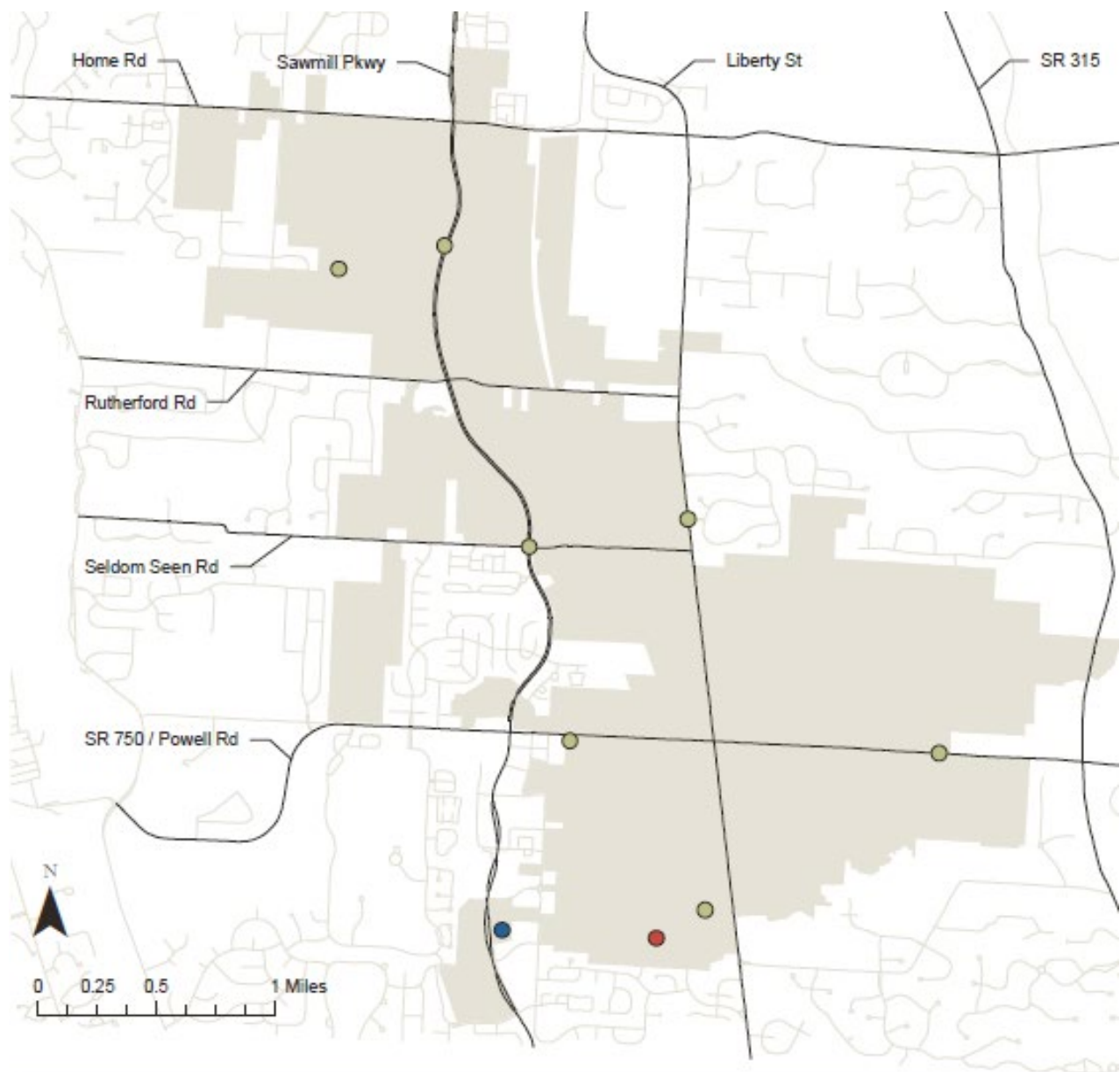
TRAFFIC CRASHES

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CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
23-06277	4/3/2023	BACKING	Unit 2 was parked in front of 4248 Village Club Dr. facing east. Unit 1 was backing out of a driveway at 4239 Village Club Dr. traveling south. Unit 1 continued traveling south and struck Unit 2. CITE
23-06316	4/4/2023	BACKING	Unit 1 struck Unit 2 while backing out of a driveway on Bantry Dr.
23-06319	4/4/2023	FAILURE TO YIELD	Unit 1 failed to yield before entering the roadway and struck Unit 2 on W. Olentangy Rd. CITE
23-06569	4/9/2023	HIT-SKIP	Unit 1 appeared to be driving west on SR 750 when it ran off the road to the right and struck a speed limit sign on the north side of the road. Unit 1 left the scene without reporting the damage.
23-06618	4/10/2023	ACDA	Unit 1 failed to maintain an assured clear distance ahead and struck Unit 2. Upon being struck, Unit 2 then rear-ended Unit 3. At the time of the crash Unit 3 and 2 were stopped in traffic on northbound Sawmill Parkway near Village Club Dr. Unit 3 was traveling north on Sawmill Pkwy. as well. CITE
23-06639	4/10/2023	FAILURE TO CONTROL	Unit 1 pulled into the driveway at 225 Stamford Dr. facing south. Unit 1 stopped and the driver exited, leaving the vehicle in drive. Unit 1 continued south into the grass and struck an electrical box.
23-07160	4/18/2023	ACDA	Units 1 and 2 were southbound on N. Liberty St. Unit 2 stopped for a school bus. Unit 1 failed to stop and struck Unit 2. CITE
23-07271	4/20/2023	ACDA	Unit 2 and Unit 1 were on Seldom Seen Rd stopped facing west at the Sawmill Pkwy. traffic light. Unit 2 began to move with the flow of traffic to turn south on Sawmill Pkwy. when a vehicle stopped in front of them.

			Unit 2 stopped; however, Unit 1 did not and rear-ended Unit 2.
23-07357	4/21/2023	HIT-SKIP	Unit 1 struck Unit 2 in an unknown manner in a parking lot on Sawmill Pkwy. sometime between 1500 hours on 4/20/2023 to 1500 hours on 4/21/2023. Unit 2 was unoccupied at the time of the collision.

MAP OF TRAFFIC CRASHES



Crash Type

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

Map by the City of Powell Development Department

RETIREMENT



Officer Scott Sanford retired from the Powell Police Department on April 14, 2023, concluding a 25-year career in law enforcement. He joined the department in 1999.

“I’ve had the pleasure of watching Scott grow in Powell,” said Chief of Police Steve Hrytzik. “It’s neat to watch the people you’ve worked alongside reach a point in their career to retire and enjoy the next chapter.”

Throughout his tenure with the Powell Police Department, Officer Sanford has been awarded Officer of the Year three times. He was also recognized with a Medal of Commendation for his heroic efforts in rescuing an individual from a burning vehicle.

In addition to his patrol duties, Officer Sanford served as the department’s

accreditation manager, leading the team through a rigorous recertification process every four years. Only 10 percent of law enforcement departments are credentialed through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) which is recognized as the gold standard for public safety agencies and promotes best practices nationwide.

“Scott is someone you can count on to be here and do a great job,” said Sergeant Scott Roach. “He’s very dependable and has been a strong mentor to the younger officers on our team.”

“I’ve known Scott for more than 25 years,” said Deputy Chief of Police Ron Sallows. “We worked together in Toledo before we came to Powell as young men at the start of our law enforcement careers. It’s hard to believe how quickly time passes. I know he will be missed by his co-workers and many in the community.” ♦