



# The City of Powell Police Department August 2023 Activity Report

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## STATISTICS: Council Goal 1-2, M1 & M4 Crime & Traffic Statistics

	Current Month	Last Month	Last Year	5 Years Ago
Calls for Service	<b>1,700</b>	2,051	2,053	1,860
Dispatched Calls	<b>439</b>	496	430	678
Police Reports	<b>56</b>	49	64	133*
Adult Arrests	<b>4</b>	1	8	15
Juvenile Arrests	<b>0</b>	0	0	3
Traffic Stops	<b>104</b>	92	158	147
Traffic Citations	<b>9</b>	9	16	13
Traffic Crashes	<b>13</b>	18	10	12
False Alarms	<b>38</b>	47	32	26
House Watches	<b>41</b>	96	36	36
Preventative Patrols	<b>147</b>	185	215	152
Stacked Calls	<b>15</b>	16	11	42

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

## NOTABLE CASES

**Assist** | A resident of Powell allegedly stabbed a woman in Columbus. He called police on the morning of August 29 to turn himself in.

Powell officers performed a felony stop on his vehicle and detained him for the Columbus Division of Police.

Powell Police did not question the man, but did obtain important physical evidence from him. Powell officers remained on the scene to be interviewed by Columbus homicide detectives. ♦





## NATURE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

INCIDENT TYPE	TIME ON CALLS	PERCENT OF TIME	CALLS	PERCENT OF CALLS
SPECIAL DETAIL	6717.2	23.3%	54	3.2%
BUSINESS / HOUSE CHECK	5153.8	17.9%	957	56.4%
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY / UNIT	3193.6	11.1%	74	4.4%
FOLLOW-UP / INVESTIGATION	2157.2	7.5%	71	4.2%
TRAFFIC CONTROL / DETAIL	1991.4	6.9%	107	6.3%
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	1071.2	3.7%	45	2.7%
TRAFFIC STOP	1058.5	3.7%	106	6.2%
INVESTIGATE/COMPLAINT	1035.5	3.6%	48	2.8%
CRASHES	1001.0	3.5%	20	1.2%
ALARMS/911 HANGUP	996.8	3.5%	79	4.7%
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	761.0	2.6%	27	1.6%
THEFT	726.8	2.5%	22	1.3%
STABBING	348.5	1.2%	1	0.1%
JUVENILE	308.9	1.1%	13	0.8%
ANIMAL CALL	304.3	1.1%	15	0.9%
WELL BEING CHECK	287.5	1.0%	8	0.5%
DOMESTIC	258.5	0.9%	5	0.3%
VANDALISM	235.6	0.8%	5	0.3%
PARKING COMPLAINT	208.6	0.7%	11	0.6%
STOLEN VEHICLE	182.8	0.6%	3	0.2%
LOCKOUT - VEHICLE/OTHER	141.5	0.5%	11	0.6%
MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS	139.7	0.5%	2	0.1%
HARASSMENT/THREATS	109.9	0.4%	4	0.2%
LOST AND FOUND	103.3	0.4%	4	0.2%
WARRANT	102.6	0.4%	1	0.1%
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	87.0	0.3%	2	0.1%
MISSING PERSON	63.2	0.2%	1	0.1%
ASSAULT	33.1	0.1%	1	0.1%
SHOOTING - SOUNDS OF SHOTS	11.6	0.0%	1	0.1%

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

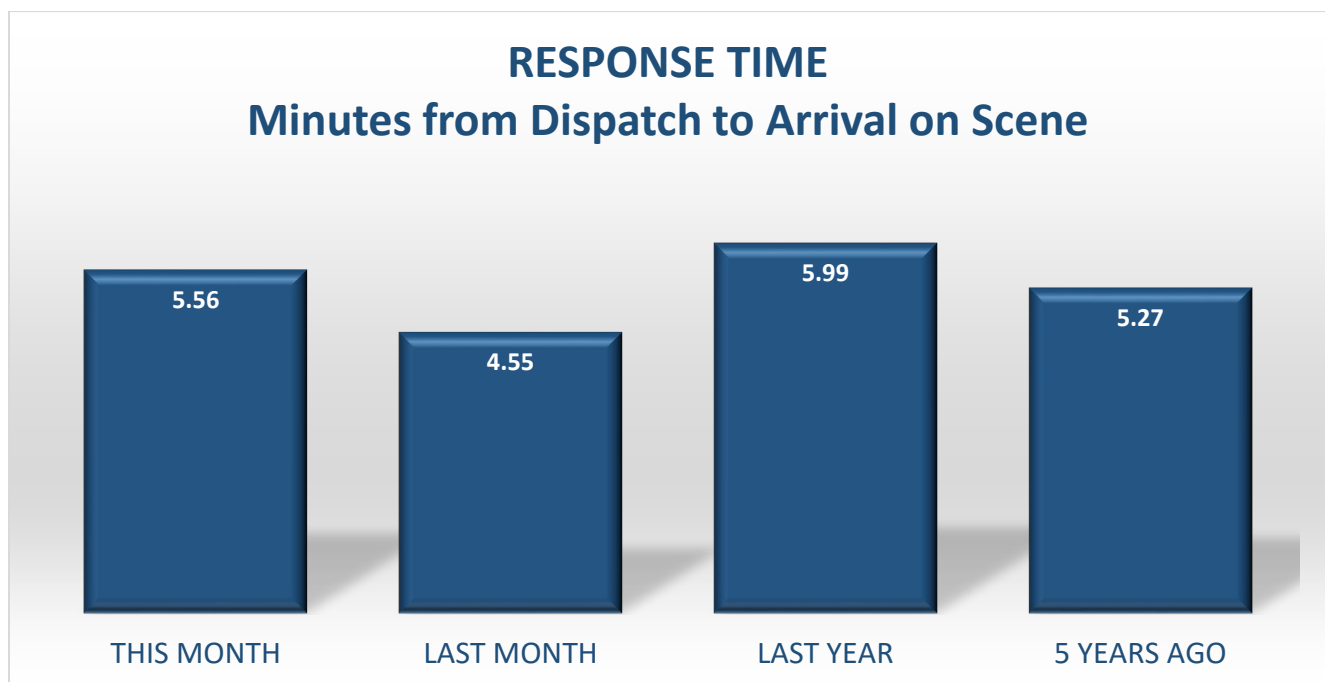
*\*Special Detail includes meetings, administrative tasks, maintenance, court runs, and special duty.*



## STACKED CALLS



## RESPONSE TIME





## TRAINING

### Council Goal 6-3, M1 Document Employee Training

In August the department completed 36.5 hours of total training. This consisted of Continuing Professional Training required by the State of Ohio, which included Distracted Driving, NIBIN, NIBIN II, and Safe at Home courses. The agency also completed Ethics Training and Delaware Municipal Court Search Warrant Process Update. ♦

## USE OF FORCE

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

- ❖ Officers performed a felony stop, displaying firearms, on a subject who admitted to stabbing someone in Columbus. ♦

## 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 August, there were two CIT calls. ♦

## COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

### Council Goal 1-2.11 Share Community Policing Activity with Community

Officer Audrey Wilt, Community Oriented Policing Officer:

- ❖ Started the 2023 Citizens Police Academy, Class 14;
- ❖ Conducted a Community Bike Ride for National Night Out;
- ❖ Attended Delaware's First Friday Cruiser Cruise-In;
- ❖ Gave two presentations on Walking/Biking Safety at Tyler Run Elementary;
- ❖ Inspected six golf carts; and Installed two child car seats.





Tyler Run Walker  
Safety Talk

## Badges and Buckets





## TRAFFIC SURVEY (STEALTH STAT & SMART STAT)

### Council Goal 1-2 M4 Maintain and Publish Traffic Statistics

**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.

### Presidential Parkway at Vinwood Lane August 16, 2023, Speed Limit 25

Direction	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Eastbound	24.03	27	20-29	11.13
Westbound	26.13	30	22-31	10.43

### South Liberty Street at Bennett Parkway August 16, 2023, Speed Limit 25

Direction	Average Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	19.63	37	26-35	148.07
Southbound	19.45	36	26-35	123.58



## TRAFFIC CRASHES:

### Council Goal 1-2 M4 Maintain and Publish Traffic Statistics

CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
23-13662	8/1/2023	<b>FAILURE TO YIELD</b>	Unit 1 was northbound on Twp. Rd. 119 (Sawmill Rd.) when they turned left (west) onto Attucks Dr., failing to yield to southbound traffic. Unit 2 was southbound on Sawmill Rd. when they struck Unit 1 as Unit 1 turned in front of Unit 2.
23-13668	8/1/2023	<b>DEER</b>	Unit 1 was traveling north on Sawmill Pkwy when he stated he observed two deer run out in front of him from the east. Unit 1 did not have time to stop or avoid hitting the deer. Both deer were struck.
23-13875	8/5/2023	<b>ACDA</b>	While stopped in traffic facing northbound on Sawmill Parkway, Unit 2 was struck by Unit 1 while they were also slowing for stopped traffic. <b>CITE</b>
23-13900	8/5/2023	<b>ACDA</b>	Unit 2 was southbound on CR 9 (N. Liberty Rd.), stopped at a red traffic signal at SR 750 (E. Olentangy St.). Unit 1 was directly behind Unit 2. Unit 1 failed to stop for traffic ahead of them and struck Unit 2. <b>CITE</b>
23-14259	8/12/2023	<b>BACKING</b>	Unit 1 was searching for a parking space in the parking lot of 47 Hall St. Due to no parking spaces being available in this row, Unit 1 began to back up in the parking lot lane and struck Unit 2. This crash was caught on Powell Police Department security cameras.
23-14262	8/12/2023	<b>ACDA</b>	Unit 1 and Unit 2 were northbound on Sawmill Pkwy. Unit 2 slowed down to make a right hand turn into Raising Canes and was struck by Unit 1. <b>CITE</b>
23-14317	8/13/2023	<b>YIELD Injury</b>	Unit 1 was eastbound on Olentangy St. Unit 2 was stopped at Olentangy/Cressingham Ln. facing southbound on Bennett Pkwy. Unit 2 received a green light and proceeded south onto Bennett Pkwy. Unit 1 disobeyed the red light and struck Unit 2 as it was moving through the intersection. <b>CITE</b>

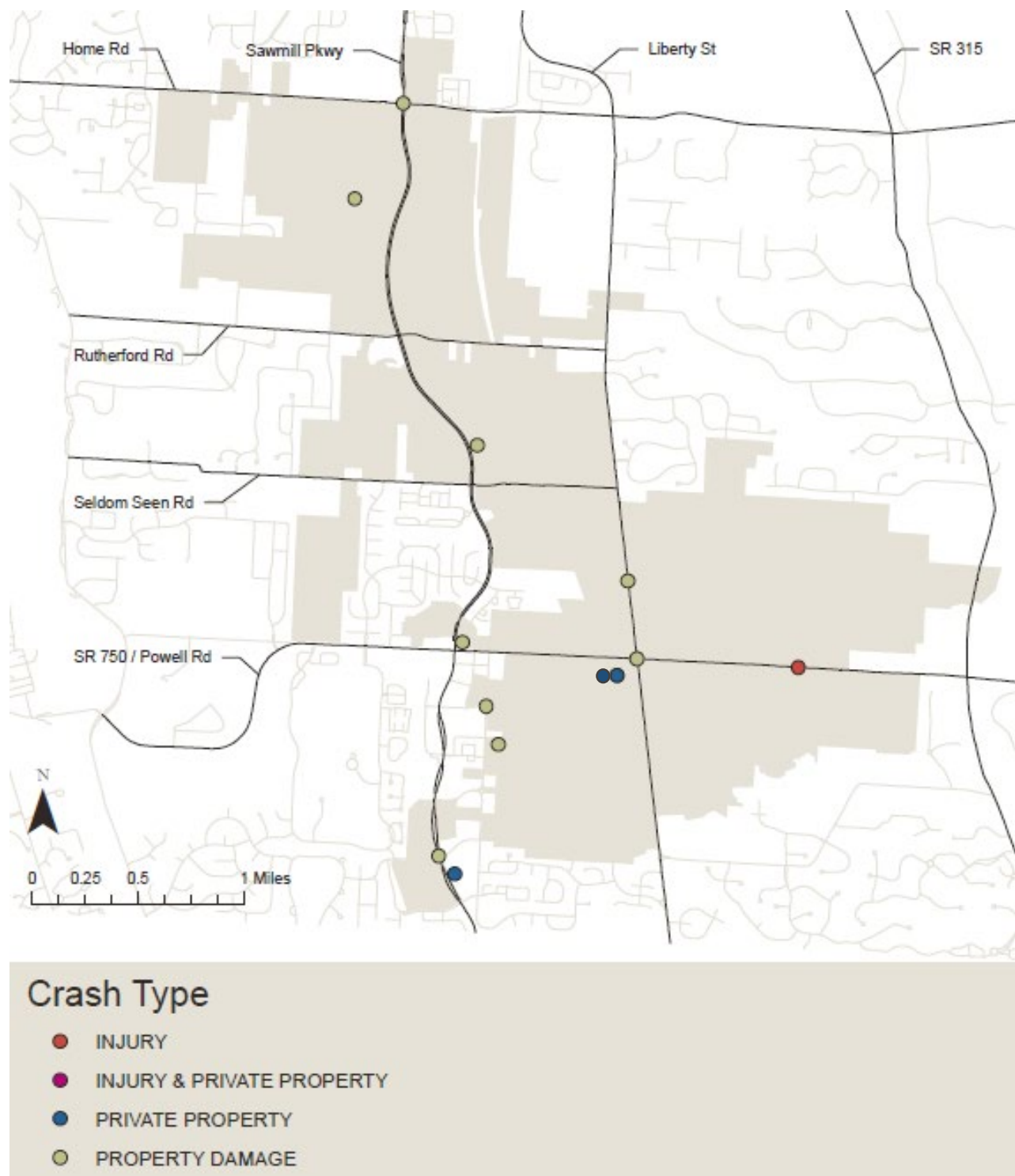


23-14586	8/18/2023	<b>FAILURE TO YIELD</b>	Unit 1 was northbound in the west lane of Sawmill Pkwy. Unit 2 was northbound in the east lane of Sawmill Pkwy. Unit 1 failed to exercise due care and attempted to change to the east (right) lane, striking Unit 2. <b>CITE</b>
23-14661	8/20/2023	<b>ACDA</b>	Units 1 and 2 were westbound on Grace Dr. Unit 1 stopped for the traffic signal. Unit 2 failed to stop and struck Unit 1. <b>CITE</b>
23-14668	8/20/2023	<b>BACKING</b>	Unit 2 was parked in a parking space and unoccupied in the parking lot of 47 Hall St. Unit 2 was backing into the parking space directly to the west of Unit 1, and struck Unit 1.
23-14797	8/22/2023	<b>HIT-SKIP</b>	While backing from a driveway on Village Club Dr., Unit 2 stopped backing and was then struck in the rear by Unit 1 who was traveling eastbound on Village Club Dr.
23-15000	8/26/2023	<b>BACKING</b>	Unit 2 was parked in a lot on Sawmill Pkwy. Unit 1 attempted to back from a parking space and backed into a bike rack attached to Unit 2.
23-15195	8/29/2023	<b>BACKING</b>	Unit 1 was northbound on Paynes Depot Ct. and reached the cul-de-sac to make turn around (due to construction on Presidential Pkwy.). As Unit 1 was turning around in the cul-de-sac, they struck the mailbox of 316 Paynes Depot Ct., causing damage to the mailbox.

*The number of traffic crashes on page 1 represents all the calls officers were dispatched to, even if no report was taken. These are the crashes that required police reports.*



## MAP OF TRAFFIC CRASHES



*Map by the City of Powell Development Department*



## RETIREMENT



Powell Police Chief Stephen Hrytzik retired after 32 years of service to the Powell community.

Chief Hrytzik started his law enforcement with the Village of Powell Police Department in 1991 working undercover. He was quickly promoted to Sergeant, then Lieutenant, and Deputy Chief. He was sworn in as Chief of Police in 2019.

Chief Hrytzik is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, Session 221. In 2022, he was elected to serve as the Section IV Representative of the National Board of the FBINA Associates.

Hrytzik has been involved in many community service organizations in his time with the Powell Police Department. Some of his positions include:

- Vice chair of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police Advisory Services,
- Past President of the Ohio Chapter of the FBINA Associates,
- Board member of the Liberty Township/Powell YMCA,
- Past president of the Delaware County Criminal Justice Association,
- Chair of Delaware County Emergency Management,
- Chair of the Delaware County 911 Board, and
- Board member, Delaware County Department of Job and Family Services.

We thank Chief Hrytzik for his leadership, guidance, and the positive impact that he has made on the law enforcement community, especially his family here at the Powell Police Department. He continually demonstrates the department's core values - honesty, integrity, and dependability.

Though he is leaving Powell, Hrytzik will continue to support local law enforcement. He will be joining the Ohio Department of Public Safety as the Chief of Law Enforcement Accreditation. ♦