



The City of Powell Police Department September 2023 Activity Report

Ron Sallows
Interim Chief of Police



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

	Current Month	Last Month	Last Year	5 Years Ago
Calls for Service	1,685	1,700	1,899	1,850
Dispatched Calls	325	439	440	568
Police Reports	43	56	59	126*
Adult Arrests	4	4	6	12
Juvenile Arrests	1	0	0	5
Traffic Stops	109	104	132	163
Traffic Citations	8	9	11	37
Traffic Crashes	11	13	16	7
False Alarms	33	38	36	31
House Watches	32	41	31	26
Preventative Patrols	118	147	125	124
Stacked Calls	9	15	13	26

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

NOTABLE CASES

Speed and Noise Complaints |

Residents in the area of Sawmill Parkway and Rutherford Road have noticed an increase in street racing and loud engines. The problem crosses jurisdictional boundaries, so Powell Police will work with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, the Delaware City Police Department and the Ohio State Highway Patrol for increased enforcement.



NATURE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

INCIDENT TYPE	TIME ON CALLS	PERCENT OF TIME	CALLS	PERCENT OF CALLS
BUSINESS / HOUSE CHECK	5,487.60	19.4%	1058	62.8%
SPECIAL DETAIL	3,856.73	13.7%	52	3.1%
CRASH	3,372.12	12.0%	19	1.1%
TRAFFIC CONTROL / DETAIL	3,102.63	11.0%	124	7.4%
TRAFFIC STOP	2,248.92	8.0%	109	6.5%
FOLLOW-UP / INVESTIGATION	1,808.88	6.4%	52	3.1%
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY / UNIT	1,576.07	5.6%	33	2.0%
INVESTIGATE COMPLAINT	1,239.92	4.4%	30	1.8%
ALARM/911 HANG-UP	805.53	2.9%	59	3.5%
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	654.00	2.3%	41	2.4%
DOMESTIC	571.77	2.0%	4	0.2%
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	422.83	1.5%	10	0.6%
LOCKOUT - VEHICLE/OTHER	395.67	1.4%	32	1.9%
MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS	363.50	1.3%	4	0.2%
THEFT	360.72	1.3%	10	0.6%
PARKING COMPLAINT	351.43	1.2%	12	0.7%
HARASSMENT/THREATS	345.42	1.2%	6	0.4%
ANIMAL CALL	286.27	1.0%	8	0.5%
WELL BEING CHECK	272.45	1.0%	6	0.4%
ASSAULT/FIGHT	183.88	0.7%	2	0.1%
JUVENILE - COMPLAINT	167.25	0.6%	5	0.3%
VANDALISM	133.95	0.5%	4	0.2%
WARRANT	88.10	0.3%	1	0.1%
SEX OFFENSE	60.18	0.2%	1	0.1%
LOST & FOUND	28.65	0.1%	1	0.1%
MISSING PERSON	19.33	0.1%	1	0.1%
STOLEN VEHICLE	13.40	0.0%	1	0.1%

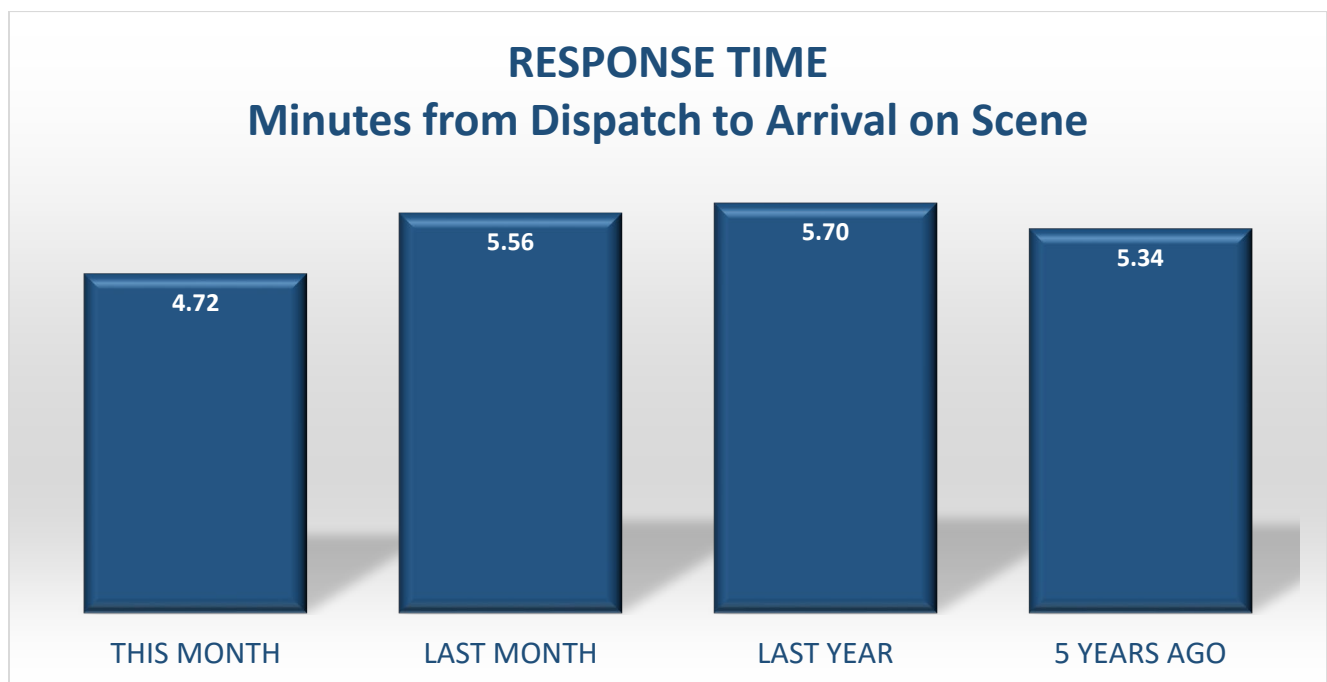
This is the nature of the call as originally reported by the dispatcher.

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

STACKED CALLS



RESPONSE TIME



TRAINING

In September the department completed 200 hours of training. This consisted of Agency Fall Firearms and Defensive Tactics Training, with agency instructors. The department also completed Midwest Crisis Negotiators Conference, Death Investigation, Public Records 101: What is a Public Record?, and Public Records 102: Exceptions Training. ♦

USE OF FORCE

The Powell Police Department carefully tracks all uses of force by the agency. There were no uses of force in September. ♦

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.

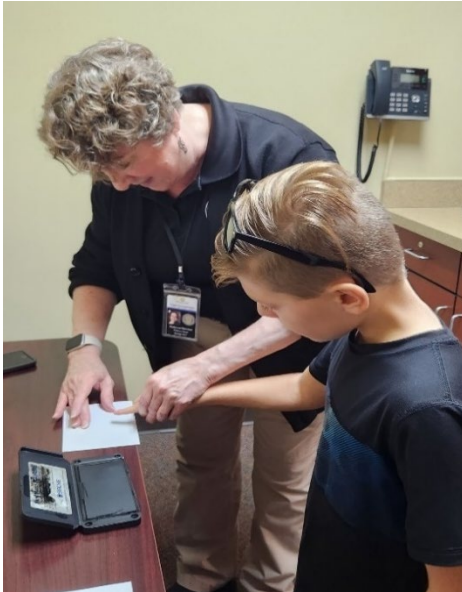
❖ In September, there were four CIT calls. ♦

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

Officer Audrey Wilt, Community Oriented Policing Officer:

- ❖ Citizens Police Academy included a CSI (crime scene investigation) class.
- ❖ Gave two presentations for OLHS classes on criminal law and law enforcement.
- ❖ Conducted Police and Fire night
- ❖ Hosted Scioto Ridge's Civic day when 130 children visited the municipal building.
- ❖ Led the Tyler Run Elementary fun walk and fall fest.
- ❖ Inspected two golf carts. Officers Wilt and Elliott installed six car seats.
- ❖ With Officer Hart, helped with Liberty High School band's tag day parade.





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.

Sawmill Parkway at Dolman Drive September 21, 2023, Speed Limit 45

Direction	Average Speed	85 th Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	47.69	53	44-53	106.53
Southbound	46.80	52	43-52	219.50

**Sawmill Parkway at Trail Lake Drive
September 19, 2023, Speed Limit 45**

Direction	Average Speed	85 th Percentile	Ten-Mile Pace	Average Vehicles per Hour
Northbound	41.24	48	41-50	193.61
Southbound	44.68	52	46-55	340.32

TRAFFIC CRASHES:

Council Goal 1-2 M4 Maintain and Publish Traffic Statistics



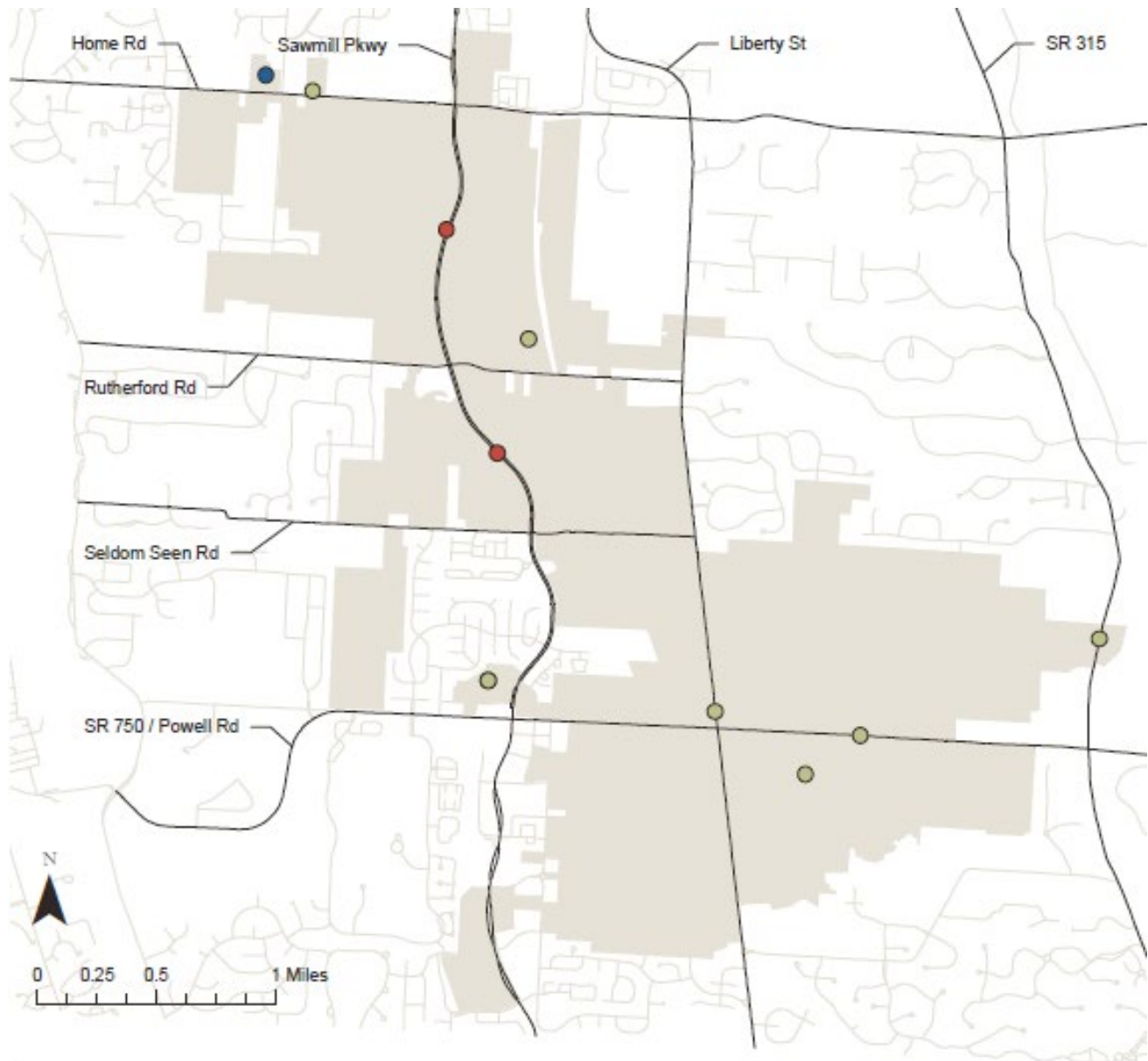
CASE	DATE	CAUSE	NARRATIVE
23-15614	9/5/23	Backing	Unit 2 was parked in a parking lot, but not completely in a space. Unit 1 attempted to turn into a parking space. Unit 1 struck unit 2.
23-15750	9/7/23	ACDA Injury	Unit 1 and Unit 2 were northbound on Sawmill Pkwy. in the area of Village Club Dr. when Unit 1 failed to maintain an assured clear distance ahead. As a result, Unit 1 struck Unit 2 from behind. CITED
23-15978	9/11/23	Hit-Skip	Unit 1 struck Unit 2 in an unknown manner in the parking lot of 4000 W. Powell Rd. Unit 1 left the scene of the crash prior to law enforcement arrival and did not leave a note with Unit 2.
23-16091	9/13/23	Failure to Yield	Unit 1 and unit 2 were westbound on Home Rd. Unit 1 decided to make a U-Turn to head eastbound on Home Rd. Unit 1 pulled off of the roadway and then proceeded to enter the roadway to turn the opposite direction. Unit 2 was unable to stop in time and veered left in attempts to avoid the collision. Unit 2 struck unit 1. Both vehicles were moved off of the roadway prior to arrival.
23-16098	9/13/23	Failure to Yield	Unit 2 was northbound on N. Liberty St. when Unit 1 made a left hand turn to go north onto N. Liberty St. without yielding to traffic and struck Unit 2. CITED
23-16139	9/14/23	Failure to Control	A white pickup truck made a right hand turn from Shalebrook onto Briarbend Blvd, striking a mailbox on the side of the road at 133 Briarbend Blvd. The vehicle left the scene without contacting the resident at 133 Briarbend Blvd. CITED
23-16225	9/16/23	ACDA	Units 1 and 2 were northbound on S.R. 315. Unit 2 stopped for traffic. Unit 1 failed to stop and struck Unit 2. CITED

23-16239	9/16/23	Failure to Yield	Unit 1 was traveling south on Olentangy Ridge Pl approaching a stop sign for the cross street of Powell Rd. Unit 1 attempted a left turn onto Powell Rd. Unit 2 was traveling west on Powell Rd. Unit 1 failed to yield on a left turn striking Unit 2. CITED
23-16334	9/15/23	Backing	Unit 2 was parked in the lot of 4000 W. Powell. Unit 1 struck Unit 2 in an unknown manner. Unit 1 left the scene without reporting the crash.
23-16517	9/21/23	Failure to Yield Injury	Unit 1 was facing northbound on Sawmill Pkwy waiting to turn west onto Trail Lake Dr. Unit 2 was southbound on Sawmill Pkwy. Unit 1 failed to yield on a left turn to Unit 2 striking them. CITED
23-16778	9/26/23	Backing	Unit 2 was parked on the west side of Trail Lake Dr. across the street from the driveway of 8070 Trail Lake Dr. Unit 1 backed out of 8070 Trail Lake Dr. striking the driver door of Unit 1. Unit 1 stated she did not realize she struck Unit 2 and therefore did not report this crash. CITED

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



Crash Type

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

RETIREMENT



Detective Darren Smith retired from the Powell Police Department in September after 26 years with the agency.

Detective Smith has been awarded Officer of the Year four times. He was also recognized with the Delaware County Prosecutor's Office "Top Cop" award in 2012, 2014 and 2020.

In addition to his patrol duties, Detective Smith has worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Child Exploitation / Human Trafficking Unit since 2014.

Last year, he assisted the Delaware County Sheriff's Office in obtaining the Delco C.A.R.T. (Child Abduction Response Team) to be the first certified C.A.R.T. team in the State of Ohio.

He also achieved the status of Master Evidence Technician through the Ohio Police Officer's Training Commission.

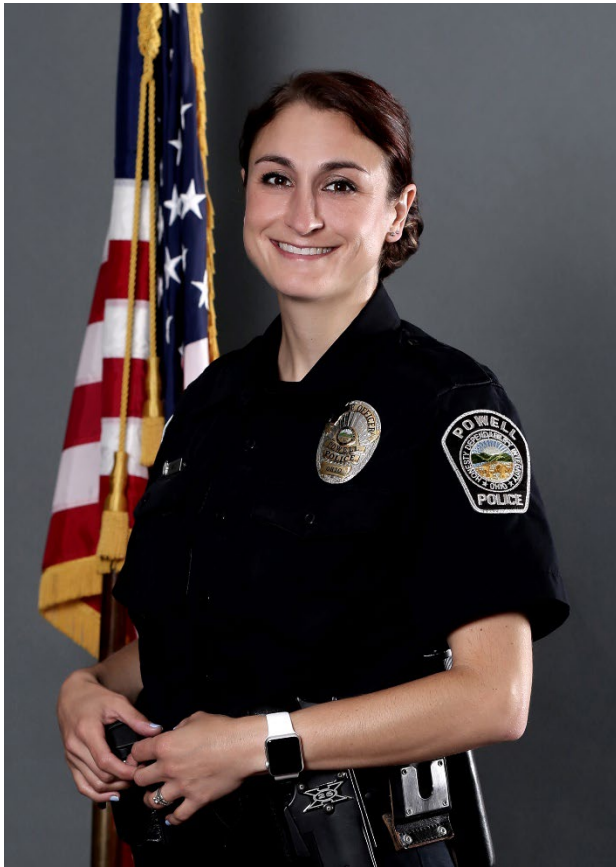
"I've had the pleasure of working alongside Darren during his time in Powell," said Interim Chief of Police Ron Sallows. "He has been an integral part of our department, successfully collaborating with a variety of teams for his investigative efforts."

"Darren has been an amazing asset to the City of Powell," said Detective Ryan Pentz. "He will be missed at the Powell Police Department and throughout the community."

Following his retirement from the Powell Police Department, he will join the Delaware Municipal Court as Chief Bailiff.



NEW DETECTIVE



Officer Audrey Wilt has been selected to fill a vacancy in the Detective Bureau of the Powell Police Department.

Wilt was one of four internal candidates who expressed interest in the position. She was selected after a panel interview.

Detective Wilt began her career in law enforcement as a 911 Operator and Dispatcher in 2005 with the Mansfield Police Department. In 2007, she completed the Ohio State Highway Patrol Basic Police Academy and began working as a patrol officer with the Mansfield. She was hired by the City of Powell In 2009.

In 2020, Wilt was assigned to the newly created position of Community Oriented Policing Officer. She coordinated the Citizens Police Academy and Mystery Night Out, Late Skate, Helpers and Heroes, and Badges and Buckets among other community education and outreach programs.

She worked tirelessly to increase public confidence and trust in Law Enforcement.

Detective Wilt earned a Master's in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor's in Addictions Studies from the University of Cincinnati. She has served as a crisis negotiator for the Delaware County Crisis Negotiator Unit since 2019, and is an Evidence Technician and an Ohio Crime Prevention Specialist.

Detective Wilt was awarded Powell's Officer of the Year in 2015 and 2021. She was selected as the Crisis Intervention Team Officer of the Year in 2022. Wilt is excited to continue her growth within the Powell Police Department as an investigator.

"Detective Wilt has been a dedicated member of the police department for many years. Her excellent communication skills and extensive network of law enforcement and community resources will help her hit the ground running in this new position." – Chief Sallows

NOTES OF SUPPORT

Citizen Commendation for Audrey Wilt

I wanted to express my appreciation for Officer Wilt. I completed the citizen's police academy last fall. She was professional, kind and organized. I found so much value in the class that my husband is currently in the academy. Through her relationship building, I utilized Officer Wilt to speak with my 15yo son who was caught drinking this summer. Police community building is extremely important especially in current state of our society. Thank you for valuing the importance of positive community building in Powell. Our community is so fortunate to have such a caring and engaged police department. ♦

Scioto Ridge Elementary Civics Day

Dear Police Department,

Thank you for keeping us safe making Powell a great place.
I am sure you work really hard all the time.
You could be doing anything but you help us through problems and issues.
I know you will keep us safe.
You are the best police department in the world.
Thank you for helping our city and town.
I really appreciate it.
I learned that people only stay in the holding cell for 6 hours.

From,
SAMUEL.



Dear Police Department,

Thank you for just being the police. Thank you for protecting the community that I live in. I am also glad you're willing to be a police. Thank you for getting bad guys to protect our community. My uncle is a police officer too. That means I can tell even more how much you work to keep the community safe. I'm also glad that instead of doing anything fun you choose to help us. Thank you for reading this letter.

From,
Cole



Dear Police Department and City Council,

This was my favorite field trip I have ever gone on before. Getting to meet you guys was amazing. Jail was fun so i won't go there i promise. I love the hammers they have made my family better when we have conversations. It was cool that the police car had some bars inside of it. My favorite part of the trip was getting locked in the jail. Thank you Daniel Swartwout for being amazing. You guys made my day because of your speech. The hand printit looks so cool with all the things in my hand. I learned that every job matters. Thank you for keeping the city and us safe. Thank you for the amazing trip.

Sincerely,
Stone



9-25-23

Dear Police Department,

Thank you for catching bad guys and helping the community.

It must be hard having to help the whole community.

like that you help us out and all the things you do for the community.

You could be doing anything in your free time but you choose to help our community

Thank you so much for doing nice things for the community I hope someday

Maybe there will be no bad guys here in powell thank you so much for everything thanks for letting us see the jail cells!

From,
Nash



Dear Police Department,

Thank you for keeping Powell safe. You guys save lots of people. The police department saves over one hundred people every month. Thank you for letting us go in the jail and letting us go in the police car also. I had lots of fun. I have always thought that being a police officer would be a cool job. I learned that at the Powell jail you only stay in the jail for six hours. For six hours. In the Powell jail you get no food or water. How many people do you put in jail a day? That the police department does more work then I thought.

Love,
Claire



Dear Police Officers,

9/29/2023

Thank you for showing us all the equipment and letting us sit in the police car. I loved the car because I love cars and I know a lot about cars and my second favorite tool is the handcuffs because it is safe and I love to be safe. My third favorite tool is the walkie talkie because you can interact with your teammates. I wonder if being a cop is easy, medium or hard after checking out the police car I wanted to be a police officer.



Sincerely,
Vikram



September 28, 2023

Dear Police Department

I hope you enjoyed us coming to city hall because I did. It was so much fun seeing the police car and the jail, it felt like we were really in jail. The fingerprints were fun too. I never knew the bad guys only stayed in the jail for about 6 hours. What was the first female police officer that worked at that station anyway? Thank you for letting us come!

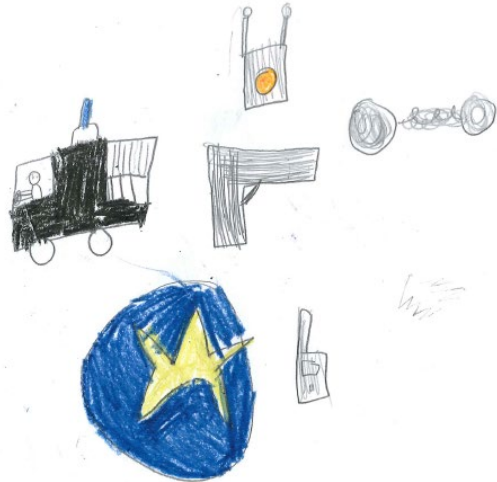
Sincerely,
Elyn



Dear Police Department,

Thank you for protecting our town from bad people, also for putting people in the slammer. And I know you work really hard. I thank you for risking your life for us, the city of Powell. Also thank you

From,
William



September 29, 2023

Dear Police,

Thank you for being able to let us look at the equipment. Thank you for letting us go in your car

And let us see the jail. Thank you for letting us have a fingerprint and print it out so we can keep it.

Thank you for giving us a gavel. And thank you for letting us go to jail for a minute.

Sincerely

Ria

hand
cuffs



Police Officers

September 29, 2023

Dear Police Officers,

Thank you for your service.

I like that you locked us in a jail for 1 minute. It was so fun!

I also liked that we got to sit in the driver seat and the backseat.

My favorite thing that we did was fingerprints.

It was exciting to see the handcuffs, taser, flashlight, pepperspray, and the gun.

Sincerely,

Annie

Flashlight

