

Groveport Police Department



*City Council Report
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Groveport City Council*

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Training, Officer Activities and monthly report information: February 2023

MUTUAL AID CALLS			Number	REPORTED OFFENSES		Number
Franklin CO SO			0	Accidents		7
Madison TWP PD			17	Assaults/Fights		3
Madison Twp. Fire			2	Burglaries		8
Obetz PD			3	Domestic Disputes		4
CPD/ CFD/Other Agencies			5	Domestic Violence		2
Public Assistance			2	OVI and alcohol issues		3
Residential/Business Alarm Response			44	Theft Related/ Robberies		5
House Watches			9	Weapon Related Calls		4
Mileage			13,548	Missing Persons/Juveniles		4
Civil Issue Call Response			1	Narcotic Related Offenses		2
Sheriff's Dispatches/Self-Initiated Calls			182 / 316	School Related Dispatched Calls		15
Follow-Up on Previous Call to Service			19	Stolen/Unauthorized Use		2
A – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls –			27%	Suspicious Peron(s)/Vehicle(s)		23
B – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls --			55%	Threats		4
C – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls --			18%	Vandalism		1
Investigate Unknown Complaint			16	Suicide (attempts)/ DOA/Mental Health Call		3
Traffic Citations/Complaints			129	Sex Related Crimes		1
Training Hours			112	Arrests Made / Search Warrants Executed		4
Referrals (FCCS)			2	Juvenile Complaints		9
Speed Trailer				Speed Trailer		
Location	Limit	Date Start	Date End	Total vehicles	Highest Speed	Average
		NA				NA

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Groveport Patrol Operations Liaison Report

Prepared By: Ptl. Javier Herrera

Month: February 2023

Liaison Monthly Activities		
Court Activity Related Time	6 ½ Hours	
School Activity Related Time	3 Hours on School Related Investigations	
Community Relations Activity Related Time	2 Hours	
School Visits by Liaison	Number of Visits	Total Time
Groveport Madison High School	5	3 ½ Hours
Groveport Madison Middle School Central	6	2 Hours
Groveport Madison Middle School South	4	1 ½ Hours
Groveport Elementary	3	1 Hour
Glendening Elementary	8	3 ½ Hours
Cruiser Academy	2	¾ Hour
Eastland Career Center	3	¾ Hour
Madison Christian High/Middle School	3	¾ Hour
Madison Christian Elementary School	3	¾ Hour
Imagine Schools Middle School	1	½ Hour
Imagine Schools Elementary	1	½ Hour
Other	2	¾ Hour

Liaison Comments & Notable Events for Monthly Report:

2 Criminal Investigations with Ptl. Kurt Boso at the Groveport Madison High School.

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Groveport School Resource Officer Report

Prepared By: SRO Ptl. Kurt Boso

Month: February 2023

Groveport Madison High School Reports	Number of Reports Created/Completed
Non-Criminal Reports	1
Criminal Offense Reports	8
Mental Health Response Reports	0
Accident Reports	0
Report Classifications	
Property Crime Reports	0
Crime of Violence of Reports	5
Disorderly Conduct Reports	6
Criminal Charge(s) Filed Against arty	16
Warrant Arrest	0
Recovered Missing/Runaway Child	1
Missing Child Report	0
Franklin County Children Services Referral	0
Recovered Property Reports	0
Mutual Aid Report	0
Criminal Trespass Order	0
Use of Force Report	1
School Safety Check Reports/Referral	0
School Internal Training Hours	0

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SRO stats February 2023
2/1/2023- Female student who was reported as missing and stated she was in a DV at her residence located in Columbus Police jurisdiction. Code D to Columbus.
2/3/2023-Two female students fighting in 184. Code R/B
2/3/2023-Male student being disorderly in principal's office after a fight. Pepper spray used. Code B/R
2/2/2023-Student found "bullet" that was a small knife. Posted that he found it mon social media. Not a threat to school and caused very small amount of questioning what was going on at school. Code R.
2/3/2023-Female student assaulted another female student. Charges refused by victim's guardian. Code R/B for DOC.
2/8/2023-Female student activated a taser. Code R/B for DOC.
2/8/2023-Three female students fighting hall. Code R/Bx3 DOC.
2/8/2023-Male student with marijuana in a small bag. Code R/B.
2/17/2023-2A in north lot. Code A
2/22/2023-2 in east lot. Code A
2/24/2023-Two male students fighting in lunch room/ Code R/B for DOC.
2/27/2023-Male student assaulted by another male student in lunch room. Code R/B

Clearance Codes to Dispatch and Call for Service:

- Code A=** Advised Individuals
- Code B=** Arrest or Citation
- Code C=** No Contact or Unfounded Complaint
- Code D=** Referred to Another Agency
- Code I=** Impound of Property
- Code M=** No Action Official Action Taken
- Code R=** Report Taken



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Columbus Air Show Update-

After meeting with the promoter for the Columbus Airshow via video conference in late January, local law enforcement agencies surrounding Rickenbacker Airport were invited to the John Glenn International Airport in early February to discuss the needs for Traffic Control Special Duty Law Enforcement Officers during the three-day event (June 16th thru 18th). During our collaborative discussion in early February, it was soon discovered that our perspective on the needs of the event to control and maintain the traffic flow was drastically different from what the airshow promoter viewed as the need for law enforcement in and around the Rickenbacker Airport during the 3-day event. The promoter has been consistent to only address the roadways on Rickenbacker property, along with roadways just outside the airport property, and not address how the City of Groveport roadways would be affected by this event. The only discussion and/or planning in regards to our city roadways was requesting that all traffic flow on Port Road, North of East London Groveport Road (State Route 317) be directed North, and not be permitted to enter the East London Groveport Road corridor. This would also include our GREAT Transportation buses who utilize the Marathon gas station parking lot at the corner of East London Groveport Road @ Alum Creek Drive.

I questioned about the East side of the airport property that borders the City of Groveport corporation limits (Pontius Road), how would traffic and pedestrian traffic be monitored along Pontius Road and Hayes Road. The lieutenant from the airport police department seemed to not be familiar with the area and/or potential for heavy traffic in that area to observe the airshow during the weekend. The only response to my inquiry from Port Columbus PD, was to request Franklin County Sheriff's Department to patrol the area, and handle any observers on the Port Authority Property. This information was a surprise to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, and their reply to this suggestion was that they were unable to firmly commit to the event due to other Franklin County organized events that would be bringing large crowds to the Central Ohio area, such as the Pride Fest in Downtown Columbus. There has not been any further clarification on our concerns from the law enforcement community since this meeting in February, the promoter has cancelled a follow-up meeting that we had scheduled for mid-February, and at this point we are unaware of future meetings.

I have begun to work with Lt. Josh Short and Sgt. John Westhoven on a plan to increase traffic patrol during the airshow. The preliminary plans call for mandated overtime, this will require (2) extra Groveport Patrol Units from 6am to 10am, (1) extra Groveport Patrol Unit to work from 10am to 2pm, and (2) extra Groveport Patrol Units to work from 2pm to 6pm. This extra patrol will be responsible for keeping traffic flowing as normal as possible along State Route 317, Groveport Road, and the roadways that lead in and out of the warehouses surrounding the airport. The extra patrol will also handle Calls for Service at the warehouses, handle traffic complaints, and any auto accidents that may affect the traffic flow during the airshow times. The overtime will not be reimbursed by the promoter from my understanding when attending these meetings.

Another step that I have taken in the past couple weeks since meeting with the promoter and Port Columbus PD was creating and delivering an informational packet to inform our warehouse operations managers of the Columbus Airshow. The letter advised of the dates of the airshow, potential issues that



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may arise when it comes to their deliveries coming into and out of their businesses, workers being delayed coming to and leaving the warehouse district, and potential for visitors looking to utilize our warehouse properties as alternative parking and observation points. A packet was delivered to most of the businesses in and around the State Route 317 and Groveport Road business district, this included businesses South of Groveport Road, and all businesses in the Pontius Road area. I received very positive interactions with the warehouse representatives, their main concern was traffic congestion, parking, and trespass issues that could lead to obstructions to normal operations during this weekend.

It is my hope that the promoter or Port Columbus PD representatives will be conducting future briefings on the airshow to discuss planning on timelines for daily events, and traffic logistics when it comes to arrival, departure and parking plans.

Madison Christian School Traffic Complaints-

During this school year, the Groveport Police Department has received numerous traffic complaints from the public reference the stopped traffic on Bixby Road, leading into the Madison Christian Schools two driveway access points. The complaints have ranged from school staff members directing traffic on Bixby Road, to lengthy stopped vehicles on Bixby Road, which caused frustration with drivers not associated with the schools. The main problem was the 3pm traffic as both schools are ending at the same time, rather than the past school years where they staggered school schedules. I have communicated with their school Operations Manager Jill Woerner, I conveyed the message that we are receiving complaints about the congested traffic flow of stopped traffic on Bixby Road. After each discussion with Mrs. WoernerAny remedy was short lived, but in the past couple weeks Sgt. Sam Yockey has begun to evaluate and come up with potential ways to get the vehicle congestion off Bixby Road, and place the traffic flow on Madison Christian School property.

At this point and time, Sgt. Yockey and Madison Christian School Personnel believe they have found the right combination of utilizing school property to bring the school traffic off of Bixby Road without delaying the traffic flow of the public roadway and the school traffic route. This is only a short-term solution to get through the remainder of the school year, there are still some issues while on school property of the congestion creating delays to emergency vehicle traffic entering the schools, but there is sufficient clearance to enter the property from the East and navigate slowly to any location needing emergency services.

(See Correspondence between the Madison Christian Schools and Groveport Police Department)



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Chief,

Yesterday afternoon Sgt Yockey went over to the school and worked with Jill Woerner to move some of the staged cars into the gravel lot and ease the burden off of Bixby Rd. They said yesterday was much better but it will still be a work in progress. He is going to continue working with Jill and the school to help with the problem. Jill was/is very grateful for the assistance and looks forward to working with us to make student pickup safer and more efficient for motorists.

Lt. Josh Short #L1

Josh,

We are very thankful for Sgt. Yockey and his assistance last Thursday. We are in the process of printing colored tags for our K and 1st grade parents to differentiate starting points. We will start communications to parents tomorrow, and are working this week on helping parents to understand the holding area in the gravel lot to try to ease the traffic burden on Bixby Road. We welcome any observations and assistance that can be offered.

Thank you all,
Jill

Parents/Guardians,

MCS is working with Groveport Police Department to ensure the safety of all individuals traveling on Bixby Road, by not having cars parked on Bixby road awaiting entry into the Madison Christian Campus.

Beginning immediately, we will utilize the gravel lot as a staging area for all cars arriving to campus prior to 3:20 pm.

At 3:20 pm the main driveways and pickup areas will open.

Cars in the gravel lot will be dismissed in a way that allows us to keep Bixby Road clear for traffic.

A map has been attached for your convenience.



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Over the past few days, with the addition of the gravel lot as a trial, we have increased our departure time by 2 minutes, and kept traffic flowing on Bixby Road.

Groveport Police will continue to monitor our progress and provided guidance when necessary.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation,

Jill Woerner

Operations Manager

Police Vehicle Arrivals-

With Groveport City Council Support and authorization during the Fall of 2022, the Groveport Police Department has begun to receive the three 2023 Ford Police Utility vehicles ordered in September 2022 and a new 2021 Ford F-150 Truck. We are still awaiting two additional Ford Police Utility Vehicles, with an unknown date of arrival in 2023. It is my hope that these vehicles will be in service by Memorial Day, the equipment for these vehicles have some time delays on delivery, but it is believed that we will have all equipment delivered to the distributor in the next 4 weeks.

I appreciate your support in purchasing this equipment as a proactive measure to supply our officers with the necessary equipment to patrol the City of Groveport. The Ford Police Utility vehicles will be placed on patrol for our patrol officers to utilize immediately. The Ford F-150 will be utilized for Special Services to pull our different equipment trailers, Bike Patrol Units, haul evidence from crime scenes, and be utilized during weather conditions that require all wheel drive and sits higher off the ground. Eventually it is my vision to have Lt. Short assigned to the F-150 once his current patrol unit is rotated out of active duty in the next couple years.



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Groveport Madison School District-

Myself and Lt. Short continue to attend School Safety Meetings held at the GM School District Administrative Offices. The school district continues evaluate all options when it comes to safety protocols. We have seen presentations on weapon detection devices, attended forums on increasing school security personnel and/or school resource officers, and heard how the school district is taking a tougher stance on disciplinary action on students not meeting the school districts code of conduct standards. During these meeting, the participants still remain engaging to come up with solutions to providing the students and staff with a safer environment, but also voice their opinion on making sure the school district informs the public before putting any change in place.

On Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, the Groveport Madison School Board voted in favor to begin the process to establish the safety plan that the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent are recommending to put in place over the next five years. The part of the plan that will affect the City of Groveport will be the school district's request to negotiate a contract with the city to add an additional School Resource Officer from our police department. I have yet to speak with the school district officially on this request, and as the Deputy Superintendent Paul Smathers advised before this vote, the safety plan is just a plan for now, without funding at this time.

Patrol Lieutenant Josh Short-

Our three new hires transitioned through their shift rotations on February 16th.

Reed: 3rd with Fairman

Nixon: 2nd with Bell

Martin: 1st with Rosser

They are progressing nicely with Reed and Nixon already being permitted to operate in a solo car at times. They are expected to rotate shifts again at the end of the month.

On February 23, 24, and 28 I helped instruct our officers, Madison Township PD officers, and all of Madison Township Fire in Active Shooter Response scenarios with emphasis on Rescue Task Force. This is a continuing part of training to keep all three agencies on the same page and make sure we are efficient in the event of an active shooter event. After this training was completed we began planning for the next phase of the RTF training which we hope is physical scenarios in an actual location.

Going hand-in-hand with the RTF training, the Madison Township Fire Chiefs, School Resource Officer Schwotzer from Madison TWP PD, and I began visiting ALL of the GM schools for a discussion on what the first responder response would look like in the event of an active shooter. We are making sure to meet with the school staff as a unified team and assuring them that our response would be quick and decisive. We are emphasizing that we are coming in to help them, not waiting outside as seen at Uvalde. We visited 5 of the schools in March and will be visiting the rest over the next four weeks.



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In February and early March, I was able to do an Active Shooter refresher with nearly all City staff. Over multiple dates and locations I was able to provide a PowerPoint presentation and discussion on active shooter incidents and provide tips and techniques for survival. I will schedule with city admin for another training date in early summer to catch up with the seasonal staff. I would like to thank Mayor Westcamp and Councilwoman Hilbert for attending one of my sessions.

Officers and I continue to do Books and Badges with our local elementary school kids. We got to read and provide books to a Kindergarten and 2nd grade class at Glendening Elementary. I also got invited to visit and read with the special needs class and their 5th grade helpers at Groveport Elementary.



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NON-HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY OF NOTE:

On 2/7 officer were called the GM bus garage on report of a menacing issues. The ex-boyfriend of a bus garage employee was calling her, while at work, and harassing her. The suspect was also calling into the dispatcher and causing problems. Officers filed a warrant on the suspect for menacing.

On 2/15 officers were called to Middle School South on report of unruly male student. Upon arrival officers recognized this student as one we have dealt with multiply times before due to violent behavior and unruliness. Student was acting in this manner again and had destroyed a classroom. Student, 14 years old, had to be restrained by 8 officers at one point. Upon threat of being sedated by EMS the student reluctantly walked to the medic and was transported/pink slipped to children's hospital.

Later in the day the brother of this student, who is a former GMHS student, sent an email to the district stating he and some friends were going to shoot up the middle and high schools. With the aid of detectives, the student was located and arrested and taken to juvenile detention.



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Delaney's Diner/Ace Hardware Parking Issue?

On Monday February 20 there was a Facebook post on one of the Groveport pages claiming that the parking situation around the Delaney's Diner/Ace Hardware businesses was a "nightmare". The poster also later claimed that there was "no parking available". When I asked him what time it was when there was no parking he could not answer the question.

Over the following four days (as indicated below) I counted all available parking spaces on or about the indicated times. These spaces included the curbside parking adjacent to Delaney's and Ace and all of the municipal lot area between and behind the businesses.

Observations:

There was never any time that there were no spaces available.

There are four handicapped spaces total; two next to each building. There were multiple times where there was at least one open during the listed times.

One Tuesday, all three of the curbside spaces in front of Ace were occupied by the Schmidt's food truck.

The municipal lot behind the Birch was never any more occupied than on any other weekday.

SPECIAL NOTE: During this same time span there were never any vehicles observed violating posted special parking signs on Front St, specifically in front of the Stebelton home.

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Numbers listed

DATE/TIME	2/21	2/22	2/23	2/24	AVERAGE
1030A	48	41	38	35	<u>41</u>
1100A	38	30	38	30	<u>34</u>
1130A	34	33	35	33	<u>34</u>
1200P	39	35	35	35	<u>36</u>
1230P	38	28	44	28	<u>35</u>
100P	34	28	43	37	<u>36</u>
130P	37	37	51	48	<u>43</u>
200P	52	48	48	44	<u>48</u>

indicate number of spaces **AVAILABLE** at the time



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Other Patrol Bureau Business-

Officers at Groveport are the best so thankful and blessed to have them provide services at the high school words can't express my respect and love for them Officer BOSO especially I've never met a person so passionate about their job and stay on top of everything and make sure the kids are SAFE. My child has been in Groveport her entire school yrs. and I just wanted to say thank you all for everything you've done in your line of work making sure kids are making it home safe and as there at school making it a safe learning environment

Shaphon brown mother of KAMARA CHAVIS who is a senior

Detective Bureau Notes from Detective Josh Gilbert-

Josh,

Thought you would find these stats interesting in light of your very successful operation focusing on catalytic converter thefts.

I'm new to all of this and hope you would help educate me regarding catalytic converter theft and sales.

The decline has been huge and I'm looking for the causes so that we can keep the thefts at a reduced rate.

Are scrapyards wary of buying cats since Columbus Auto Shredding got hit hard?

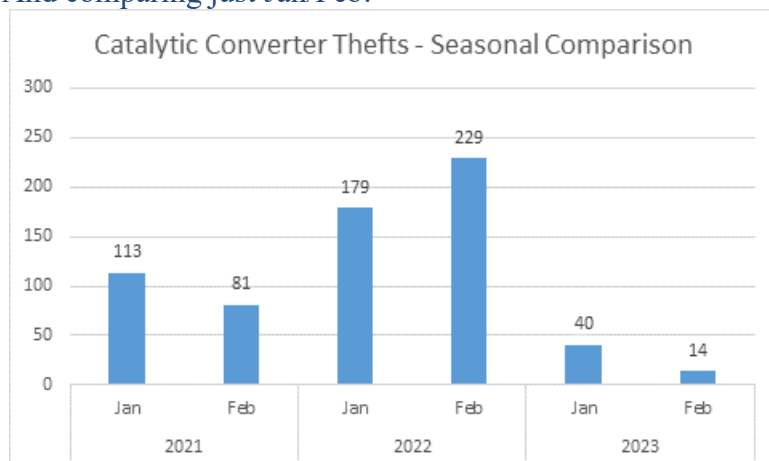
Alex





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And comparing just Jan/Feb:



Shift Assignment: Third Shift 10pm to 6am-Sgt. Josh Guiler

Shift Activity for the Month	Shift Results for the Month
Offense Reports	7
Mutual Aid Calls	4
Traffic Accident Reports	3
Criminal Arrests & Warrant Arrests	0
Traffic Violation Stops	21
Traffic Violation Citations	4
Training Hours	24
Bicycle Patrol Hours	0
Foot Patrols	37

Shift Assignment: Second Shift 2pm to 10pm- Sgt. Sam Yockey

Shift Activity for the Month	Shift Results for the Month
Offense Reports	26
Mutual Aid Calls	4
Traffic Accident Reports	9
Criminal Arrests & Warrant Arrests	12
Traffic Violation Stops	87
Traffic Violation Citations	49
Training Hours	16
Bicycle Patrol Hours	0



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Foot Patrols	38
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Shift Assignment: Day Shift 6am to 2pm - Sgt. John Westhoven

Shift Activity for the Month	Shift Results for the Month
Offense Reports	12
Mutual Aid Calls	2
Traffic Accident Reports	2
Criminal Arrests & Warrant Arrests	0
Traffic Violation Stops	5
Traffic Violation Citations	2
Training Hours	0
Bicycle Patrol Hours	0
Foot Patrols	32