



*Groveport Police Department
Mayor and City Council Report*

To: Mayor Lance Westcamp and Groveport City Council Members

From: Chief Casey M. Adams

Copy: May Council Report

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023

Re: COLUMBUS AIRSHOW UPDATE

On Thursday, May 18, 2023, the Airport Port Authority conducted an update on the 2023 Columbus Airshow that will be held June 16th thru 18th, 2023. There were a few new items that were presented and/or updated from previous meetings with the Port Authority.

- Approximately 5,000 plus vehicles parking in either the Red or Blue Parking Lots that will be located along Alum Creek Drive on the Southside of Rickenbacker Parkway. (Does not include volunteers or VIP Parking which will be located along Port Road on the Southside State Route 317)
- 15,000 plus spectators coming to the airshow daily.
- Traffic arriving for airshow will trickle into the airport between 7am to 10am.
- 20% of traffic will leave as Blue Angels take flight.
- The other 80% will leave between 4pm to 7pm.
- Half of the visitors leaving daily will be directed South on Rickenbacker Parkway into Pickaway County to State Route 762 (Duvall Road) to US 23, with understanding some of these vehicles will utilize other routes on the Southside of the airport.
 - Airbase Road
 - Pontius Road
- The other half will be directed North on Alum Creek Drive out of the airport property, and then will choose to either use Alum Creek Drive to I-270, or State Route 317 West to US 23.
- Still a belief that State Route 317 East (into the City of Groveport) will not be prime choice to utilize for a vast majority of the visitors to the airshow.

- Practice flights will take place on Thursday, June 15th, 2023 (throughout the day)
- Gates open daily at 10am on June 16th thru 18th.
- First flights daily during the airshow dates will take off around 11am.
- Blue Angels Flight will start at 3:15pm & conclude at 4pm
- Incidents and Accidents outside the Rickenbacker Airport property will be handled by the primary jurisdiction, along with Ohio State Highway Patrol and Federal Aviation Administration
 - Unauthorized Drone Flights
 - Plane Incidents (Emergency Landings/Crashes)
- There will be one final meeting on the 2023 Columbus Airshow held on Thursday, June 8th, 2023 where planning should be finalized.