

Groveport Police Department



*City Council Report
Mayor Lance Westcamp
Groveport City Council*

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Training, Officer Activities and monthly report information: July 2025

Calls to Service & Incident Reports			Number	Calls to Service & Incident Reports		Number
Franklin CO SO Mutual Aid			2	Accidents		20
Madison TWP PD Mutual Aid			4	House Watches		2
Madison Twp. Fire Mutual Aid			5	Public Assist		10
Obetz PD Mutual Aid			0	Domestic Violence/Dispute		11
CPD/ CFD/Other Agencies Mutual Aid			0	Burglary Related Call(s)		1
911 Hang Up			3	OVI Arrest		3
Residential/Business Alarm Response			66	Larceny/Robbery		8
Animal Complaints			0	Weapon Related Calls (Gun/Knife/ETC)		4
Mileage			17,014	Missing Persons/Juveniles		2
Call Party by Phone			16	Disabled Vehicle/Stranded Motorists		7
Sheriff's Dispatches/Self-Initiated Calls			244 / 347	School Related Dispatched Calls		n/a
Follow-Up on Previous Call to Service			16	Stolen/Unauthorized Use		1
Day Shift % of Calls to Service			30%	Suspicious Peron(s)/Vehicle(s)		33
Afternoon Shift % of Calls to Service			48%	Threats/Harassment Calls to Service		7
Mid-Night Shift % of Calls to Service			22%	Vandalism		1
Investigate Unknown Complaint			3	Suicide (attempts)/ DOA/Mental Health Call/Overdose Related Calls to Service		5
Traffic Citations/Traffic Stops			21	Sex Related Crimes		1
Parking Citations			0	Arrests made		2
Referrals (FCCS)			0	Juvenile Complaints		3
Drunk/Disorderly Conduct Related			1	Assault/Fight Calls to Service		2
Training Hours			192 Hours	Open Door/Building Call to Service		2
Calls to Service/Incident Reports			405 / 97	Other: No Category Complaints		160
Speed Trailer				Speed Trailer		
Location	Limit	Date Start	Date End	Total vehicles	Highest Speed	Average
Tallman St. @ Harbinger Dr.	25 MPH	July 25 th	August 3 rd	5,309	72 MPH	23.81 MPH



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Training-

The Groveport Police Department hosted with the cooperation of the Ohio Peace Training Academy an Active Shooter First Responders 16 Hour classroom and practical exercise at the Groveport Madison High School. Twelve of our officers attended and completed the training on July 22nd and 23rd, along with working with Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Madison Township Police Department, Brice Police Department, Obetz Police Department and Hilliard Police Department. All Groveport Police Personnel who attended this session came back and advised that the training was mentally and physically demanding, but they all stated that they look forward to hosting another training session in 2026.

Promotional Process-

In late July, Mayor Lance Westcamp, along with the City Administrator, Personnel Department, myself and Lt. Bary Murphy interviewed six candidates for the open Sergeant position(s) that were vacated when Sgt. Josh Gilbert resigned last year and Sgt. Josh Guiler retired in late May 2025. Five of the six candidates are from the Groveport Police Patrol Officer ranks, and we had one outside candidate with over 20-years of law enforcement, including being a Patrol Sergeant for over 5 years with his current agency that is three times larger than the Groveport Police Department.

At the conclusion of the six interviews, Mayor Westcamp commented on the difficulty of choosing between the candidates for this promotion of Patrol Sergeant(s) with the Groveport Police Department. It is our desire to have our new promotions finalized and, on the street, sometime in September, and I will continue to work with the police administrative staff to identify areas where we can help these new supervisors during their field training and long-term training needs to become successful leaders.

4th of July Reflection-

This year's 4th of July Celebration was successful when it came to the police department operations over the two-day event. I observed the night of the fireworks as a big success, as we did not make any arrests, or have any altercations of the visitors and spectators for the fireworks display. What I did observe during this year's fireworks display, the Groveport Recreation Center parking lots were full by 8pm, and Cruiser Park was also filled with spectators looking for area to watch the fireworks and avoid the main event area crowds and traffic congestion. Once the fireworks ended, it was my observation that most of the spectators coming into Groveport to watch the fireworks were either heading North toward US 33 or East towards Canal Winchester area, and I did not observe any major traffic congestion going West on Main Street heading toward State Route 317.

When it came to the 4th of July Parade, it was my observation that the parade staging area at the Groveport Recreation Center saw very little back up compared to years past. The Turn Pointe Church volunteers deserve a lot of credit for keeping traffic flow moving as the participants were arriving and/or being dropped off. The parade had a few issues, but for the most part the parade went smoothly and I heard nothing but positive remarks about the two-day celebration in the City of Groveport.



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Huntington Bank Robbery-

As a recap, July 30th the Groveport Huntington Bank had an individual walk in through the front doorway and rob the bank with a firearm, and was in and out within a couple of minutes. The suspect had another individual waiting in a vehicle around the corner from the bank, and they fled the area without harming anyone inside or outside the bank. The Groveport Police Department arrived on scene within two minutes of receiving the initial Robbery in Progress Call, the Detective Bureau began their investigation within ten minutes of our officers arriving on the scene and securing the bank property.

Detective Danny Amabile was able to find and identify the suspect vehicle soon after arriving on the scene, he found the suspect vehicle driving through the City of Groveport Municipal Building Complex alleyway, Detective David Fairman was able to identify the vehicle, including having a license plate on the vehicle by utilizing the FLOCK License Plate Reader technology put in place over the past three years. Det. Fairman was able to place an alert on the FLOCK Camera System notification system that alerts any agency on FLOCK of the reasoning for looking for this vehicle and capture images of where the vehicle was last seen. Det. Fairman with the help of Obetz Police Department and Columbus Police Department was able to locate the vehicle and stop the suspect vehicle within an hour of the original robbery occurring. The suspect vehicle was stopped, detained and identified on Groveport Road in the area of Parsons Ave.

Det. Fairman worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigation Field Agent assigned to our robbery case, they interviewed and was able to establish a link to the suspect having knowledge of what his vehicle being involved when the bank robbery occurred, even though the owner of the vehicle was not a active member of the robbery. Three other suspects were also identified and became the focus of our investigation, and subsequent arrest warrants were issued within hours of the bank robbery occurring. All three suspects were taken into custody nine days after the robbery, without further escalation occurring to take these individuals off the street and place them in jail.

The officers, detectives, and supervisors deserve a tremendous amount of credit for arriving quickly to the scene, securing the crime scene and coming up with leads in the first few moments after the robbery, then finding the suspect vehicle and placing four suspects under arrest after they went to multiple location to scope out potential target and planning the robbery. None of the suspects were from the Groveport area, they just thought they were coming to a community that would not be able to investigate their criminal act and bring them to justice. They were wrong in their evaluation of our community and police department.

Finally, you as the elected body who have been gracious enough to providing our police department and community with the tools to utilize to solving this criminal act should also receive recognition. Your ongoing financial support of the Groveport Police Department help purchase the FLOCK Cameras and Axis Security Building Cameras that identify and track the suspect vehicle, along with your support when giving permission to accept State and Federal Grant dollars to purchase the intersection cameras that were able to track the suspects path and give us a general location to look for the vehicle and suspect location after the robbery, but also providing the funding to upgrade our police facilities in the past few years to have proper temporary holding rooms and interview recording technology to record our prisoners interviews that



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is later used as evidence in the judicial process of these cases. Also staffing our police department with the number of officers to properly investigate the crime, but also continue to provide constant patrol to ensure our community remains safe and looks to us for keeping them safe after a crime like this occurs. Not many communities give the support to their police departments like the City of Groveport supports their police agency and officers.

Police Equipment from 2025 Capital Budget Expenditures-

I am happy to report that the 2025 Ford Transit Cargo Van has been placed in service during the first week of August. This vehicle was a long term planned expenditure to help the Groveport Police Department for not only current times, but into the future 5 to 7 years from now. This vehicle gives our staff options when setting up Command Posts for special events, School Sporting Events that require officers to provide Special Duty during large gatherings, but it also gives our staff an option to transport multiple suspects and equipment for patrol needs. We will also be utilizing the van when we have several officers out on patrol at one time, and we can conserve fuel by doubling up officers in the van to patrol the City of Groveport.

The Groveport Police Department has also deployed all the Speed Measuring Signs in the community. Currently they are being utilized on Green Pointe Drive and along Main Street in and near the Main Street School Zone. These devise not only give a visual alert of a driver's, they give our staff data like number of vehicles traveling in that area, speed data, and peek/non-peak hours of traffic flow.



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JULY POLICY REPORT:

New Policy Introduced: Policy 611 - Facial Recognition Technology Use Policy. To ensure the responsible use of biometric technology, the Groveport, Ohio Police Department is adopting a **Facial Recognition Technology Use Policy**. This policy—outlined under Section 611.1—clarifies the department's intent to guide our officers in utilizing facial recognition technology (FRT) strictly for developing investigative leads. By establishing formal protocols for data access, use, and retention, the policy serves as a safeguard against misuse and helps maintain public confidence in the integrity of investigative practices.

Importantly, the scope of this policy excludes the use of FRT in routine identification features such as unlocking personal devices, controlling access systems, or performing automated video redaction. This distinction emphasizes that the policy is designed for investigative contexts only, not everyday convenience technologies. By drawing this line and offering clear operational boundaries, Groveport PD underscores its commitment to legal compliance, transparency, and ethical standards in law enforcement technology use.

This new policy has been developed to provide guidance for law enforcement agencies using facial recognition technology (FRT). Highlights include:

- **PURPOSE AND SCOPE:** outlines the application of FRT.
- **FRT COORDINATOR:** assigns certain responsibilities to a member of the agency.
- **AUTHORIZED USES OF FRT:** outlines when FRT may be used as a tool.
- **FRT SEARCH DOCUMENTATION:** provides guidelines for documenting searches related to FRT.
- **TRAINING:** outlines requirements for members using FRT.

UPDATED POLICIES:

Policy 401 - Bias-Based Policing: This policy provides guidance to department members that affirms the Groveport Police Department's commitment to policing that is fair and objective.

Nothing in this policy prohibits the use of specified characteristics in law enforcement activities designed to strengthen the department's relationship with its diverse communities (e.g., cultural and ethnicity awareness training, youth programs, community group outreach, partnerships).

This policy has been updated to address Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) standards. Changes to this policy include:

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- In **ADMINISTRATION**, content has been added to address standard 1.2.9(e), which requires specific elements to be included in an agency's annual administrative review of activities related to bias-based policing, and terminology has been corrected.

Policy 1029 - Employee Speech, Expression and Social Networking: This policy is intended to address issues associated with the use of social networking sites, and provides guidelines for the regulation and balancing of member speech and expression with the needs of the Groveport Police Department.

This policy applies to all forms of communication including but not limited to digital media, print media, public or private speech, and use of all internet services, including the web, email, file transfer, remote computer access, news services, social networking, social media, instant messaging, blogs, forums, and other file-sharing sites.

Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit or infringe upon any communication, speech, or expression that is protected under law. This includes speech and expression protected under state or federal constitutions as well as labor or other applicable laws. For example, this policy does not limit a member from speaking as a private citizen, including acting as an authorized member of a recognized bargaining unit or an employee group, about matters of public concern, such as misconduct or corruption.

Members are encouraged to consult with their supervisors regarding any questions arising from the application or potential application of this policy.

DAILY TRAINING BULLETIN: This bulletin outlines the Policy Sections that have been reviewed and disseminated by my office for the mandatory department-wide scenario-based training, known as Daily Training Bulletins (DTBs), for July 2025. **Please note that the policies highlighted in red are part of the Ohio Collaborative.**

- Policy 307 - Vehicle Pursuits / 307.3 Initiating a Pursuit
- **Policy 408 - Civil Commitments / 408.4 Considerations and Responsibilities**
- Policy 339 - Community Relations / 339.11 Transparency
- Policy 416 - Contacts and Temporary Detentions / 416.2 Field Interviews
- **Policy 303 - Control Devices and Techniques / 303.7.3 Treatment for OC Spray Exposure**
- **Policy 306 - Firearms / 306.3.4 Personally Owned Duty Firearms**
- **Policy 423 - Foot Pursuits / 423.5.3 Supervisor Responsibilities**

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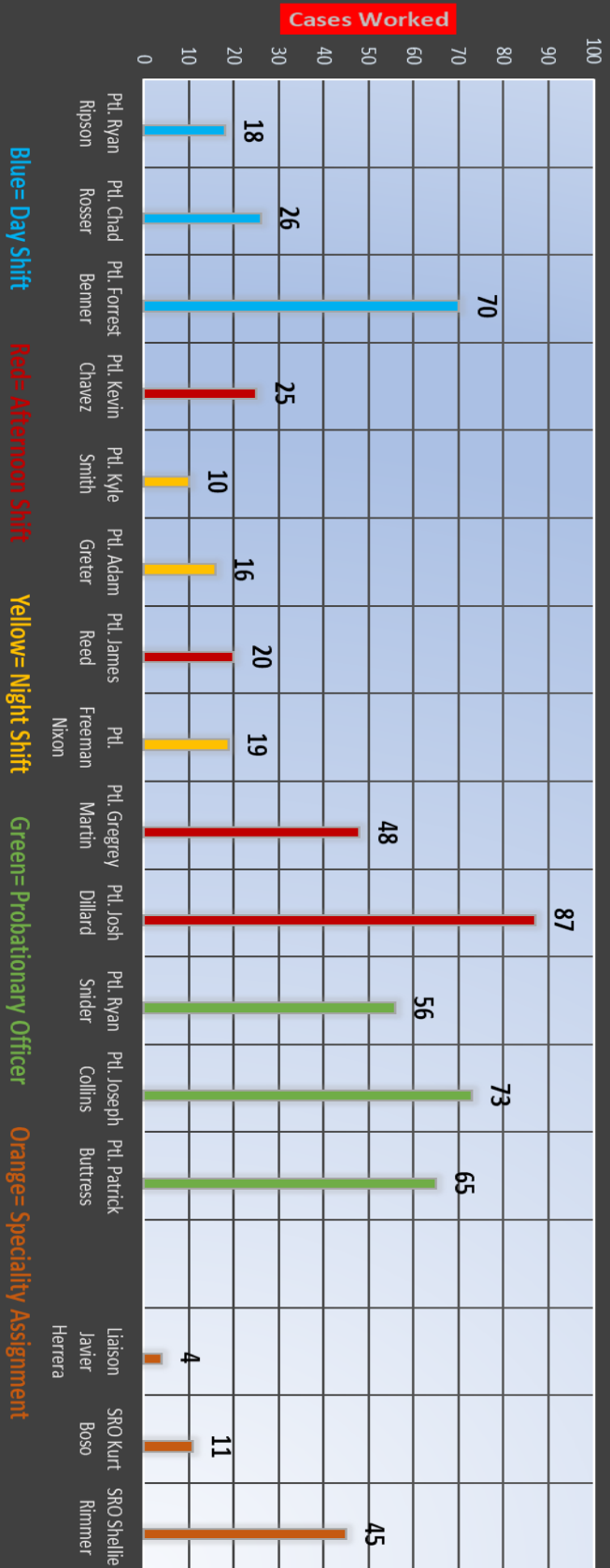
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- Policy 600 - Investigation and Prosecution / 600.4 Custodial Interrogation Requirements
- Policy 305 - Officer-Involved Shootings and Deaths / 305.4.1 Criminal Investigation of Suspect Actions
- Policy 400 - Patrol Function / 400.3 Crowds, Events and Gatherings
- Policy 1013 - Personnel Records / 1013.6 Training File
- Policy Portable Audio/Video Recorders / Investigations and Enforcement
- Policy 802 - Records Bureau / 802.5.1 Original Case Reports
- Policy 407 - Response to Bomb Calls / 407.5 Private Facility or Property
- Policy 310 - Search and Seizure / 310.3 Searches
- Policy 607 - Warrant Service / 607.5 Arrest Warrants
- Policy 319 - Standards of Conduct / 319.3.1 Unlawful or Conflicting Orders
- Policy 300 - Use of Force / 300.7 Supervisor Responsibilities
- Policy 311 - Temporary Custody of Juveniles / 311.4.2 Custody of Juvenile Status Offenders
- Policy 1027 - Temporary Modified-Duty Assignments / 1027.5.2 Supervisor Responsibilities
- Policy 300 - Use of Force / 300.3.6 Alternative Tactics - De-Escalation
- Policy 903 - Transporting Persons in Custody / 903.6 Transport Vans
- Policy 505 - Traffic and Parking Citations / 505.4.1 Correction
- Policy 300 - Use of Force / 300.4 Deadly Force Applications
- Policy 319 - Standards of Conduct / 319.3.2 Supervisor Responsibilities
- Policy 502 - Vehicle Towing and Release Policy / 502.4 Towing at Arrest Scenes
- Policy 703 - Vehicle Use / 703.4.2 Unscheduled Take-Home Use
- Policy 417 - Watch Commanders / 417.2 Designation as Officer in Charge
- Policy 1022 - Illness and Injury Reporting / 1022.3.2 Supervisor Responsibilities



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2025 Patrol Officer Incident Report Workload





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2025 Opened Case Workload								
Officer	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	
Ptl. Ryan Ripson	2	0	5	4	0	3	4	
Ptl. Chad Rosser	3	3	2	3	5	4	6	
Ptl. Forrest Benner	3	11	10	14	8	9	15	
Ptl. Kevin Chavez	6	0	1	6	4	4	4	
Ptl. Kyle Smith	2	1	0	2	0	2	3	
Ptl. Adam Greter	1	3	1	3	3	3	2	
Ptl. James Reed	3	0	2	2	7	3	3	
Ptl. Freeman Nixon	3	0	6	2	3	0	5	
Ptl. Gregrey Martin	7	8	11	6	5	4	7	
Ptl. Josh Dillard	14	10	15	12	12	11	13	
Ptl. Ryan Snider	14	15	11	5	3	2	6	
Ptl. Joseph Collins	2	11	18	11	10	9	12	
Ptl. Patrick Buttress	2	9	13	14	10	10	7	
Liaison Javier Herrera	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	
SRO Kurt Boso	1	3	1	3	3	0	0	
SRO Shellie Rimmer	4	12	6	2	12	6	3	

Day Shift-6am to 2pm-Sgt. John Westhoven

July	2025														
1st. Shift	Days Worked	Incident / Accident Reports	Traffic Stops	Traffic Citations	Parking Citations	OVI	Physical Arrests	Charges Filed	House Checks	Business Checks / Foot Patrol		TOTAL COMP.	DAILY AVE.		
Ripson	15	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	1	0	9.25	0.62		
Rosser	23	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	22	7	0	10.95	0.48		
Benner	20	3	27	12	1	0	1	2	15	3	0	47.75	2.39		
Collins	7	4	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	17	0	13.25	1.89	Changed Shifts 7/17	
Buttress	10	7	6	2	0	0	0	0	17	11	0	19.45	1.95	Changed Shifts 7/17	
TOTALS	75	24	37	14	1	0	3	4	84	39	0				
AVERAGE	15.00	4.80	7.40	2.80	0.20	0.00	0.60	0.80	16.80	7.80	0.00	20.13	1.46		
70% OF AVERAGE	10.50	3.36	5.18	1.96	0.14	0.00	0.42	0.56	11.76	5.46	0.00	14.09	1.02		

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Afternoon Shift-2pm to 10pm-Sgt. Sam Yockey

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2nd. Shift	Days Worked	Incident / Accident Reports	Traffic Stops	Traffic Citations	Parking Citations	OVI	Physical Arrests	Charges Filed	House Checks	Business Checks / Foot Patrol		TOTAL COMP.	DAILY AVE.	
Chavez	15	6	1	5	0	1	1	0	0	21	0	19.25	1.28	
Reed	16	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	22	11	0	10.95	0.68	
Collins	10	8	9	3	0	1	4	7	7	12	0	35.70	3.57	Changed Shifts 7/17
Martin	19	5	3	1	0	0	1	4	15	15	0	19.25	1.01	
Dillard	17	13	13	4	0	0	4	1	1	14	0	38.60	2.27	
Snider	10	1	9	3	4	0	1	0	7	55	0	30.45	3.05	Changed Shift 7/17
TOTALS	77	36	27	14	0	2	10	12	45	73	0			
AVERAGE	14.50	6.17	6.00	2.83	0.67	0.33	1.83	2.00	8.67	21.33	0.00	25.70	1.98	
70% OF AVERAGE	10.15	4.32	4.20	1.98	0.47	0.23	1.28	1.40	6.07	14.93	0.00	17.99	1.38	

Mid-Night Shift-10pm to 6am-No Current Sergeant

July	2025													
3rd. Shift	Days Worked	Incident / Accident Reports	Traffic Stops	Traffic Citations	Parking Citations	OVI	Physical Arrests	Charges Filed	House Checks	Business Checks / Foot Patrol		TOTAL COMP.	DAILY AVE.	
Smith	16	3	1	2	0	1	1	2	26	32	0	20.60	1.29	
Greter	21	2	8	1	0	0	1	0		5	0	13.25	0.63	
Buttress	9	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	0	5.40	0.60	Changed Shifts 7/17
Nixon	20	4	4	2	0	0	1	0	1	10	0	13.60	0.68	
TOTALS	66	9	17	5	0	1	3	2	36	49	0			
AVERAGE	16.50	2.25	4.25	1.25	0.00	0.25	0.75	0.50	12.00	12.25	0.00	13.21	0.80	
70% OF AVERAGE	11.55	1.58	2.98	0.88	0.00	0.18	0.53	0.35	8.40	8.58	0.00	9.25	0.56	