

Groveport Police Department



City Council Report
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Training, Officer Activities and monthly report information: **February 2024**

Calls to Service & Incident Reports	Number	Calls to Service & Incident Reports	Number
Franklin CO SO Mutual Aid	0	Accidents	9
Madison TWP PD Mutual Aid	1	House Watches	8
Madison Twp. Fire Mutual Aid	0	Public Assist	0
Obetz PD Mutual Aid	1	Domestic Violence/Dispute	5
CPD/ CFD/Other Agencies Mutual Aid	0	Burglary Related Call(s)	1
911 Hang Up	6	OVI Arrest	1
Residential/Business Alarm Response	47	Larceny/Robbery	6
Animal Complaints	2	Weapon Related Calls (Gun/Knife/ETC)	2
Mileage	16,877	Missing Persons/Juveniles	1
Call Party by Phone	10	Disabled Vehicle/Stranded Motorists	17
Sheriff's Dispatches/Self-Initiated Calls	241 / 267	School Related Dispatched Calls	35
Follow-Up on Previous Call to Service	4	Stolen/Unauthorized Use	1
Day Shift % of Calls to Service		Suspicious Peron(s)/Vehicle(s)	24
Afternoon Shift % of Calls to Service		Threats/Harassment Calls to Service	2
Mid-Night Shift % of Calls to Service		Vandalism	1
Investigate Unknown Complaint	14	Suicide (attempts)/ DOA/Mental Health Call/Overdose Related Calls to Service	8
Traffic Citations/Traffic Stops	54 / 93	Sex Related Crimes	2
Training Hours	56 hours	Arrests made	16
Referrals (FCCS)	0	Juvenile Complaints	7
Drunk/Disorderly Conduct Related	1	Assault/Fight Calls to Service	1
Neighborhood Complaint	3	Open Door/Building Call to Service	7
Calls to Service/Incident Reports	171 / 104	Other:	4
Speed Trailer			
Location	Limit	Date Start	Date End
Old Hamilton Road	35 mph	2/9/2024	3/1/2024
		Total vehicles	Highest Speed
		41,009	65 mph
		Average	
		30.78 mph	

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Groveport Patrol Operations Liaison Report

Prepared By: Ptl. Javier Herrera

Month: February 2024

Liaison Monthly Activities		
Court Activity Related Time	6 hrs- Mayors Court, Clerk's Office/FCSO Records	
School Activity Related Time	1 hour 7 th Grade Presentation	
Community Relations Activity Related Time	1 Hour- Meeting w/ Parents Middle School Central	
School Visits by Liaison	Number of Visits	Total Time
Groveport Madison High School	2	50 minutes
Groveport Madison Middle School Central	6	2 hours
Groveport Madison Middle School South	5	1.5 hours
Groveport Elementary	4	1 hour
Glendening Elementary	6	2 hours
Cruiser Academy	2	½ hour
Eastland Career Center	4	1.5 hours
Madison Christian High/Middle School	3	45 minutes
Madison Christian Elementary School	3	1 hour
Imagine Schools Middle School	2	½ hour
Imagine Schools Elementary	2	½ hour
Other		2 hours

Liaison Comments & Notable Events for Monthly Report:

Handled 4 Duty Calls on Patrol
Handled 3 Walk in Complaints at Police Department
Assisted Afternoon Shift with Patrol Coverage

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Groveport School Resource Officer Report

Prepared By: SRO Ptl. Kurt Boso

Month: February 2024

Groveport Madison High School Reports	Number of Reports Created/Completed
Non-Criminal Reports	0
Criminal Offense Reports	1
Mental Health Response Reports	0
Accident Reports	0
Report Classifications	
Property Crime Reports	0
Crime of Violence of Reports	1
Disorderly Conduct Reports	1
Criminal Charge(s) Filed Against arty	3
Warrant Arrest	0
Recovered Missing/Runaway Child	0
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	0
School Safety Check Reports/Referral	0
School Internal Training Hours	0

2024 February SRO stats

2/7/2024- Found Male student vaping in lunch room restroom. Code A/D to school.

2/15/2024-Male student arrested for DOC, resisting arrest and assault on a police officer.
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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Grant Funding-

The Groveport Police Department has received confirmation on (2) two Ohio Department of Public Safety Office of Criminal Justice Services Grants. These grants will help cover the cost of Equipment and Services on Body Worn Cameras, First Aid Trauma Packs, Rifle Rated Ballistic Shields, Radio Related Equipment for the police department. In total, we have been awarded \$74,301.27 (Body Worn Camera Funding-\$35,736; Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance -\$38,565.27).

The big positive to this funding, the new radio system that will be utilized by the Police Department, will be funded by the grant funding, our patrol vehicles will now be issued a ballistic shield to carry on duty, and all officers will be issued individual trauma first aid packs, while the supervisor vehicles will have large medic packs.

Training-

Sgt. Josh Guiler has finished his second week of the Police Executive Leadership College that is held by the Ohio Association Chiefs of Police. This training is to expand the networking and knowledge base of the students, and push the student to create a project reference the policing community and our community. Sgt. Guiler will conclude this training in March.

Det. Danny Amabile just returned back from Alabama from a week of training with the United States Secret Service. The training that was paid in full by the Secret Service was teaching the participants new computer technology with software related equipment. As part of the training, each participating agency receives a (1) one-year free license of computer software that can work its way through security and firewalls on cell phones and computer related equipment, and this software is valued annually at \$30k. As being a participating member in the US Secret Service Computer Crimes Task Force, we agree to utilize any equipment and software provided to us in Cyber Crimes to other outside law enforcement agencies, we will have to obtain search warrants, and any agency in the Central Ohio who obtains a search will be able to have our Detective Bureau run a search of potential evidence in a cyber related crime that is being investigated.

Ptl. Gregrey Martin has completed a 16 Hour Criminal Interdiction Course at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. This training gives an officer training on what to look for when they conduct a traffic stop, and the possible indicators of criminal activity associated with the individual operating the vehicle, along with the vehicle being used to transport illegal contraband.



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Heavy Hauler Transport Loads-

Sgt. John Westhoven has been planning our response to the Heavy Haulers coming through the City of Groveport. His focus was making sure we have proper coverage to patrol the areas of the city affected by the oversized load transport path, he also looked at having units available in case the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Columbus Police Department Commercial Vehicle Enforcement needed assistance within our city limits to block off roadways or direct traffic to keep traffic patterns moving as smoothly as possible. Finally, Sgt. Westhoven wanted to keep track of any possible traffic control devices that may be damaged during the hauler moving through our community, and he will be conducting photo documentation if any damage is discovered after each transport leaves Groveport.

Damage to Groveport Police Cruiser-

On Monday, February 26, 2024 in the early afternoon, Sgt. Josh Gilbert was on State Route 317, just North of Williams Road. While operating a marked patrol vehicle, a driver struck the patrol car's rear end, which caused substantial damage to the vehicle, but Sgt. Gilbert escaped the auto accident without injury.

The at fault driver has been found not to have valid vehicle insurance, which means the damaged patrol vehicle will be covered under our city's vehicle insurance carrier. The at fault driver was issued a citation by Columbus Police Department for Assured Clear Distance Ahead which is a Minor Misdemeanor Violation, which carries a maximum fine of \$150 if convicted/pleads guilty.

At this point and time, the estimates to repair Patrol Car 05 is over \$12,000, without getting to deep into the damaged areas of the vehicle. The vehicle has been taken out of service due to the damage to the rear end and bent frame components of the vehicle. Patrol Car 05 is a 2018 Ford Police Interceptor Utility, with over 87,000 miles on the odometer. Currently our insurance is evaluating the options of repairing or preparing to lose the vehicle as a total loss.



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Tornado Warning-

On February 28, 2024, around 4:45 am, the National Weather service issued a Tornado Warning for the Franklin County area, I was able to communicate with Rec Center Director Seth Bower in order to prepare his staff for the storm front moving through the Southern portion of the Franklin County area. Seth and his staff were able to bring in the members waiting for the Rec Center to open at 5:30 am and have them shelter in the locker rooms until the storm front pushed through our community. As you may know, the National Weather Service has concluded that Lithopolis Road around the Metro Parks entrance had an EF0 twister land and cause damage to several trees surrounding the Metro Parks property.

I want to recognize Seth and his staff for their quick actions and decision making to ensure our Rec Center Members were safe during this abnormally early severe weather storm. It is my hope before any other storms like this one occurs, we will have our new radio communication equipment up and running to have a direct line of communications between the different city departments.

First Responders Luncheon-

Would like to thank Jessica Wyke and her staff at the Townhall Staff for their First Responder Luncheon that was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. There was a large gathering of Groveport Police Officers, Madison Township Police Officers, Madison Township Fire Fights, and Franklin County Sheriff Dallas Baldwin.



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Captain Kurt Blevins Report-

July Festivities: Regarding the planned Groveport July celebrations. Your Command staff, comprising Lieutenant Josh Short, Sergeant John Westhoven, and myself, have diligently convened multiple planning sessions throughout this month to meticulously outline the arrangements for the upcoming July 3rd-4th celebration. With clear objectives in mind, our strategic planning endeavors are coalescing seamlessly, we are excited to be such a big part of this event.

Chaplains: I am thrilled to share some wonderful news with you all. I am delighted to announce that we have made significant strides in enhancing access and communication with our esteemed departmental Chaplains, Christi Hall and Rick Jones. Their enthusiastic response and eagerness to become more involved have been truly inspiring.

Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting with both Chaplains individually to discuss the implementation of our Wellness objectives [Policy] and its primary goals. Our discussions were incredibly productive, and I am confident that their involvement will greatly contribute to our wellness initiatives.

I am truly excited about the prospect of working closely with Chaplains Hall and Jones as we continue to prioritize the well-being of our Police Officers and foster a supportive work environment, ideally not within our own microcosm, but city-wide in allegiance to the adopted slogan – One City – One Team.

Peer Support Team: Related to the above topic, The Peer Support Team convened with Chaplain Christi Hall at the conclusion of this month. This inaugural gathering served to introduce the objectives and mission of peer support for the Groveport Police Officers, helping to explain its integration within the Wellness Policy framework. Chaplain Christi Hall discussed invaluable insights and resources, recommending immediate training initiatives. The primary aim of peer support is to furnish emotional and practical assistance to our public safety personnel during personal or professional crises, while also proactively addressing potential challenges. The peer support program will be implemented in accordance with a structured written policy, ensuring organizational adherence. Recognition of support across all Police organizational levels is instrumental in fostering the efficacy of a peer support program. These guidelines aim to offer information and recommendations for establishing and sustaining a peer support framework for both sworn and civilian personnel within law enforcement agencies, inclusive of our esteemed Administrative Assistant. While not authoritarian in nature, these guidelines aim to establish a flexible and confidential system capable of providing layered support to Officers facing difficulties, tailored to individual and agency-specific circumstances. The team found the meeting encouraging and eagerly anticipates advancing their mission.

Temporary Holding Facility: The two small rooms repurposed for a Temporary Holding area have been approved this month by Bureau of Adult Detention / Dept. of Rehabilitation & Corrections. This process will be repeated annually. Chief Adams has worked hard on the initial groundwork regarding this objective. We are happy to be able to utilize these high-tech rooms for Officer Safety and Detainee's well-being.



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The following Policy Sections were reviewed and distributed by my office for department wide scenario based daily training, called Daily Training Bulletins or D.T.B.'s, in February:

- 401.5 - Bias-Based Policing: *Personnel*
- 409.5 - Citation Releases Investigations and Enforcement
- 416.4 - Field Photographs: *Contacts and Temporary Detentions: Search and Seizure*
- 303.7.2- Pepper Projectile Systems: *Control Devices and Techniques: Use of Force*
- 403.5 - Searches: *Crime and Disaster Scene Integrity: Investigations and Enforcement*
- 313.3.2 - Retaliation: *Discriminatory Harassment: Personnel*
- 427.3 - General Considerations: *First Amendment Assemblies: Investigations and Enforcement*
- 1003.2 - Procedure: Grievance Procedures: *Personnel*
- 302.8 - Required Documentation: *Handcuffing and Restraints: Use of Force*
- 430.4 - Transporting Ill and Injured Persons: Medical Aid and Response: Investigations & Enforcement
- 338.4 - Decision to Intervene: *Off-Duty Law Enforcement Actions: Officer Safety and Tactics*
- 305.3 -Types of Investigations: *Officer-Involved Shootings and Deaths: Use of Force*
- 325.5 - Reporting Requirements: *Outside Agency Assistance: Officer Safety and Tactics*
- 701.9 - Official Use Personal: *Communication Devices Equipment*
- 103.4 - Definitions: Policy Manual: *Additional Topics*
- 335.4.2 -Prohibited Activity: *Public Safety Video Surveillance System Investigations and Enforcement*
- 1000.3 - Recruitment: *Records Bureau Support Services*
- 1000 - Recruitment and Selection: *Personnel*
- 1007.3.1 - Notification Sick Leave: *Personnel*
- 319.5 - Causes for Discipline: Standards of Conduct: - *Safety Personnel*
- 300.4 - Deadly Force Applications: Use of Force: - *Deadly Force Applications: Use of Force*
- 301.4 - Review Board: *Use of Force: Review Boards Use of Force*
- 412.1.2 - Electrical Lines: *Emergency Utility Service: Investigations and Enforcement*
- 300.3.6 - Use of Force: - *Alternative Tactics - De-Escalation Use of Force*

Curious or Questions about a particular policy? Feel free to contact me with your concern or question

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July Celebration Planning: The ongoing preparations for July's celebration will advance with a sense of optimism, as our team meticulously examines various planning options and initiates the process of solidifying key details. Our approach for this year's festivities will introduce new challenges, particularly as we undertake the organization of a two-day event. Enhanced officer tactics and the strategic optimization of available technologies represent integral components within a broader operational strategy.

Future Focus: Emphasizing the importance of fostering strong Police-Community Relationships: Chief Adams has articulated a clear priority for our agency - to cultivate a relationship of mutual trust with the Groveport Community. His directive to the Administrative Team underscores our commitment to this endeavor. This year, Chief Adams has set forth ambitious challenges, notably addressing traffic issues such as school zone safety, stop sign violations, and speeding. Furthermore, he has outlined goals to engage in meaningful discussions about the community's anticipated challenges and strategies to address them. Among the initiatives is the development of an enhanced educational component aimed at fostering better understanding between our department and residents. We are currently exploring opportunities such as offering educational classes on topics like "Financial Scams" targeting the elderly. Chief Adams' approach toward enhancing community involvement will create opportunities for positive interactions between residents and our Police Officers, overcoming potential negative engagements only during crises. We anticipate building stronger positive bonds and deeper connections with our community through these initiatives.

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

Shift Activity for the Month	Shift Results for the Month
Offense Reports	10
Mutual Aid Calls	0
Traffic Accident Reports	5
Criminal Arrests & Warrant Arrests	0
Traffic Violation Stops	72
Traffic Violation Citations	20
Training Hours	0
Bicycle Patrol Hours	0
Foot Patrols	46



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Shift Assignment: Afternoon Shift 2pm to 10pm – Sgt. Sam Yockey

Shift Activity for the Month	Shift Results for the Month
Offense Reports	20
Mutual Aid Calls	4
Traffic Accident Reports	4
Criminal Arrests & Warrant Arrests	11
Traffic Violation Stops	60
Traffic Violation Citations	40
Training Hours	0
Bicycle Patrol Hours	0
Foot Patrols	18

Monthly Highlights:

Arrested five people with active warrants

Had a Felony OVI

Two Domestic Violence arrest

Felony Drug arrest from traffic stop

Received a FLOCK Hit alerting officers of a stolen vehicle/Officers were able to stop the vehicle and arrest the suspect

Shift Assignment: Mid-Night Shift 10pm to 6am- Sgt. Ernie Bell

Shift Activity for the Month	Shift Results for the Month
Offense Reports	4
Mutual Aid Calls	2
Traffic Accident Reports	0
Criminal Arrests & Warrant Arrests	1
Traffic Violation Stops	57
Traffic Violation Citations	39
Training Hours	4
Bicycle Patrol Hours	0
Foot Patrols	45



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Incidents:

On February 14, 2024 at Sgt. Bell made a traffic stop for Speed. The driver was slow to stop and would not pull over until she got to the Waffle House and parked in a parking spot. The driver was found to be driving under suspension and had a total of 7 active arrest warrants. She was placed under arrest, and advised many times to let us know if she had anything that would be considered contraband, drugs, weapons, etc, as it would be a felony. She stated many times she had nothing. While slating at the jail, it was found that the suspect had a bundle of drugs (suspected Fentanyl) hidden in her vagina. The drugs were confiscated and sent to the crime lab and the suspect will be charged when the results come back.

Shift Assignment: Relief Coverage -Sgt. J. Guiler

Notable Activity for the Month:

The month of February has been consumed by PELC training where I have been unable to do much patrolling. And most likely this will be the same for the next two months.

Reserve Officer Ghafoor Nasir completed a total of 17 hours of service for February.

8 hours on patrol

9 hours of training. This includes CPT – Lexipol

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Detective Bureau

Monthly Case Statistics

February 2024



Total Cases Assigned to the Bureau in February, 2024:

11 -Cases

Flock Cameras



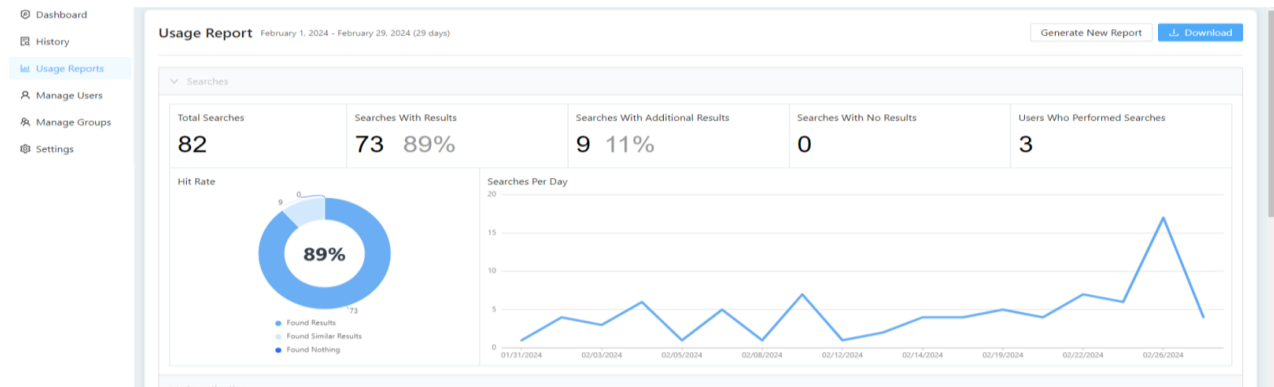
Flock License Plate Reads:
Flock License Plate Alerts:

Total license plate reads for February, - 750,856
Total plate alerts in February – 84 hits

The City of Groveport owns 10-Flock cameras currently, but as a part of Flock we currently have access to 4,505 cameras nationwide.

Clearview Facial Recognition

Clearview Facial Recognition Scans – 82-searches in February, 2024 with 89% identifying rate.





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The Groveport Detective Bureau processes countless search warrants and subpoenas each month to complete our cases. With these court orders being needed for nearly every investigation, it would be very difficult to keep an exact number processed each month.

Notable Cases:

- On 2/2/2024, Detectives investigated a 5-year old Groveport residence who arrived at school with medical issues. The investigation concluded the child had ingested “gummies” that contained THC. The child was hospitalized for 3-days and released. The father of the child, 28-yr Groveport male, was charged with endangering children for negligently leaving the THC gummies out.
- On 2/9/2024, Detective Gilbert responded to Children’s Hospital on a report of an 18-month child exposed to an opioid. Detectives worked closely with medical staff and children services. No conclusive narcotics were located during drug testing. The case will have no criminal charges as we cannot confirm if the child fell ill from anything illegal. Children Services has a safety plan in place with the family.
- On 2/9/2024, Detectives and Franklin County SWAT members took a 41-year old Columbus female into custody who had been breaking into vehicles in Groveport. The female has been charged with stealing numerous items as well as using the victims credit cards.
- On 2/12/2024, Detective Amabile began investigating nearly \$2,000 in fraudulent transactions to a Groveport residents credit card. The investigation is ongoing.
- On 2/15/2024, Detective Gilbert was called in to assist with an operating a vehicle under the influence arrest. A 54-year old Groveport male had been taken into custody for OVI and refused to perform any tests being asked of him. Due to the male’s extensive conviction history for OVI, the male was transported to the hospital and a search warrant was execute for the male’s blood. The male was slated into the Franklin County Jail.
- As the Ohio Revised Code, 2903.18, has added new case law on strangulation when it comes to domestic violence, the Detective Bureau has been reading felony level domestic violence by strangulation cases to the grand jury.

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