

Groveport Police Department



*City Council Report
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Groveport City Council*

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Training, Officer Activities and monthly report information: **January 2023**

MUTUAL AID CALLS			Number	REPORTED OFFENSES	Number	
Franklin CO SO			0	Accidents	10	
Madison TWP PD			1	Assaults	0	
Madison Twp. Fire			14	Burglaries	2	
Obetz PD			0	Domestic Disputes	12	
CPD/ CFD/Other Agencies			2	Domestic Violence	1	
Public Assistance			0	OVI and alcohol issues	0	
Residential/Business Alarm Response			52	Theft Related/ Robberies	12	
House Watches			5	Weapon Related Calls	4	
Mileage			17,069	Missing Persons/Juveniles	1	
Civil Issue Call Response			1	Narcotic Related Offenses	0	
Sheriff's Dispatches/Self-Initiated Calls			221 / 367	School Related Dispatched Calls	29	
Follow-Up on Previous Call to Service			26	Stolen/Unauthorized Use	2	
A – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls –			24%	Suspicious Peron(s)/Vehicle(s)	21	
B – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls --			51%	Threats	10	
C – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls --			25%	Vandalism	0	
Investigate Unknown Complaint			20	Suicide (attempts)/ DOA/Mental Health Call	29	
Traffic Citations/Complaints			189	Sex Related Crimes	0	
Training Hours			24	Arrests made	1	
Referrals (FCCS)			2	Juvenile Complaints	7	
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: Janaury 2023

Liaison Monthly Activities		
Court Activity Related Time	5 ½ hours	
School Activity Related Time	12 ½ hours	
Community Relations Activity Related Time	2 hours of School Bus Checks	
School Visits by Liaison	Number of Visits	Total Time
Groveport Madison High School	2	1 hour
Groveport Madison Middle School Central	10	3 ½ hours
Groveport Madison Middle School South	9	3 hours
Groveport Elementary	10	3 ½ hours
Glendening Elementary	10	3 hours
Cruiser Academy	2	45 minutes
Eastland Career Center	4	2 ½ hours
Madison Christian High/Middle School	4	1 ½ hours
Madison Christian Elementary School	4	1 ½ hours
Imagine Schools Middle School	2	½ hour
Imagine Schools Elementary	2	½ hour
Other	3	2 hours

Liaison Comments & Notable Events for Monthly Report:

Assisted in Field Train of new officer while patrolling the city.

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Groveport School Resource Officer Report

Prepared By: ***SRO Ptl. Kurt Boso***

Month: ***January 2023***

Groveport Madison High School Reports	Number of Reports Created/Completed
Non-Criminal Reports	0
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	12
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

SRO stats January 2023 Groveport

1/4/2023-School principal Duane Bland stated a "fan page" not created by him had pictures of him using restroom posted on it. Code R.

1/5/2023-Female student set off taser in lunch room causing a disturbance, Other female student was in possession of taser who let her see it. Code R/B/I. DOCx2.

1/5/2023-Two male student involved in fight. Code R/Bx2. DOC.

1/10/2023-Mother came to the school needing advice on how to keep an adult student from her juvenile daughter. Code A.

1/12/2023-Sudent had a toy gun in book bag. No threats to students or staff. School discipline only.

1/12/2023-Two male students fighting. Code R/B.

1/13/2023-Mother come in concerned her male student was being threatened at school and home. Code D Madison Twsp.

1/17/2023-Two female students involved in fight. Code R



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1/19/2023-Mother called in. Daughter was assaulted by buses by students from another school. Officer and school administration were not aware of incident at the time because victim went home on bus. Code R/B
1/19/2023-Two female students involved in fight. Code R/B
1/23/2023-Male special needs student had to be handcuffed. Student was punching and choking teacher. Punching and head-butting wall and furniture. Attempting to bite school staff. Code R.
1/30/2023-Four male students involved in fight (26) on stairs out of a code 8. Code R/Bx4
1/31/2023-Officer received call from Ohio Safer Schools. Tip about a student being assaulted in restroom on 1/30/2023. Adult student stated he did not want charges.

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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Training Update-

The State of Ohio Legislature has informed the Ohio Attorney General's Office & the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) that each Peace Officer in the state will have to complete a minimum of 24 hours of Continuing Professional Training during the 2023 Calendar Year. At this point and time, it is unknown if these hours are going to be reimbursed by the State of Ohio, OPOTA has advised we could utilize funding from the 2022 CPT Calendar Year, but we have already utilized the entire funding during our training sessions for 2022. The 2023 Groveport Police Budget has already factored in the mandated training in our budget, and prepared for an unfunded mandate from the State of Ohio.

CPT Mandated 24-hour training categories for 2023:

- 3-Hours of School Threat and Safety Training
- 3-Hours of Legal Updates
- 2-Hours of Arrest, Search & Seizure
- 16-Hours of pre-approved training by the agency head, OPOTA on-line courses, or OPOTA in person courses

Groveport Madison School District Update-

Over the past month, the Groveport Police Department has attended and participated in several round table discussions with the GM School Administrative Staff, Teachers and Support Staff, Student and Parents from the school district. The discussions have been focused on safety measures researched by the Deputy Superintendent Paul Smathers. Right now, the focus is on devices that may detect weapons entering the schools as students and guests enter the buildings, and what are the issues that may confront the school district during the implantation phase of these security devices. Mr. Smathers has advised that no security measures has been put in place as of yet when it comes to devices, and that they are still in the research phase of what they believe will be effective in the schools, along with being acceptable from the Groveport Madison School Board.

The Groveport Police Department School Resource Officer has deployed OC Pepper Spray twice during the month of January. Both incidents occurred as staff members and our officers were attempting to gain compliance through verbal and physical commands during altercations/disturbances between students, and students on staff members. The deployment of OC Pepper Spray was decided to be the best course of action to stop the altercations and disorderly behavior that could result in injuries of the perpetrators and onlookers. During both incidents, large police presence was required, and both incidents ended quickly with only minor first aid treatment to decontaminate the individuals causing the disturbances. Both incidents resulted in criminal charges on those parties involved in the altercations and disorderly behavior.



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Special Events Coming to the City-

There are two special events coming to, and/or going to affect the City of Groveport traffic flow along State Route 317 that will include the 2023 Air Show that will be taking place June 16th thru 18th, and Pelotonia on August 5th, 2023. Both events will create heavy traffic congestion in and around the City of Groveport, it will also bring a lot of pedestrian foot and bicycle traffic, and require our police department to devote resources to expedite and block traffic flow in the City of Groveport.

When it comes to information and scheduled meetings on these events, both organizers do not see how these events will affect our roadways, and properties within our corporation limits. At this point and time, the June Air Show organizer are still looking at ways to bring the vehicles and spectators into the Rickenbacker Airport quickly, along with dispersing the traffic from the event area, and limit the wait times coming and going from the airport property during the three-day event. They are still attempting to define what jurisdictions need when it comes to traffic details to monitor the traffic flow, and how this will affect GREAT Transportation and COTA Buses dropping off and picking up passengers at the Marathon Gas Station at the corner of State Route 317 and Alum Creek Drive.

Pelotonia organizers have only contacted Rec Center Director Seth Bower or myself after receiving notification from the City of Groveport that Bixby Road and Cruiser Park are within the City of Groveport, and that their annual event set-up could affect the First Thursday event held at Cruiser Park on August 3rd. I have asked the organizer include us in their event planning sessions, this will give the police department an indication of what times the bike riders will be coming through Groveport, and how many officers they will need from our agency to work the special duty traffic detail on August 5th.

I will keep Mayor Westcamp and City Council up to date on any details that come from these two events coming in the Summer 2023.

Officer Status-

During the past month, all three new officers (Ptl. James Reed, Ptl. Freeman Nixon, and Ptl. Gregrey Martin) have started their Field Training Program with their coaches. Each officer will have a one-month training experience on each shift, and will be coached by a new coach every month during their Field Training Program Assignment. After speaking with Lt. Josh Short reference the new officers first month at Groveport, he has only enthusiasm for what these officers have shown in the learning ability to not only handle normal patrol duties, but how they are interacting with the public during their normal patrol hours.

All three officers are excited about coming to work, engage their co-workers, and interact with the public in a positive manner. The two officers who came over with experience have only praise for our community, and the support our residents show our police department. Both have spoken on how unnormal that is when it came to their last employer, and they enjoy coming to work, where there is an environment that is not only suppurative within the agency but also the community as a whole is friendly towards police officers.



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Our third officer with no experience is just enjoying coming to work, as he is learning what it takes to not only be an enforcer when it comes to violations of the law, but treating people with respect at all times.

Det. Mike Sturgill has left the agency for an extended medical leave, and after a recovery time, he will be retiring after 25 years of full-time service to this community in early April 2023. Det. Sturgill has been in the Groveport Police Department Detective Bureau for 20 years, Det. Sturgill will be truly missed, and his positive attitude when dealing with his fellow officers and our community has been a true asset to our agency. Det. Sturgill truly loved being a police officer in Groveport, and that was demonstrated by dedicating his entire career to the City of Groveport.

Det. Delbert Dalton is currently been placed on injury leave, it is unknown if we will be able to return before his anticipated retirement date, in early June 2023. Det. Dalton is another who has dedicated his entire career to the City of Groveport, where he not only worked, but also called Groveport his home for the majority of his 25 years of full-time service. Det. Dalton also has been in the Detective Bureau for 20 years, and we have been very fortunate to have Det. Dalton and Det. Sturgill work as a team during the past 20 years. Both detectives have set a high standard when it comes to investigations, and treating their cases with professionalism and fairness when dealing with potential person(s) of interest in our criminal cases.

I have spoken to both detectives, and it is my feeling that it would be only fair to have a sendoff celebration for both of them together, due to beginning their careers together. Currently I am looking to early June for this celebration retirement sendoff, and I will keep Mayor Westcamp and City Council informed as a date is firmed up on the celebration.

Finally, Det. Danny Amabile has begun his new role as a detective, and he has hit the ground running by training with Det. Sturgill for the first three weeks. Det. Amabile and Det. Josh Gilbert are now handling all the investigations for the Groveport Police Department, and it is my hope to have the third detective in place by early April, once the new officers are released from their Field Training Programs.

Building Upgrades-

The police department is currently going through a transition of upgrades and moving office locations within the building. We are thankful for the Facilities Department time and effort during this transition, they have been handling the painting of the entire interior of the building, making alterations to office spaces, completing electrical work, and moving items within the building office spaces. The most important projects in my opinion was establishing one office space for the detectives to work from together (compared to separate work spaces), and establishing an office space where Lt. Josh Short could work from in privacy. The building is taking on a professional look as our officers and visitors enter the building.



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Lt. Josh Short (Patrol Lieutenant Report)-

All three of our new hires, James Reed, Freeman Nixon, and Gregrey Martin have are fully involved in their field training. Their training officers are pleased with their progress and have had no issues with their training at this point. The three are spread out on each of the three shifts and are scheduled to transition to another shift on Feb. 16. The officers will spend time on all three shifts during their training.

We were finally able to get the newest speed trailer fully repaired and reprogrammed and you should be seeing it back out around town. This trailer allows us to collect traffic data.

NON-HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY OF NOTE:

On 1/10 patrol officers responded to Imagine Groveport Junior High School on report of an unruly student. Upon arrival officers observed female student crying hysterically and slamming herself on the cot in the nurse's office. After speaking with school staff, it was determined that student had consumed some type of beverage from a water bottle that may have contained alcohol. Student was transported to Children's hospital for physical and mental evaluation since she had stated to officers that she wanted to harm herself.

On 1/19 SRO Boso was contacted about an email that had been sent to an Upper Arlington school making vague threats to Hilary Staten who is a GMLSD employee at the District Service Center. Detectives were unable to trace the identity of the email address. (this occurred after Staten was recorded on hidden camera stating that the district is lying to parents about the uses of CRT curriculum)

Letter from a motorist:

Dear Chief Casey Adams,

I want to take this time to make you aware of the excellent awareness and assistance two of your officers provided me on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Around 2313 hrs I experienced a mechanical failure while driving home from work and was stranded on Bixby Road at the Groveport Soccer Field. Sgt. Josh Guiler observed me at the park while patrolling and pulled into the park to assist. Sgt. Guiler went above and beyond to make sure I got home safely and also assisted me in obtaining a tow company to get my vehicle home. While Sgt. Guiler took me home Officer Shellie Rimmer stayed with my vehicle just in case the tow company came before we returned. Both of your officers are the reason why I become a public servant to Help, Serve & Protect. I am truly grateful and appreciate your officer's assistance in my time of distress. They are truly an example of the true identity behind The Badge. Thank you.

Deputy Carroll #1532.



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Sgt. Josh Guiler (Mid-Night Patrol Sergeant)-

Shift Activity for the Month	Shift Results for the Month
Offense Reports	8
Mutual Aid Calls	3
Traffic Accident Reports	1
Criminal Arrests & Warrant Arrests	2
Traffic Violation Stops	56
Traffic Violation Citations	8
Training Hours	16
Bicycle Patrol Hours	0
Foot Patrols	90

Sgt. Sam Yockey (Afternoon Patrol Sergeant)-

We were busy for the month of January which included a total of 192 Calls for Service. The officers concentrated on a lot of traffic enforcement when they were not busy responding to dispatches or patrolling neighbor hoods. They conducted a total of 94 traffic stops with a large amount of them being on SR 317 area. We experienced a fatal accident this month on SR 317 @ Groveport Rd which was caused by a failure to yield on a left turn violation. Traffic enforcement is prevalent on SR 317 due to the amount of accidents in that area.

The total number of training hours for the whole department for 2022 was 2025 hours. Officer Reed is in his Field Training period with Officer Bell and is doing great. His prior police experience has made the transition to Groveport very smooth.



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Ptl. Chad Rosser and Ptl. Freeman Nixon participating in Groveport Elementary book reading.



Ptl. Kurt Boso interacting with Groveport Madison High School Student during his normal foot patrol.



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