

Groveport Police Department



City Council Report
 Mayor Lance Westcamp
 Groveport City Council

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Training, Officer Activities and monthly report information: **October 2024**

Calls to Service & Incident Reports		Number	Calls to Service & Incident Reports		Number	
Franklin CO SO Mutual Aid		3	Accidents		13	
Madison TWP PD Mutual Aid		15	House Watches		3	
Madison Twp. Fire Mutual Aid		1	Public Assist		8	
Obetz PD Mutual Aid		5	Domestic Violence/Dispute		3 / 3	
CPD/ CFD/Other Agencies Mutual Aid		2	Burglary Related Call(s)		1	
911 Hang Up		11	OVI Arrest		1	
Residential/Business Alarm Response		54	Larceny/Robbery		11	
Animal Complaints		2	Weapon Related Calls (Gun/Knife/ETC)		6	
Mileage		16,657	Missing Persons/Juveniles		3	
Call Party by Phone		15	Disabled Vehicle/Stranded Motorists		5	
Sheriff's Dispatches/Self-Initiated Calls		208 / 452	School Related Dispatched Calls		7	
Follow-Up on Previous Call to Service		13	Stolen/Unauthorized Use		1	
Day Shift % of Calls to Service		20%	Suspicious Peron(s)/Vehicle(s)		24	
Afternoon Shift % of Calls to Service		49%	Threats/Harassment Calls to Service		3	
Mid-Night Shift % of Calls to Service		31%	Vandalism		1	
Investigate Unknown Complaint		3	Suicide (attempts)/ DOA/Mental Health Call/Overdose Related Calls to Service		5	
Traffic Citations/Traffic Stops		45 / 101	Sex Related Crimes		0	
Training Hours		200 Hours	Arrests made		12	
Referrals (FCCS)		1	Juvenile Complaints		5	
Drunk/Disorderly Conduct Related		1	Assault/Fight Calls to Service		5	
Neighborhood Complaint		0	Open Door/Building Call to Service		1	
Calls to Service/Incident Reports		422 / 96	Other: Civil Issue/Trespass Order		1 / 1	
Speed Trailer			Speed Trailer			
Location	Limit	Date Start	Date End	Total vehicles	Highest Speed	Average
Madison Street	25 MPH	Oct. 8 th	Oct. 22 nd	4,401	53 MPH	21.1 MPH

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Groveport School Resource Officer Report

Prepared By: SRO Ptl. Kurt Boso

Month: October 2024

Groveport Madison High School Reports	Number of Reports Created/Completed
Non-Criminal Reports	1
Criminal Offense Reports	2
Mental Health Response Reports	0
Accident Reports	0
Report Classifications	
Property Crime Reports	0
Crime of Violence of Reports	2
Disorderly Conduct Reports	0
Criminal Charge(s) Filed Against arty	4
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
Mileage for the Month	40

10/11/2024-Fight/assault on bus. Report Taken
10/25/2024-Assault in Rarey Hallway. Report Taken/Arrest Made
10/25/2024-Report of two students not getting along. A gun was mentioned during a recorded conversation in Spanish. Officer Herrera assisted in talking with students and parents. Informational Report
10/29/2024-Knife found on student from staff. Officer Mallory did report and charge. Referred to Madison Township Police Department

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Groveport School Resource Officer Report

Prepared By: SRO Ptl. Shellie Rimmer

Month: October 2024

Groveport Madison Schools Reports	Number of Reports Created/Completed
Non-Criminal Reports	1
Criminal Offense Reports	4
Mental Health Response Reports	0
Accident Reports	0
Report Classifications	
Property Crime Reports	0
Crime of Violence of Reports	0
Disorderly Conduct Reports	0
Criminal Charge(s) Filed Against arty	1
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	2
Criminal Trespass Order	0
Use of Force Report	0
School Safety Check Reports/Referral	2
School Internal Training Hours	1
Mileage for the Month	360



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October Special Events-

October has been an extremely busy month for the City of Groveport and the Groveport Police Department.

October 11th and 12th, the Groveport Police Department provided security, traffic control, general patrol & interaction with the public at the Apple Butter Day Festival. I would like to thank GPD Administrative Assistant Kathi Wilson for her help with making sure that our event tent area was organized and ready to go for the large amount of people who stopped by to correspond with men and women of the Groveport Police Department, and we only heard good things about our police department and the services that we provide to our community, especially our newest School Resource Officer Shellie Rimmer who has made a positive impression on the students, parents and staff of the Groveport Madison School District.

October 18th and 19th, the Groveport Police Department provided security, general patrol to the Blacklick Haunted Park, along with staging the police department surveillance video trailer to monitor Blacklick Park during the week of preparing for this event and keeping a watchful eye over the event area during Friday Night, Saturday Afternoon and Saturday Nights scare fest that brought large crowds of adults, teenagers and children looking for a good time in our community.

October 31st, the Groveport Police Department provided traffic control and escort to the Groveport Elementary Halloween Parade during the afternoon along Main Street and Wirt Road corridor. During the evening, the Groveport Police Department patrolled our neighborhoods with increased presence in the residential areas where a high concentration of children would be, and going door to door trick or treating.

After reviewing all three events, the Groveport Police Department responded to a few calls of service for parking issues, some bee stings, and a few individuals who wanted to take treats away from small children in the Hickory Groveport sub-division. I would like to thank Sgt. Ernie Bell for coordinating the overnight security patrol at Heritage Park for Apple Butter Day, Sgt. John Westhoven for coordinating the Apple Butter Day schedule for traffic details, security patrols during the event and keeping the event tent staffed during the day.

For the Blacklick Park Haunted Park, I would like to thank Sgt. Sam Yockey for coordinating the weekend security detail by staging a patrol officer at the park during the event times.

For Halloween, I would like to thank Lt. Josh Short for coordinating Groveport Elementary School Parade, and Sgt. Josh Guiler for coordinating the Beggars Night Patrol. All the supervisors were a tremendous help to making sure our community was safe during this past month's activities. Finally, I want to thank Ptl. Josh Dillard for taking on the task of looking for areas to place the police department's surveillance security trailer at all these city events, along with the Groveport Madison High School Football games.



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I know election day is in November, but I want to recognize Captain Kurt Blevins for preparing our staff and making sure that officers were visible in all three polling precincts within the City of Groveport. As we discovered at the beginning of this long day, all three locations were extremely busy throughout the day, large crowds stood in line for up to an hour, we had minimum complaints about the increased foot and vehicle traffic in these locations. Our officers patrolled these locations every hour, from just the normal patrol pass through, to conducting foot patrol and interacting with the public, and even helping those in wheel chairs maneuver through the long lines at the precincts. All in all, the day was uneventful from our perspective, with no reported complaints from our community, other than standing in line for a lengthy time.

International Chiefs of Police Association Annual Conference-

I attended the annual International Chiefs of Police Conference during the middle of October in Boston, Massachusetts. I would like to thank Mayor Lance Westcamp for giving me this opportunity to attend this large-scale conference that provides educational opportunities to listen about new technology challenges, policy and procedure issues, and employment issues that face every agency in the United States. I also was able to visit several vendors that provide support to the law enforcement community, these vendors could range from vehicles, weapons, uniforms, drones, safety equipment, training, and technology that is always changing in the police profession.

The big takeaways, the tech world is changing by the second, from Artificial Intelligence, to Multifactor Authentication, and even the vehicles are heading down the road to becoming all electric, with fuel consuming vehicles being less prominent in the future. Companies are pushing public safety by having information easily accessible to the public through updated websites, phone applications, and even having drones responding to calls to service scenes as our officers respond. I cannot imagine what public safety is going to look like in 5 to 10 years from now, the movie Robo Cop is becoming a closer reality when you see all these changes, and our officers will be depending on technology more and more each and every day that they come to work.

2025 Budget-

I would like to thank the City of Groveport Administration, Mayor Lance Westcamp and Groveport City Council Members for your continued support of the Groveport Police Department by reviewing our budget and supporting the 2025 Budget proposals. For me, having City Administrator BJ King, Finance Director Jason Carr and the other City Directors support when I begin to prepare each year's budget has been extremely helpful and streamlines the preparation. It is my hope to evaluate all expenditures carefully throughout the year, and make the most fiscally responsible sound decision to purchase equipment product needs for the police department. There will be careful review and research of this upcoming years projects, to ensure that the equipment we purchase is best for the long term needs of our agency and personnel.



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2024 Vehicle Update-

We have finally put all four new 2024 Dodge Durango's in patrol, and other than a few tweaks of the set-up on these vehicles, the officers like the new vehicles and the safety equipment that have been installed on the vehicles. We are currently in the process of de-commissioning a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe from the patrol fleet, and we will be turning it over to the Public Service Department for them to utilize for daily city business. We are also de-commissioning a 2017 Ford Police Utility, and I will be discussing with the City Administration the best course of action to figure out whether the vehicle is worth turning over to another city department or auctioning the vehicle off.

Training-

The staff of the Groveport Police Department attended a 2-hour training session on Workplace Harassment, this training was put on by Training Marbles who is used by many government agencies in the Central Ohio area, and it is the first time that we have had this type of training pre-Covid environment. I felt that this training for the police staff was needed, as we have had a large number of new officers coming into our organization.

Captain Kurt Bevins Report-

Election Day Security Patrol Report By Captain Kurt Blevins, Groveport Police Department

Date: November 5, 2024

Time Frame: 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Areas of Concern:

- 1. Groveport Recreation Center**
- 2. Eastland Career Center - Aviation Building**
- 3. Madison Township Community Center**

Overview

On Election Day, my primary responsibility was to ensure the security of polling locations, assist the public, and monitor voter flow. The Groveport Recreation Center was designated as my first stop, where I also cast my vote before beginning my shift.

Chief Adams was also monitoring the area via the camera system deployed at the Groveport Recreation Center and patrolling in his cruiser.

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Groveport Recreation Center Personal Voting Experience

- Time Voted: Entered line at 7:30 AM, completed voting by 8:30 AM.
- Atmosphere: Friendly and respectful interactions were observed among voters, with a cooperative spirit evident as people navigated a long line.
- Poll Worker Demeanor: Staff were courteous, professional, and prepared for a long, high-traffic day. I observed them maintaining a steady, organized flow at the polls.

Shift Details and Patrol Observations

- Shift Start: 11:00 AM – Ending at 8PM
- Objective: Patrol polling locations, ensuring order and assisting with any public needs.

Traffic and Voter Turnout:

- Groveport Recreation Center:
 - Heaviest turnout due to the consolidation of local polling sites.
 - Lines remained long, extending outside for most of the day.
 - Minor adjustments were made to direct the line away from the roadway, ensuring public safety.

Weather was favorable, with partly cloudy skies and temperatures ranging from 62°F to 79°F. Wind was manageable at 10-20 MPH, and there was no rain threat, contributing positively to voter turnout.

Eastland Career Center & Madison Township Community Center:

- Both locations reported high turnout in the morning, which leveled out by midday, with a steady stream of voters for the remainder of the day.
- Average wait times were minimal in the afternoon and evening hours, as reported by voters exiting the premises.

Afternoon & Evening Surge:

From 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, the Groveport Recreation Center experienced another influx of voters, resulting in wait times ranging from 45 minutes to 1.5 hours (approximate, based on observations).

Traffic Flow & Parking:

- Parking was a challenge at the Recreation Center, particularly for elderly and disabled voters who required drop-off assistance near the polling entrance.



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- The limited number of accessible parking spaces and the need for drop-off space created occasional congestion in the parking lot, underscoring the need for improved access should this location continue as a polling site.

Other Locations

Traffic and parking were well-managed at the Eastland Career Center and Madison Township Community Center, with free-flowing traffic and ample parking.

Assistance Rendered

- **Battery Assistance:** I encountered a resident with a dead car battery. Due to restrictions on using police cruisers for jumps, I enlisted the help of Seth Gruber and Jeff Fields. When efforts were unsuccessful, I provided a courtesy transport home so the resident could retrieve another vehicle.
- **Phone Access:** Another resident required assistance contacting a ride, which I facilitated.

Poll Worker Performance and General Atmosphere

Poll workers, particularly those at the Groveport Recreation Center, were diligent, organized, and professional throughout the day. I spoke with several workers, who reported no significant incidents or disruptions. Voter morale was high, with a sense of patriotism evident among those exercising their right to vote.

Concluding Remarks

The day proceeded smoothly, thanks to cooperative voters, favorable weather, and effective poll management. Potential concerns for future planning include enhanced accessible parking and traffic control at the Groveport Recreation Center. Considerations in opening one gymnasium area to better facilitate the crowd and shield people from potential inclement weather.

This report reflects a successful Election Day with minor operational challenges that were managed effectively. Please feel free to share this report and, as always, if you have any questions please let me know.



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Lt. Josh Short Monthly Report-

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Mr. Smathers

While working special duty security for the Groveport Madison vs. Logan varsity football game on 10/18 I had an encounter with a few Logan parents that I'd like to share with you.

There were about two minutes left in the game when I decided to walk over to the visitor side one last time before it ended. As I neared the stands I was called over by three Logan adults standing along the fence and as I walked up to them one asks if they can ask me a few questions. My inner-defenses immediately go up whenever a conversation starts like this while I'm at work. One of the three asks "what's the big deal?". Somewhat confused I ask "what's the big deal with what?" and he answers "coming to Groveport". I asked them to elaborate and they go on to tell me how they've been hearing how bad and dangerous it is to have to come play football at Groveport but they didn't experience anything like that. They said that they had already experienced the Evolv at Canal Winchester and it wasn't any big deal. They said that coming to this game was pretty much like any other game and that they felt completely safe and were having a good time. I let them know that I appreciated their comments and that most of that is a result of all of the planning and work put in by the high school administration and staff.

I heard several comments like this throughout the high school football season. Although there was a brief bit of stress at the Reynoldsburg game a vast majority of time at our home games were a safe, enjoyable, and uneventful time. This is a direct result of the planning, preparation, and execution by Mr. Altman, Mr. Gamertsfelder, Coach Snyder, and all of the high school administrators and staff.

I just wanted to let you know that their hard work and dedication is noticed and I am privileged to get to work with them to provide a safe and enjoyable opportunity for our community.

Respectfully

Lt. Josh Short
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Other GH School District Reports-

10/4 and 10/18 – Two Friday night football games at Groveport HS. The game on the 4th was against Reynoldsburg and saw a very active and stressful 1st half for school staff and law enforcement. There was a very large number of teenagers that were there to fight and do everything except watch the game. A large fight broke out just before halftime and a Madison Township officer deployed chemical spray to disperse the participants. We made 3 arrests at the time for disorderly conduct and/or trespassing. After that incident most of the bad elements left and we had no other issues. The game on the 18 was against Logan and was uneventful. (See attached letter that I sent to Deputy Superintendent Smathers)

10/25 – Our two SROs, Kurt Boso and Shellie Rimmer, worked the CW vs. Groveport Football game with Madison Township PD at Canal Winchester High School. This was a mutual aid request for assistance due to recent historic issues with violence and football games between these two schools. There were no issues at this game and Madison Township Sgt Tiller thanked our officers and PD for the assistance.

10/30 – I attended and helped instruct an active shooter training with OSU PD. This was a very large-scale exercise in a vacant portion of Mt. Carmel Franklinton. This training had all officers respond to an active shooter inside of the 4-story building working to set up incident command and neutralize the threat. After the scenario there were 4 break-out sessions for room clearing, hostage rescue, firearms handling, and two man building search.

NON-GROVEPORT MADISON SCHOOL ACTIVITY OF NOTE:

10/14 – Patrol officers responded to Eastland Career Center on report of a student possibly with a gun. Officers went with school security staff to remove the student from class. Student was searched by staff and a realistic looking airsoft pistol was found in his backpack. Student was charged with Possession of a lookalike firearm on school property, a Misdemeanor 1.



No issues at Madison Christian or Groveport Imagine Schools



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<i>"A" Company Activity: October 2024</i>				
"A" Company Officer	Calls to Service	Incident Reports	Responding to Incident	Reporting Incident
Sgt. John Westhoven	14	6	5	1
Ptl. Ryan Ripson	32	2	1	1
Ptl. Chad Rosser	39	8	3	5
Ptl. Kevin Chavez	35	12	2	10
"A" Company Officer	Mayor's Court Cases	Franklin County Court Cases	Total Traffic/Criminal Cases	
Sgt. John Westhoven	0	0 Traffic/0 Criminal	0 Traffic/0 Criminal	
Ptl. Ryan Ripson	0	0 Traffic/0 Criminal	0 Traffic/ 0 Criminal	
Ptl. Chad Rosser	2	0 Traffic/0 Criminal	2 Traffic/ 0 Criminal	
Ptl. Kevin Chavez	4	2 Traffic/0 Criminal	6 Traffic/ 0 Criminal	
"A" Compnay Officer	Traffic Stops Made			
Sgt. John Westhoven	0			
Ptl. Ryan Ripson	0			
Ptl. Chad Rosser	2			
Ptl. Kevin Chavez	6			

Day Shift-6am to 2pm



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<i>"B" Company Activity: October 2024</i>				
"B" Company Officer	Calls to Service	Incident Reports	Responding to Incident	Reporting Incident
Sgt. Sam Yockey	25	9	8	1
Ptl. Forrest Benner	76	19	5	14
Ptl. James Reed	63	7	5	2
Ptl. Freeman Nixon	52	10	3	7
Ptl. Gregrey Martin	66	27	3	24
Sgt. Josh Guiler	4	0	0	0
"B" Company Officer	Mayor's Court Cases	Franklin County Court Cases	Total Traffic/Criminal Cases	
Sgt. Sam Yockey	1	0 Traffic/0 Criminal	0 Traffic/0 Criminal	
Ptl. Forrest Benner	9	3 Traffic/0 Criminal	12 Traffic/ 0 Criminal	
Ptl. James Reed	0	1 Traffic/1 Criminal	1 Traffic/ 1 Criminal	
Ptl. Freeman Nixon	0	1 Traffic/1 Criminal	1 Traffic/ 1 Criminal	
Ptl. Gregrey Martin	13	2 Traffic/3 Criminal	2 Traffic/3 Criminal	
Sgt. Josh Guiler	0	0 Traffic/0 Criminal	0 Traffic/0 Criminal	
			"B" Compnay Officer	Traffic Stops Made
			Sgt. Sam Yockey	3
			Ptl. Forrest Benner	36
			Ptl. James Reed	6
			Ptl. Freeman Nixon	6
			Ptl. Gregrey Martin	20
			Sgt. Josh Guiler	0

Afternoon Shift-2pm to 10pm

Shift Assignment: Afternoon Shift 2pm-10pm

Monthly Highlights:

- Numerous school zone patrols
- Two accidents at Bixby Rd and Ebright Rd- One involved an impaired driver whom was arrested.
- Two domestic violence incidents where a suspect was arrested.
- A motor vehicle theft from a warehouse parking lot. With the help of the detective bureau the suspect was arrested.
- We responded to a dispatch of an unconscious male at a residence. Officer Nixon and Martin arrived on scene and administered CPR. Unfortunately, the male was pronounced deceased by the medics. The cause of the death was natural causes.
- Officers helped with security detail at the Blacklick Haunted Park Event.



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<i>"C" Company Activity: October 2024</i>				
"C" Company Officer	Calls to Service	Incident Reports	Responding to Incident	Reporting Incident
Sgt. Ernie Bell	26	9	8	1
Ptl. Kyle Smith	34	12	7	5
Ptl. Adam Greter	44	7	4	3
Ptl. Josh Dillard	79	20	2	18
"C" Company Officer	Mayor's Court Cases	Municipal Court Cases	Total Traffic/Criminal Cases	
Sgt. Ernie Bell	1	2 Traffic/0 Criminal	3 Traffic/0 Criminal	
Ptl. Kyle Smith	2	0 Traffic/1 Criminal	2 Traffic/ 1 Criminal	
Ptl. Adam Greter	2	0 Traffic/0 Criminal	2 Traffic/ 0 Criminal	
Ptl. Josh Dillard	9	3 Traffic/0 Criminal	12 Traffic/ 0 Criminal	
			"C" Compnay Officer	Traffic Stops Made
			Sgt. Ernie Bell	3
			Ptl. Kyle Smith	2
			Ptl. Adam Greter*	2
			Ptl. Josh Dillard	12

Night Shift-10pm to 6am

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CASE COUNTS

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For Cases opened between 10/1/2024 and 10/31/2024 for all case types, all units, all office regions....(see end of report)

Case Subtype	Cases	%
Assault	5	2.87 %
Childrens Service Referral	1	0.57 %
Complaint	8	4.60 %
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0.57 %
Criminal Damage/Vandalism	1	0.57 %
Disabled Vehicle	2	1.15 %
Disorderly Conduct	1	0.57 %
DOA - Unknown	1	0.57 %
Domestic Violence	3	1.72 %
House Watch	3	1.72 %
Larceny/Theft	9	5.17 %
Miscellaneous	2	1.15 %
Missing Person Returned	4	2.30 %
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0.57 %
Mutual Aid - Madison TWP F.D.	1	0.57 %
Mutual Aid - Madison TWP P.D.	15	8.62 %
Mutual Aid - Obetz P.D.	5	2.87 %
Mutual Aid - Other	2	1.15 %
Mutual Aid - Sheriff's Office	3	1.72 %
Overdose - Fatal	1	0.57 %
OVI / Physical Control	1	0.57 %
Property Impound	1	0.57 %
Public Assist / Lock Out	18	10.34 %
Traffic Citation	45	25.86 %
Traffic Offense	22	12.64 %
Trespass Warning	1	0.57 %
Unruly Juvenile	1	0.57 %
Unspecified Call	2	1.15 %
Vehicle Crash	13	7.47 %
Warrant	1	0.57 %
Total	174	100.00 %

For Cases opened between 10/1/2024 and 10/31/2024 for all case types, all units, all office regions, all teams, grouped by Case