

# Groveport Police Department



*City Council Report  
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## Training, Officer Activities and monthly report information: **December 2023**

MUTUAL AID CALLS			Number	REPORTED OFFENSES		Number
Franklin CO SO			2	Accidents		14
Madison TWP PD			13	Assaults		3
Madison Twp. Fire			2	Burglaries		0
Obetz PD			3	Domestic Disputes		12
CPD/ CFD/Other Agencies			1	Domestic Violence		1
Public Assistance			12	OVI and alcohol issues		4
Residential/Business Alarm Response			52	Theft Related/ Robberies		13
House Watches			3	Weapon Related Calls		4
Mileage			14,814	Missing Persons/Juveniles		2
Civil Issue Call Response			2	Narcotic Related Offenses		0
Sheriff's Dispatches/Self-Initiated Calls			203 / 247	School Related Dispatched Calls		19
Follow-Up on Previous Call to Service			24	Stolen/Unauthorized Use		1
A – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls –			30%	Suspicious Peron(s)/Vehicle(s)		20
B – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls --			55%	Threats		3
C – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls --			15%	Vandalism		2
Investigate Unknown Complaint			5	Suicide (attempts)/ DOA/Mental Health Call		3
Traffic Citations/Traffic Stops			27 / 72	Sex Related Crimes		1
Training Hours			0	Arrests made		11
Referrals (FCCS)			1	Juvenile Complaints		3
Speed Trailer				Speed Trailer		
Location	Limit	Date Start	Date End	Total vehicles	Highest Speed	Average
None						

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## **Groveport Madison High School-School Resource Officer Kurt Boso**

December 2023 SRO stats

During the month of December Groveport-Madison schools' computers were compromised by a cyber-attack. During this time the Groveport -Madison network was shut down and reset by the IT department. In the process I lost my December school incident list and was unable to provide the monthly stats for council. I will say from memory we had very few incidents and all around the beginning of the school year has been a great improvement from the last two years. One good thing to come from the days with no computer access is the students were unable to get on social media or look up subjects not related to classwork. The Groveport-Madison schools even adopted a new rule of the administrators only have access to the schools Wi-Fi password.

### **Monthly School Activity**

DECEMBER

2023

#### **NON-HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY OF NOTE:**

12/9 Patrol officer took report from mother of Groveport Imagine Middle School who stated her child had been assaulted on the school bus by three other students. Charges were filed against the three students.

12/15 Patrol officer was sent to Groveport Elementary on report of inappropriate physical contact between students. Officer spoke with a 4<sup>th</sup> grade female student and her mother and school principal – the student stated that another female student had been pushing her and grabbing at her breast multiple times throughout the past few weeks. Student stated that the suspect girl was otherwise her friend and hadn't acted like that in the past. All parties agreed to allow school principal to handle the issue.

12/23 Patrol officers responded to Groveport Elementary on report of inappropriate photos on a student's cellphone. Student brought pictures to school principal who contacted police. Investigating officers observed a few pictures of an unidentified black male juvenile with his genitals exposed. Other students stated that they thought the picture was of a person named Braxton which is not a registered name in the school district. Other info arose indicating that the student might reside in Lancaster. Officers contacted Lancaster PD who investigated but could find no student by that name in their district. Due to the nature of the cellphone picture delivery, the originating source phone could not be found.

Report prepared by Lt. Josh Short #L1



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### **Monthly Notable Activity/Notes- Chief Casey M. Adams**

The month of December was an eventful time for the Groveport Police Department. Newly hired Ptl. Josh Dillard began his second month of Field Training and is progressing at a steady pace. His fellow officers continue to approach me and compliment how well Ptl Dillard is fitting into the police department, and they feel his enthusiasm and pro-active patrolling will be a great benefit to the Groveport Police Department & City of Groveport.

As mentioned during the December City Council Meeting, Ptl. Kevin Chavez and Sgt. John Westhoven attempted to stop a stolen vehicle on Main Street, and again on Delane Road. The juveniles operating the vehicle fled from our officers, struck multiple pedestrian vehicles, and were eventually apprehended in a backyard on Elm Street. No injuries occurred, and there was a lot of teamwork between our agency, Madison Township Police Department and Obetz Police Department in order to bring this criminal situation to a safe ending.

As always, the men and women of the Groveport Police Department participated in the Heritage Holiday. Santa made several appearances within the City of Groveport, and Santa & his elves sent the kids from Groveport Elementary off with the Christmas Spirit on the last day of school for winter break.

I would like to thank Brian Strayer and his staff for mounting the final two Mobile Pro Systems Intersection Cameras on the traffic light poles on Hamilton Road at Groveport Road, and Hamilton Road at Old Hamilton Road. These units will not only assist the police department in criminal investigations, but also assist Brian Strayers Department on monitoring the streets during the winter season.



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Chief

Probationary Officers James Reed, Freeman Nixon, and Gregrey Martin have all reached their one-year anniversary with our department. They have all successfully completed their field training and have spent time on all three shifts working with all officers and supervisors. We have gotten good reports and feedback from the supervisors and the officers who enjoy working with the three and feel they are safe and efficient officers. All have also worked as minimum staffing without supervision and are able to function and perform without issue.

It is my recommendation that all three be released from probationary status and be designated as full-time patrol officers.

Thank You



Lt. Josh Short #L1

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## Detective Bureau Monthly Case Statistics December 2023



**Total Cases Assigned to the Bureau in December, 2023:** 15

### Flock Cameras

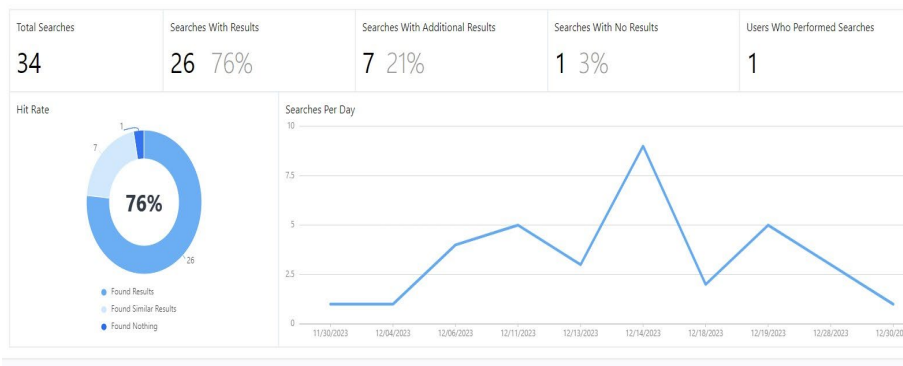
**Flock License Plate Reads:**  
**Flock License Plate Alerts:**

Total plates read in December were 665,000  
Total plate alerts in December were 100

*The City of Groveport owns 10-Flock cameras currently, but as a part of Flock we currently have access to 4,112 cameras nationwide.*

### Clearview Facial Recognition

**Clearview Facial Recognition Scans** – 34 searches in December, 2023 with 76% identifying rate.



**New Hire Background Checks:** In the month of December, 2023 the Detective Bureau was assigned background investigations for 5-new hire applicants. These are very time consuming and thorough investigations.

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.

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## Notable Cases:

- On 12/2/2023, a male reached over the counter at Certified Gas Station grabbing a hand-full of lottery tickets. The male fled the scene. Detective Amabile used both intersection and flock cameras to identify the vehicle used during the theft. Further investigation into the vehicle, identified the suspect (45-yr Columbus male) who was criminal charged. The same suspect stole a large amount of lottery tickets in Fairfield County as well, so we provided them our investigation to be able to charge the male in theirs also.
- On 12/4/2023 in the overnight hours a U-Haul trailer was stolen from a business on Hendron Rd. Detective Amabile used flock cameras to identify the vehicle used in the theft. Further investigation led to Detectives locating the suspect vehicle in Reynoldsburg. Detectives identified the suspect and through an interview, he drove Detectives to the location of the stolen trailer. The trailer was returned to the business and the male (51-yr Columbus male) has been referred for indictment.
- 12/7/2023, Flock cameras alerted patrol to a stolen Hyundai entering the city. Upon attempting to stop the vehicle, it fled from officers striking two occupied vehicles. The Detective bureau and patrol worked together to take three-juveniles into custody and recover the stolen vehicle. Two of the juveniles were reported missing and one female juvenile had 5-active warrants. Charges were filed on two of the three juveniles. All three were taken to Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center.
- On 12/11/2023, Officer Martin initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle. During the stop, number checks in other people's names were discovered in the vehicle. Detective Fairman confirmed the checks to be stolen and the adult male Groveport resident will be charged with receiving stolen property.
- During the month of December, Detectives received and began investigating a tip into trafficking in drugs. On 12/24/2023, the detective bureau concluded the investigation, partnering with patrol. A search warrant was executed at 450 Main St, where cocaine, digital scales/packaging material and a handgun was recovered as evidence. The Groveport resident was arrested and slated into the Franklin County Jail for possession of cocaine and trafficking in cocaine. The investigation did conclude that the suspect was actively selling cocaine in the City of Groveport.
- Sergeant Gilbert continues to assist the United States Marshals in locating violent fugitives as a task-force officer with the Marshals and it's our hope to expand this to Detective Fairman also in 2024.

The Detective Bureau has been selected to attend training in Birmingham, Alabama in 2024 through the U.S. Secret Service. Detective Amabile and Fairman will attend a one-week long course on cryptocurrency investigations and Cyber Investigations. This is at no cost to the City of Groveport and funded by the Secret Service.



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### **Shift Assignment: Afternoon Shift – Sgt. Sam Yockey**

Shift Activity for the Month	Shift Results for the Month
Offense Reports	25
Mutual Aid Calls	5
Traffic Accident Reports	7
Criminal Arrests & Warrant Arrests	13
Traffic Violation Stops	52
Traffic Violation Citations	46
Training Hours	
Bicycle Patrol Hours	
Foot Patrols	21

### **Shift Assignment: Mid-Night Shift- Sgt. Josh Guiler**

Shift Activity for the Month	Shift Results for the Month
Offense Reports	5
Mutual Aid Calls	0
Traffic Accident Reports	4
Criminal Arrests & Warrant Arrests	0
Traffic Violation Stops	6
Traffic Violation Citations	10
Training Hours	2
Bicycle Patrol Hours	0
Foot Patrols	34

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## GROVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT 2023 TRAINING HOURS

NAME	TRAINING CLASS HOURS		TOTAL HOURS
Adams, Casey	28	27	55
Amabile, Danny	176	24	200
Benner, Forrest	108	24	132
Bell, Ernest		24	24
Blevins, Kurt	6	25	31
Boso, Kurt	45	24	69
Chavez, Kevin		24	24
Fairman, David	224	24	248
Gilbert, Joshua	192	27	219
Greter, Adam	24	24	48
Guiler, Joshua	8	24	32
Herrera, Javier	8	24	32
Martin, Gregrey	40	24	64
Nasir, Ghafoor		25	25
Murphy, Bary		24	24
Nixon, Freeman	8	24	32
Pack, Tisha	52	24	76
Reed, James	32	24	56
Rimmer, Shellie		25	25
Ripson, Ryan	98.5	24	122.5
Rosser, Chad	39	24	63
Short, Joshua	24	24	48
Smith, Kyle	14	24	38
Westhoven, John	24	24	48
Yockey, Samuel			
	1150.5	609	1759.5
YEAR END TOTALS			

Hours based on training certificates turned into training officer.



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## **Patrol Lieutenant Report** DECEMBER 2023

On the 5<sup>th</sup> I attended a Executive Protection meeting in Dayton hosted by the US Secret Service. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the upcoming Presidential election and how the candidates travel to and from our area might affect our city. They could not discuss any specific schedules at this time but wanted us to be aware that Rickenbacker may be utilized as in the past.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> I participated in interviews for new hires for patrol officer position. Ofc Herrera and Joyce Myers and Annie Short with HR assisted with the interviews.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> I attended a safety/security meeting with the admin and office staff at the Eastland/Fairfield Administrative Office. I was there to answer questions about police response and best practices and to help them develop policies for security protocols. We are going to follow up with another meeting at the end of January.

Trainee Ofc Dillard is doing a stellar job with his training and moved to second shift from first shift on the 7<sup>th</sup>. He will split time between Ofc Benner and Ofc Chavez with his second shift training.

Sgt Yockey and Sgt Westhoven have done an exceptional job mentoring and assisting newly promoted Sgt Bell with his new job duties that will begin officially on 3<sup>rd</sup> shift on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Sam and John have been a great help to me with easing Ernie into the supervisor position with on the job training.