

# Groveport Police Department



*City Council Report  
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Groveport City Council*

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## Training, Officer Activities and monthly report information: October 2022

MUTUAL AID CALLS			Number	REPORTED OFFENSES		Number
Franklin CO SO			2	Accidents		24
Madison TWP PD			9	Assaults		4
Madison Twp. Fire			5	Burglaries		1
Obetz PD			1	Domestic Disputes		13
CPD/ CFD/Other Agencies			4	Domestic Violence		1
Public Assistance			29	OVI and alcohol issues		1
Residential/Business Alarm Response			53	Theft Related/ Robberies		17
House Watches			1	Weapon Related Calls		5
Mileage			15,841	Missing Persons/Juveniles		6
Civil Issue Call Response			14	Narcotic Related Offenses		0
Sheriff's Dispatches/Self-Initiated Calls			235/287	School Related Calls		23
Follow-Up on Previous Call to Service			17	Stolen/Unauthorized Use		3
A – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls –			33%	Suspicious Peron(s)/Vehicle(s)		46
B – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls --			47%	Threats		8
C – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls --			20%	Vandalism		5
Investigate Unknown Complaint			40	Suicide (attempts)/ DOA/Mental Health Call		8
Traffic Citations/Complaints			81	Sex Related Crimes		2
Training Hours			120	Arrests made		2
Referrals (FCCS)			0	Juvenile Complaints		14
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: October 2022

Liaison Monthly Activities		
Court Activity Related Time	9 Hours between Municipal Court/Clerks Office/Mayor's Court	
School Activity Related Time	1 Hour	
Community Relations Activity Related Time	4 hours- Parade/Beggars Night	
<b>School Visits by Liaison</b>	<b>Number of Visits</b>	<b>Total Time</b>
Groveport Madison High School	9	220 minutes
Groveport Madison Middle School Central	11	210 minutes
Groveport Madison Middle School South	5	105 minutes
Groveport Elementary	13	285 minutes
Glendening Elementary	7	185 minutes
Cruiser Academy	-	-
Eastland Career Center	4	115 minutes
Madison Christian High/Middle School	4	85 minutes
Madison Christian Elementary School	4	95 minutes
Imagine Schools Middle School	4	80 minutes
Imagine Schools Elementary	3	65 minutes
Other	Grand Jury	2 hours

### Liaison Comments & Notable Events for Monthly Report:

- Worked the Groveport Elementary Halloween Parade on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Worked Beggars Night on October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Handled Patrol Duties to Cover Street Patrol on 3 separate dates.



## Groveport School Resource Officer Report

Prepared By: *SRO Ptl. Kurt Boso*

Month: *October 2022*

Groveport Madison High School Reports	Number of Reports Created/Completed
Non-Criminal Reports	3
Criminal Offense Reports	3
Mental Health Response Reports	
Accident Reports	
Report Classifications	
Property Crime Reports	
Crime of Violence of Reports	2
Disorderly Conduct Reports	
Criminal Charge(s) Filed Against arty	2
Warrant Arrest	
Recovered Missing/Runaway Child	2
Missing Child Report	
Franklin County Children Services Referral	
Recovered Property Reports	
Mutual Aid Report	
Criminal Trespass Order	1
Use of Force Report	
School Safety Check Reports/Referral	1
School Internal Training Hours	

SRO stats October 2022 Groveport-Madison High School
10/4/2022-Students phone stolen in restroom. Found in trashcan. Code A.
10/4/2022-Mother called concerned about her daughter being smacked on the head in hallway. Code A.
10/5/2022-Male student stated that he was molested when he was younger by his neighbor. Events happened in Columbus.CPD came to investigate. Code D.
10/5/2022-Assit school administration with a search. Officer terry patted down a student who would not comply with school rules of search. Principal thought he might be hiding a weapon. Student had a vape hidden in his pants. Code A school discipline only.
10/7/2022-Student approached officer D. Amabile in Eastland parking lot. Stated some other students had taken his phone. School security located the students who were all friends with

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other student and got phone back. Code A.
10/7/2022-Fight by buses after pep rally involving several students. Staff broke it up and school discipline only.
10/11/2022-Help school security stop two fights. School discipline only.
10/12/2022-Mother of a student came into office first thing in the morning very upset. Her daughter was beat up in a park in Columbus by other students that go to school. Officer and school assistant principal Sam Gamertsfelder explained the school and law enforcement process.
10/12/2022-Adult female (18) was located in school without permission. Was attempting to find a student from a fight in the neighborhood. Code R/B on a trespass charge.
10/12/2022-Helped school security break up several fights. School discipline only.
10/19/2022-Assisted CPD with a student who was going to be issued a traffic ticket from their jurisdiction.
10/24/2022-Male student had handgun on him. Code B.
10/25/2022-Helped school security break up several fights during the day. School discipline only.
10/25/2022-Two female students (sisters) stated to school councilor that they wanted to kill their mother because of abuse at home. Residence is located in Columbus. Officer contacted CPD who transported students to OSU for evaluation. Code D/R
10/26/2022-Report by school administration that a teacher was having inappropriate conduct with several students in and out of school. Code R.
10/27/2022-Spoke with mother of a former student about telecommunications harassment laws. Code A.
10/28/2022-Parent upset with me because "I was not trust worthy". Wanted a report ASAP and was explained incident needed to be investigated. Code A.
10/31/2022-Meetings during the morning to talk about fight at football game at Pickerington on 10/28/2022. Safety meetings as well.
*10/24/2022-Student was assaulted at football game on 10/21/2022. Code R.

## **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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### **Community Events for the Month:**

The Month of October was an extremely busy time for the City of Groveport, the officers worked several community and school events during the past month. When it comes community events, we participated in and provided security for the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Butter Day Festival, and Beggars Night Halloween held on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Both community annual events were extremely busy when it comes to the attendance, but was uneventful when it came to activity where our officers would have to take any official action due inappropriate behavior from the spectators. The only complaints we did take in regards to our events were typically parking complaints that were handled quickly by our officers.

When it comes to our school events, the 2022 Groveport Madison High School Football season concluded safely, even though we began the football season with a violent act towards the spectators. We ended the season with very little issues due to the school districts constant evaluations of their security protocols, and giving our command staff a voice when it comes to the security protocols to these sporting events. We also participated in reading to our elementary school students, the officers enjoy having the opportunity to interact with children that were excited to see our officers and talk to the officers about our jobs. Finally, we participated in two Halloween Parades for the Groveport and Glendening Elementary Schools. Again, we enjoy this positive interaction and seeing the kids look at police department in a different light. The kids have fun seeing us taking part in the parades by walking with them and even dressing up in costumes to be part of the Halloween atmosphere that these kids have missed over the past couple of years during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

### **Training:**

For the Month of October, it was my decision to cancel training for the remainder of the year, the decision was not easy to make, but it was made in order to help stabilize patrol operations, as we are continuing to sustain higher than normal Overtime coverage. It is my hope when 2023 begins, we will be able to register the officers for training classes that will enhance their work performance.

Lt. Josh Short attended a 40-hour FBI Executive Police Workshop in early October; this was a seminar that Lt. Short requested to attend as part of his continuing education needs. These seminars typically address current workplace matters when it comes to dealing with societal and police agency matters, and working with our employees when it comes to recruitment and wellness programs.

All three Patrol Sergeants continued with their three-part Police Administrator STEP Course. All three have been busy with their required leadership readings, and completing their research papers in reference to their readings and observations as new supervisors. They will be completing this training at the end of November.



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### **Staffing Topics:**

As I have advised early this month, Ptl. Kristin Didyk submitted her resignation after serving our agency for 6 years in the Patrol Bureau. We wish her nothing but the best as she moves onto her new phase in her life, and new marriage. This resignation creates a fourth opening within our police organization, after your support to temporarily granting funding to hire three new officers to prepare for the three retirements in early 2023. It is my hope to have the three new officers on the police department by late December to early January, and they will require several weeks to months of Field Training before going single status in a patrol vehicle. I have already discussed Kristin Didyk's possible replacement process with Mayor Lance Westcamp, it is my recommendation to delay any further hiring for this replacement position until we can properly train our first three new officers and once that process is complete, we will evaluate our options in the hiring process.

Finally, in early October, I posted two new Detective openings per the collective bargaining contract. After interviewing several candidates from our patrol ranks, I consulted with Mayor Westcamp, Police Administrative Staff, current members of the Detective Bureau, and senior patrol officers with insight into characteristics of what our agency needs when it comes to the next generation of detectives. I have offered the two openings to Ptl. Danny Amabile who has been with our department for over 10 years, and has worked in the Franklin County Special Investigations Unit during his time with our police department. The other position went to Ptl. David Fairman who has been with our agency for 5 years; he has been one officer who looks at technology to advance our agency's goals of providing a high level of service to the City of Groveport community. I am looking forward to see how these two will fit into an already high performing investigative unit, and raise the bar even higher to properly investigating cases and bringing justice to individuals who have become victims to this constant evolving criminal element we are facing on a daily basis.

### **Grants:**

As you have inquired over the past few months, I have been submitting applications for Grant Funding to assist in supplying our police department with new equipment needs. In the past 8 weeks, I have submitted for more funding under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Fire House Subs Foundation, Gary Sinise Foundation, Harbor Freight and Tools Foundation, and Spirit of Blue Foundation. Harbor Freight and Tool Foundation provided our Detective Bureau \$300 in gift cards to purchase equipment for their use during investigations. A previous American Rescue Plan Act application has been approved, and we are awaiting the final certificate for over \$69,000 in funding for surveillance camera equipment that can be deployed around the city.

Unfortunately, after reporting in last week's City Council Meeting that the Spirit of Blue Foundation was going to donate three ballistic shields to our police department, the offer has sense been withdrawn due to feeling that there are other agencies with bigger needs than our agency. They expressed regret in the premature award notification, and that our application would remain in 2023 application process. I am



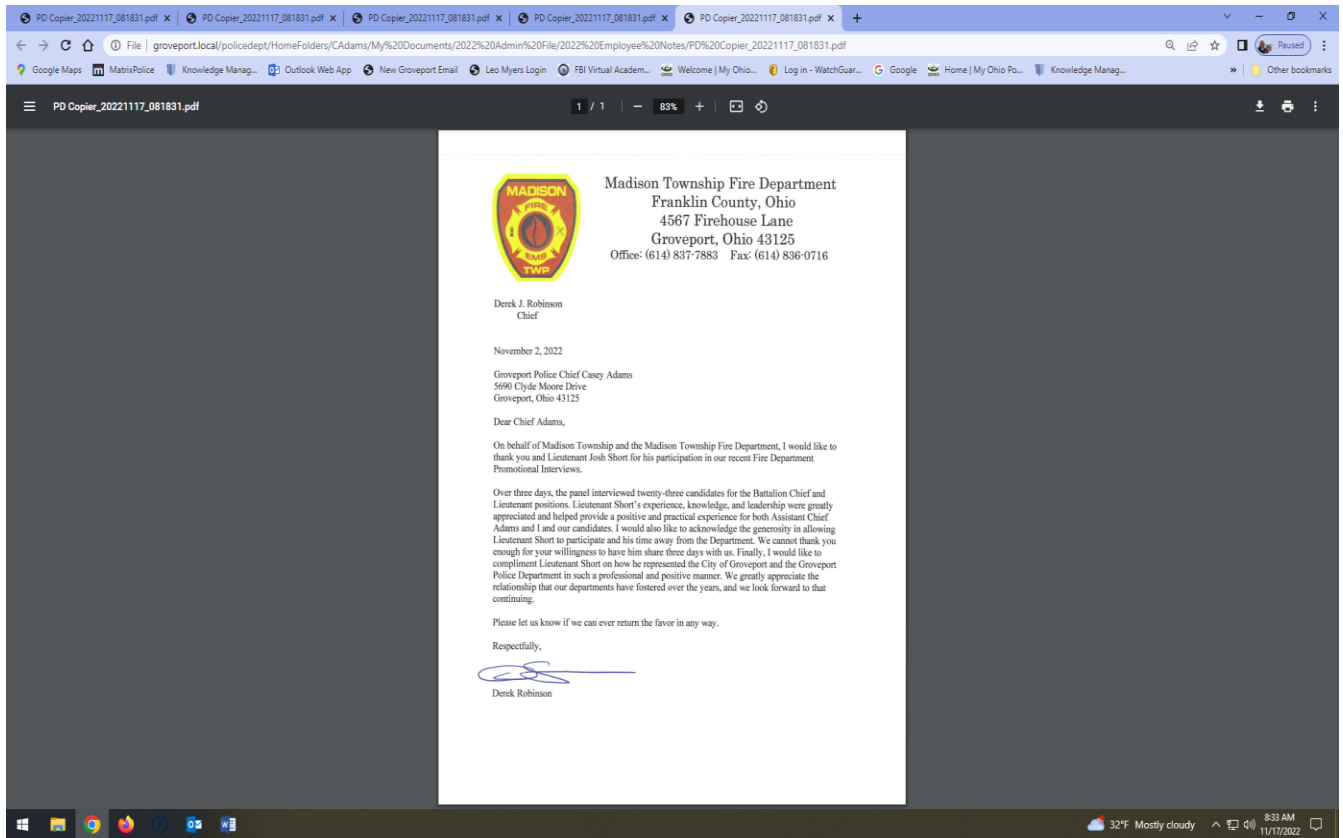
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holding out hope that we will eventually receive the equipment that could prepare our officers for active shooter scenarios.

### **Groveport Madison School District Update:**

Lt. Josh Short and I have remained in close contact with the Groveport Madison School District Officials in regards to the ongoing weapon and violence issues. We will be attending a quarterly Public Safety Roundtable on November 17<sup>th</sup>, and have also been requested to attend the Groveport Madison School District Board of Education Meeting to discuss public safety concerns to this uptick in criminal behavior taking place at the Groveport Madison High School. It is my hope that the school district will have some options to their security protocols for the students attending the Groveport Madison School District Buildings.

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Lt. Josh Short-Patrol Operations

### NON-HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY OF NOTE:

10/18 – Patrol officers responded to Middle School South on report of a male student in mental crisis who had threatened to harm himself. Officers and school security officer stayed with student until county CID arrived and transported him to Children’s Hospital for evaluation.  
10/27 Patrol officers responded to Groveport Imagine School on a domestic dispute situation where two separated parents were arguing over custody of student child. Officers were able to mediate the situation and no crime had occurred.

### **Patrol Lieutenant Report**

October  
2022

On 10/3-7 I attended the FBI Great Lakes Leadership Seminar in Niagara Falls. This training allowed me to meet and interact with 79 other law enforcement executives from our region, which includes Ohio, Pennsylvania, and western New York. The week of training covered several different topics with multiple dynamic and impressive speakers.

On 10/11 I assisted with an active threat refresh with Groveport Elementary staff. Immediately following the presentation, patrol officers and I assisted the school staff and students with an active shooter safety drill. Groveport Elementary staff and students consistently do a good job with these drills.

On 10/18 I participated with Madison Township SROs Mallory and Schwotzer on an active threat/bus safety presentation for the GM bus drivers at their bus garage. During this presentation, we discussed procedures and tactics for responding to active threats on and around their busses.

On 10/19 I conducted an active threat presentation for Specialized Bikes, one of our warehouse business partners.

Also on this date Ofc Shellie Rimmer, Ofc Javier Herrera and I did our first reading with a second grade class at Groveport Elementary for Starfish Assignment. Starfish Assignment is a program that provides books, at no cost, for police officers to read from and then gift to elementary school students. We were able to read to 24 students and send them each home with a copy of the same book.

On 10/25-27 I was privileged to participate in a promotions interview panel with the Madison Township Fire Dept. Over those three days, we interviewed over 20 firefighters for the Lieutenant and Battalion Chief position. It was an honor to be asked to help determine future leadership within that great fire department.



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**Robert Francies**

Thank you again. Officers Chavez and Benner were great. But all of the [Groveport Ohio Police](#) are awesome. Calvin was very surprised and will never forget this day. Not only do our officers protect us but they get to do cool things like make a little boys bday even better. Thank you again.

Guess the next round of coffee and doughnuts are on me. ☕🍩👮

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Awesome pictures!

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going in the opposite direction. I thought, at first, the police officer was waving at me 😂😂 so of course I wave back! It wasn't until he almost completely passed me that I realized that he wasn't waving at me! He was telling me to slow down. I looked down at my speedometer and it turns out I was going about 8 mph over the speed limit. I immediately felt like a piece of crap! I also used to be a police officer way back in the day, so for me it was doubly bad. I felt like a hypocrite! I just wanted to take the time to say that this officer could have done a U-turn and pulled me over and given me a ticket. A ticket that I would have 100% deserved. The point to this post is, I'm not the lucky one. I'm sure our police officers here here in Groveport do this many times each day. This is not something you're going to find in Columbus for sure or on the highway. Everyday I see these officers doing great things. I just wanted to express that. I have lived pretty much in the South end most of my life. I moved to Groveport 13 years ago. I can honestly say that our officers are a step above the rest. To all of them, thank you so much for your service and your patience. Stay safe. 💙





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**Mashala Baldwin**

I'm a school bus driver and I love love passing the blonde lady cop! She waves at me every single time with such happiness!

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**Thyressie Dawn Baxter**

[Mashala Baldwin](#) yeah she's awesome! The reality is we know them but they don't know us LOL.

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**Thyressie Dawn Baxter**

[Mashala Baldwin](#) or maybe they do 🤔😂

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Sgt. Josh Guiler- Mid-Night Shift Report

## Third Shift Patrol September Report 2022

Duty Hours = 655	Miles = 3533	Business/House Checks = 106
Calls to Service = 35	Pick-ups = 73	Accidents = 5
Suspicious Person(s) = 28	Dispatches = 81	Reports = 13
Suspicious Vehicles = 44	Traffic Stops = 12	Citations = 6
Building Alarms = 25	Open Buildings = 8	OVI = 1

September proved to be a busy month for third shift patrol.

On 09/11/2022 Ptl. Jason Huston and Ptl. Kyle Smith were dispatched to Hickory Grove Subdivision on a suspicious person(s). They then located a vehicle that had been involved in an accident and two suspects that were intoxicated. After investigating the crash, it was determined that there was a firearm associated with the suspects. Ptl. Smith was able to locate a firearm that had been thrown in a vacant lot. Charges were filed on a suspect and the firearm was confiscated.

On 09/18/2022 Ptl. Kyle Smith and Ptl. Jason Huston were dispatched to the golf course on an alarm drop. Upon arrival, Ptl. Smith noticed a window in the basement was knocked out. At this time, a male suspect was observed running out of the clubhouse and officers gave chase. The suspect then dropped a backpack. Ptl. Smith was able to secure the backpack. The suspect ran into a wooded area and was not located. The backpack contained personal property belonging to the suspect and was later used to identify the suspect by Det. Del Dalton. The suspect has now been indicted on several breaking and entering's throughout the county. Great job by all involved!

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## Third Shift Patrol October Report 2022

Duty Hours = 605	Miles = 3374	Business/House Checks = 51
Calls to Service = 33	Pick-ups = 74	Dispatches = 102
Suspicious Person(s) = 22	Accidents = 3	Reports = 10
Suspicious Vehicles = 30	Traffic Stops = 5	Citations = 4
Building Alarms = 31	Open Buildings = 7	OVI = 1

On 10/09/22 third shift officers were dispatched to a motorcycle accident on Old Hamilton Rd @ SR 317. The accident turned out to be fatal. Third shift officers then assisted Franklin County Sheriff Accident Investigation Unit with the scene while the accident was being processed. All officers did a great job dealing with the tragedy and family members that arrived on the scene.

Sgt. John Westhoven- Afternoon Shift

### September 2022 Second Shift

Dispatches = 146	Pick-ups = 60	Calls to Service = 36
Miles Driven = 2778	Traffic Stops = 40	House Checks = 62
Building Alarms = 6	Open Buildings = 4	
Suspicious Persons = 39	Suspicious Vehicles = 12	

### October 2022 Second Shift

Dispatches = 191	Pick-ups = 60	Calls to Service = 31
Miles Driven = 2551	Traffic Stops = 27	House Checks = 16
Building Alarms = 17	Open Buildings = 3	
Suspicious Persons = 33	Suspicious Vehicles = 18	



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Sgt. Sam Yockey- Day Shift

October 2022

First Shift

Some notable incidents from October were a theft/accident, robbery and a loaded handgun found at the high school on a student.

Suspects stole a generator and as they were leaving the area were involved in a crash on Main St, which caused damage to a house. The felony theft case will be presented to the grand jury for indictment.

A suspect stole items from Marathon and then threatened the clerk with a large knife. With the help of adjacent departments, he was arrested near the area. The suspect was charged with Aggravated Robbery and taken to Franklin County Jail where he was slated.

A loaded handgun was found on a student at the high school. He was arrested and taken to Franklin County Juvenile Correction Center.

Sgt. Yockey, Sgt. Guiler, and Sgt. Westhoven attended the second week of STEP (Supervisor Training and Education Program) which is a three-week program. This program is designed to develop newly promoted officers into highly effective first line supervisors with the competency skills necessary to lead and supervise in a high performance organization.

Lt. Short attended a FBI Leadership Seminar in Niagara Falls, which he enjoyed. The Seminar was five days and included multiple instructors speaking about various leadership topics.

Det. Sturgill attended a Financial Records Investigation Skills class presented by National White Collar Crime Center. This class showed various ways to investigate crimes involving Financial Records.

Most Officers from the department attended training presented by Madison Township Fire Department on forcible entry. This training showed officers various techniques on how to breach doors using a Halligan bar. The department has multiple Halligan bars that can be used when needed.

Officers conducted nineteen school perimeter checks.

Officers located two open doors or other security concerns.

Officers notified the administrators at these schools about the concerns so they could work on a solution. This is a decrease in safety issues found from the previous month.