



# Groveport Police Department

City Council Report  
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Groveport City Council

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## Training, Officer Activities and monthly report information: **September 2023**

MUTUAL AID CALLS			Number	REPORTED OFFENSES		Number
Franklin CO SO			1	Accidents		23
Madison TWP PD			3	Assaults		7
Madison Twp. Fire			5	Burglaries		0
Obetz PD			2	Domestic Disputes		6
CPD/ CFD/Other Agencies			1	Domestic Violence		2
Public Assistance			13	OVI and alcohol issues		0
Residential/Business Alarm Response			42	Theft Related/ Robberies		6
House Watches			9	Weapon Related Calls		6
Mileage			16,544	Missing Persons/Juveniles		2
Civil Issue Call Response			0	Narcotic Related Offenses		1
Sheriff's Dispatches/Self-Initiated Calls			239 / 291	School Related Dispatched Calls		12
Follow-Up on Previous Call to Service			23	Stolen/Unauthorized Use		1
A – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls –				Suspicious Peron(s)/Vehicle(s)		25
B – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls --				Threats		8
C – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls --				Vandalism		4
Investigate Unknown Complaint			28	Suicide (attempts)/ DOA/Mental Health Call		5
Traffic Citations/Traffic Stops			32 / 98	Sex Related Crimes		1
Training Hours			96	Arrests made		16
Referrals (FCCS)			0	Juvenile Complaints		7
Speed Trailer				Speed Trailer		
Location	Limit	Date Start	Date End	Total vehicles	Highest Speed	Average
300 Tallman Street	25 mph	09/18/23	09/26/23	6624	38 mph	22.6 mph
Wirt Road	25 mph	08/28/23	10/01/23	30,999		NA

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## Groveport School Resource Officer Report

Prepared By: SRO Ptl. Kurt Boso

Month: September 2023

Groveport Madison High School Reports	Number of Reports Created/Completed
Non-Criminal Reports	
Criminal Offense Reports	5
Mental Health Response Reports	
Accident Reports	
Report Classifications	
Property Crime Reports	
Crime of Violence of Reports	5
Disorderly Conduct Reports	3
Criminal Charge(s) Filed Against arty	7
Warrant Arrest	
Recovered Missing/Runaway Child	
Missing Child Report	
Franklin County Children Services Referral	
Recovered Property Reports	
Mutual Aid Report	
Criminal Trespass Order	
Use of Force Report	1
School Safety Check Reports/Referral	
School Internal Training Hours	



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SRO stats September 2023
9/1/2023-Male student being disorderly in hallway. Pepper spray used during arrest. Code R/B.
9/5/2023-Two parents involved in a road rage in the parking lot. On parent allegedly pointed a handgun at the other. Officer Mallory took report.
9/5/2023-Two female students had fight in lunch room. Officer Mallory was present and took report.
9/8/2023-Two male students having a disagreement in the neighborhood that one mother called in about. Lindsey Himes (assistant principal) and I talked with both parties. Code A.
9/8/2023-Male student had disagreement with male school security. Both had a pushing match. Code D to Officer Mallory.
9/12/2023-Female student assaulted in classroom by another female student. Code R/B.
9/18/2023-Female student assaulted another female student in the lunch room.
9/22/2023-Male student fighting another male student. Code Bx2
9/26/2023-Two female students fighting. One student's mom on scene causing problems. Code Bx3 for DOC.

### **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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### **Patrol Officer Hiring Process-**

The Groveport Police Department has concluded the hiring process for the Patrol Officer Position. After conducting a thorough Oral Board Process, Background Investigations, and a Final Interview Panel (Mayor Westcamp, City Administrator King, Personnel Director Myers, Human Resource Specialists Short, and Chief Adams), it was unanimous support from the panel that Mayor Westcamp extended a Condition Offer of Employment to Joshua Dillard. Another candidate was offered a fulltime position, but after discussing this offer with his family, the individual declined our offer for the Patrol Officer Position.

Joshua Dillard was raised in Madison Township, he Graduated from the Groveport Madison School High School in 2005, he is married with 3 children, and still resides in Madison Township with his family. Joshua graduated from the Eastland Adult Education Police Academy in May of 2023, received an Auxiliary Police Officer Commission at Buckeye Police Department, and advised the Chief of Police at Buckeye Lake on day one that Groveport Police Department was his goal to work for when an opportunity presented itself.

During the hiring process, Joshua was clear in his beliefs of becoming a community ambassador for the City of Groveport Police Department, through learning how to become a police officer first, then develop his new law enforcement career into a way of continuing the long history of community policing in Groveport. Joshua spoke about his family, and how this decision to becoming a police officer was a family decision, with his wife and children wanting him to finally become a police officer after many years of talking about this career of public service.

We are currently looking to swear Joshua in as a Groveport Police Officer on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a start date of October 26<sup>th</sup>, and being able to participate in his first Halloween on October 31<sup>st</sup>. A lot of the Groveport Police Officers are excited for Joshua, many have known him for years, and have encouraged him to take the steps of going to the police academy, and then applying for this job opportunity. There is a strong belief the Joshua will become another officer that will not only become a foundational piece to the organization, but a long-lasting career member of the Groveport Police Department.

When it comes to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Patrol Officer Position that remains unfilled (26<sup>th</sup> Fulltime Police Officer), it was felt that there was not a natural fit with the other candidates on the hiring list. As we demonstrated over the past two years through hiring processes, Groveport expects a high-quality candidate that can become a Community Policing Officer, by balancing community engagement and pro-active enforcement of the traffic and criminal laws. I have spoken to Mayor Westcamp and Personnel Director Myers about reposting the patrol officer position in the near future, and we are still researching a good time to post and engage the most candidates at one time when there are so many other Central Ohio Police Department looking for fulltime officers right now.



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## **School News-**

In regards to the Groveport Madison School District and placing a second patrol officer in the city's elementary and middle schools, Deputy Superintendent Paul Smathers and I have discussed the time delay in filling the second SRO Position by the first of the year 2024. Mr. Smathers has reassured me that there are no issues with the delay, and it has always been the understanding that we would place another officer in the schools, once the police department had proper street coverage and could afford to transfer someone into the schools without affecting the patrol operations of the Groveport Police Department.

With the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, there have been many changes when it comes to the Groveport Madison High School, and we have seen a decrease in dispatched calls to the high school from a patrol stance. The big changes in school security for this school year:

- One (1) fulltime Madison Township Police Officer in the high school with Ptl. Kurt Boso at all times.
- Four (4) Security Check Points with gun detection devices at each check point entryway.
- Over twenty (20) School Security Personnel in the high school, this is during the beginning of the school day and at the end of the school day. In between the times, School Security Personnel can be deployed to other buildings, if needed.

Unfortunately, with these changes, Ptl. Boso has still conducted criminal investigations/reports, and brought criminal charges to individuals who choose to break criminal laws within the schools. One instance even required a Use of OC Pepper Spray on a student being violent towards students and staff members as the beginning of the school day started. The use of the OC Spray brought the turbulent situation to a quick resolution where no injuries were reported from the use of OC Spray, and the situation de-escalated quickly without further incident from the student that assaulted another student. This student was criminally charged for his violent behavior within the school, his mother was also charged by Madison Township Police Officers when she entered the high school and became disorderly and started to lash out towards the school staff.

A Use of Force Investigation is conducted in order to review the police officer's conduct during the use of force incident. This standard of investigating use of force ensures that we look at all the factors that took place during the incident. The investigating supervisor looks at whether the officer is within policy guidelines when they used force, or are they outside the policy guidelines and require either further training and/or disciplinary action for their conduct during the incident. Lt. Short conducted the Use of Force Investigation, and I reviewed his findings of proper use of force being utilized in this situation. I concur with Lt. Short's findings of the Use of Force Investigation, when I looked at all the factors, including the GETAC Body Worn Camera, it is obvious that Ptl. Boso's actions were within our policy guidelines, and his actions prevented further escalation of violence towards those individuals attempting to gain control of the violent student, along with the other individuals in the corridor of the high school.



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In regards the Madison Christian School which is located at 3565 Bixby Road, the first week I went out and observed standing traffic on Bixby Road in both directions, and non-school related vehicles were passing illegally to get around the stopped vehicles on Bixby Road. What I found was that the standing traffic blockage was from parents waiting to enter the school driveway/parking lot, and attempting to navigate to either the elementary building or high school building school and drop off their children. After working with Jill Warner (School Safety Staff Member), this situation was somewhat resolved to ensure that Bixby Road would have free flowing traffic for non-school drivers wanting to utilize Bixby Road in the mornings and afternoons.

In late September, Mrs. Warner contacted Groveport Police Department to advise a traffic safety issues along Bixby Road from the Railroad Crossing (East of the School Property), to the school entrances. The new traffic complaint is that the parents are parking along Bixby Road in order to wait for the school day to end. The school's concern is that the roadway is too narrow, and they believe it is a matter of time before an auto accident occurs. Sgt. Yockey is working with Mrs Warner, and increasing patrols to ensure safe passage is taking place along Bixby Road.

### **Special Events for Groveport Police Department-**

The Groveport Police Department provided Special Duty, Increased Patrol, or Officer Attendance at the following functions:

- **Sam's Club**-Special Duty
- **Groveport Madison High School Football**-Special Duty
- **Brandley Auctioneer House**-Special Duty
- **9-11 Ceremony Mott's Military Museum**-Officer Attendance/Honor Guard
- **Groveport Senior Health Fair** (Groveport Rec Center)-Officer Attendance
- **Kids Fest**-Officer Attendance
- **Model T Tour** (Palm Pond/Mott's Military Museum)-Increased Patrol
- **Light Up Ohio Blue Photo Contest**-Ptl. Bell provided photo



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### **Patrol Operations-Lt. Josh Short-**

During the first week of September I was able to participate in interviews for our open Sergeant position. All of our officers did well in their interview and I am always proud to have input into the growth and prosperity of this police department.

On multiple dates I have continued to assist with GM Schools safety update at every GM school building. This is a 20-30-minute meeting with staff with the district security advisor to discuss the districts safety plan and answer any questions staff would have of admin or law enforcement.

On 9-11 we once again had the privilege of providing the 21-gun salute for Mott's 9-1 1 ceremony.

We worked GM football games on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. With the new weapons detection system and attendance policies in place we have yet to see any significant disruptions of any kind at the games. The games have been quiet and relatively problem free and a nice place for families to enjoy high school football.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> we got to participate in another KidsFest. As always, the event was very well put together and had a lot of visitors.



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### NON-HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY OF NOTE:

On 9/29 officers were dispatched to the Career Center on report of officer in trouble. Upon arrival officers were met by Columbus Homicide detectives who were there to speak with and impound the cellphone of a female student who was a person of interest in a homicide (Imperial Stewart) they were investigating. The detectives had called for assistance when the student and her mother had become very loud, argumentative, and non-compliant. While we were there the student was disorderly and attempted to smash her cellphone and was placed under arrest in which she resisted. The mother then attempted to smash the phone and was disorderly and resisted arrest. Both were taken into custody and ultimately charged with tampering with evidence, obstructing official business, and resisting arrest.

On 9/25 Groveport Madison opened Cruiser Accel which is the high school satellite campus located in the old AEP building at 4500 S. Hamilton Rd. This building is for students who are behind and need to recover credits and students who are having behavioral issues in the HS.

No other school activity of note.

We keep regular communication and officer presence with Madison Christian School and both Imagine Groveport Schools.



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### **Breast Cancer Awareness Month-**

With October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Groveport Police Department is honoring our own Administrative Assistant, along with all survivors for the month of October by displaying a Pink Ribbon License Plate on the back of each Groveport Police Vehicle.

For nearly four decades now, the country has recognized October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is a time annually devoted to educating everyone about breast cancer — including metastatic breast cancer (MBC) — and the importance of early detection and access to timely, high-quality care.



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