

# Groveport Police Department



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

MUTUAL AID CALLS	Number	REPORTED OFFENSES	Number
Franklin CO SO	1	Accidents	4
Madison TWP PD	4	Assaults	2
Madison Twp. Fire	9	Burglaries	2
Obetz PD	0	Domestic Disputes	1
CPD/ CFD/Other Agencies	0	Domestic Violence	2
Public Assistance	10	OVI and alcohol issues	1
Residential/Business Alarm Response	38	Theft Related/ Robberies	9
House Watches	3	Weapon Related Calls	0
Mileage	18,256	Missing Persons/Juveniles	1
Civil Issue Call Response	8	Narcotic Related Offenses	0
Sheriff's Dispatches/Self-Initiated Calls	244 / 190	School Related Dispatched Calls	34
Follow-Up on Previous Call to Service	11	Stolen/Unauthorized Use	0
A – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls –	31%	Suspicious Peron(s)/Vehicle(s)	17
B – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls --	52%	Threats	6
C – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls --	17%	Vandalism	7
Investigate Unknown Complaint	13	Suicide (attempts)/ DOA/Mental Health Call	3
Traffic Citations/Complaints	37 / 176	Sex Related Crimes	1
Training Hours	96	Arrests made	9
Referrals (FCCS)	3	Juvenile Complaints	6

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## Groveport Patrol Operations Liaison Report

Prepared By: ***Ptl. Javier Herrera***

Month: **April 2023**

Liaison Monthly Activities		
Court Activity Related Time	Mayor's Court 1.5 hours / Clerk's Office 4 hours	
School Activity Related Time	2 Events 2 Hours	
Community Relations Activity Related Time	2 Events 1.5 hours	
<b>School Visits by Liaison</b>	<b>Number of Visits</b>	<b>Total Time</b>
Groveport Madison High School	6	3 hours
Groveport Madison Middle School Central	6	2 hours
Groveport Madison Middle School South	5	2 hours
Groveport Elementary	5	1.5 hours
Glendening Elementary	8	4.5 hours
Cruiser Academy	2	½ hour
Eastland Career Center	2	1 hour
Madison Christian High/Middle School	3	½ hour
Madison Christian Elementary School	3	1 hour
Imagine Schools Middle School	3	¾ hour
Imagine Schools Elementary	3	¾ hour
Other- Bike and Foot Patrol	6	7.75 hours total

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

- Worked with detective bureau on criminal investigation totaling 3 hours
- Attended 2 Special Events in Patrol Vehicle
- 5 -Calls to Services
- 2- Spanish Translators Requests from outside agencies

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## Groveport School Resource Officer Report

Prepared By: SRO Ptl. Kurt Boso

Month: April 2023

Groveport Madison High School Reports	Number of Reports Created/Completed
Non-Criminal Reports	4
Criminal Offense Reports	4
Mental Health Response Reports	0
Accident Reports	0
Report Classifications	
Property Crime Reports	0
Crime of Violence of Reports	4
Disorderly Conduct Reports	2
Criminal Charge(s) Filed Against arty	7
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 high school stats 2023
4/10/2023-Vehicle accident at intersection. Code A.
4/10/2023-Male student assaulted another male student in hallway. Code R.
4/11/2023-Female student making threats in class. Code R.
4/13/2023-Female student grandmother called about being assaulted at her Columbus home. Officer advised her to CPD for report. Officer and school administration made contact with all parties involved that go to the high school.
4/13/2023-Female student had nude pictures that were distributed to other students. Detectives came to school to help officer. Code D
4/18/2023-Female student reported as missing. Columbus police stated that case was closed and she was not reported as missing. Code R. FIR report.



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4/24/2023-Male student came to office to report a violent domestic incident at his residence. Occurred in CPD district. Code R. Code D to CPD for criminal report.
4/24/2023-Female (4) students fighting at the buses after school. Was assault code R/Bx4
4/27/2023-Male student Assaulted. Code R
4/27/2023-Feamle student left purse in room. Had marijuana inside. Code R/B

### **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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## **Groveport Madison School District Meetings-**

Administrator B.J. King and I attended a joint meeting with Groveport Madison School District Superintendent Jamie Grube & Deputy Superintendent Paul Smathers; Madison Township Administrator Susan Brobst & Chief Gary York in late March reference the Groveport Madison School Board vote to act on new security recommendations and directives. One part of this school board legislation was to add additional School Resource Officer Personnel from Madison Township and Groveport Police Departments. Our discussions with school district administration members, was needing formal request to City of Groveport Council from the school district stating their need for one additional GPD Officer, and that this request would need to be taking place as soon as possible with the upcoming 2022-2023 SRO Contract due to expire at the end of June 2023.

I have spoken to Deputy Superintendent Paul Smathers on multiple occasions reference this request taking place in April, and they would need to put the formal request in Memorandum of Understanding Contract language that would define the duties of the additional School Resource Officer for the Groveport Police Department. Administrator King and I stressed that any request from the school district would have to go through the legislative process for the City of Groveport. Superintendent Grube and Deputy Superintendent Smathers were also advised that their attendance at a Groveport Committee of Whole Meeting would most likely need to be taking place in order for our Mayor and City Council to research and inquire from the school district their intentions with additional personnel request from our agency. We also advised at this point and time, the Groveport Police Department has just completed a hiring process that started in August 2022, and the three new hires were just getting to the point where they were patrolling as single status patrol officers.

Over the past six months of attending Groveport School District Safety Committee Meeting, I have made it clear that assigning new personnel to the school district was not going to be a quick and easy process. I have been very clear that we had collective bargaining language in the FOP Patrol Contract that had to be followed, we also have language in the current School Resource Officer Contract with the school district that requires SRO Training, and we would most likely request a replacement officer to fill the vacancy left by an officer leaving patrol to become the new SRO for the school district. Superintendent Grube understands if Groveport City Council Members do determine that the need to fill another SRO position is within our means financially, that it would most likely be early 2024 before the new SRO would be in place at the school district. Superintendent Grube advised he just wants to know if we will be able to furnish the authorized School Resource Officer position that was approved by the school board.

As of the end of April, I have yet to receive a formal request from the Groveport Madison School District by means of a Formal MOU Contract that will define both parties' responsibilities, and a formal City Council Action through legislation. At the advice of Administrator King, I have not submitted a legislation request to City Council for the original SRO MOU Contract that was submitted in March, this is due to still attempting to get the Groveport Madison School District to submit the updated SRO MOU Contract that will request another officer from the Groveport Police Department, and then have the Mayor and City Council compare



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and discuss both contracts from the school district. We felt that there was no need to present this topic twice to City Council, when it can be handled by the governing body at one time, and need one vote from City Council to decide our path forward on this topic of SRO and the Groveport Madison School District.

### **Columbus Air Show Meeting-**

Representatives from the City of Groveport, Madison Township, City of Obetz, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Village of Lockbourne, Port Columbus Airport Authority & Police Department, and the Air Show Promoter Herb Gillen met at the Groveport Council Chambers in late April. Administrator King and myself voiced our concerns on behalf of the City of Groveport, but also our frustration with the lack of communication when it comes to the planning of this event. We also expressed how we were looking for solutions or guidance in regards to the effects that the Columbus Air Show will have on our businesses, roadways, and the community as a whole when the spectators arrive and depart the area of Rickenbacker.

The airport officials still believe that the traffic congestion will not arise to what I expect during this event, and people will not come to the area, unless they have a ticket to enter the event. I asked about our GREAT Transportation Department need to be mobile around the SR 317 and Alum Creek Drive area, and they have reassured us that there should be limited delays in our transportation services during this weekend. The Port Columbus Operations Manager believes that traffic flow will either move North on Alum Creek Drive or South on Rickenbacker Parkway as the show ends, and limited number of spectators will need to utilize our City of Groveport roadways. They also advised that the Franklin County Sheriff's Department will be providing around 29 Special Duty Deputies during the event, and their main responsibility is making sure traffic flow moves safely. I expressed my concerns with their traffic plan, that the main arteries leading into and out of Rickenbacker will overflow easily, especially if any traffic accidents occur, and the spectators are diverted to other routes of travel.

After the meeting, all the law enforcement agencies convened for a short debrief meeting, and it is our goal to communicate constantly to attempt to limit the traffic jams, and be able to respond to our Calls to Services without major delays to our communities. We also agreed that the traffic plan will be evaluated constantly, and we will work together to find efficient patterns to direct the spectators in and out of Rickenbacker without causing major delays to our communities.



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### Residential, Business, and School Security Alarm Response & Overall Dispatch Call Cost Comparisons from 2022 to 2023-

As I have mentioned in March's Monthly Report, the cost of Calls to Service from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office has been raised from \$11.80 a dispatched Call to Service in 2022, to now being \$15.99 a dispatched Call to Service in 2023. To put that in perspective, I have put a comparison with the old rates, and how much more we are paying for our highest Call to Service Category (Security Alarm Response), along with the overall Call to Service cost comparison from 2022 to 2023.

<b>Security Alarm Response Calls</b>	<b>2022 Cost \$11.80 each Call to Service</b>	<b>2023 Cost \$15.99 each Call to Service</b>	<b>2022 Calls to Service Stats</b>	<b>2022 Cost @ \$11.80 a Call</b>	<b>2023 Cost @ 15.99 a Call</b>
<b>March (66)</b>	\$778.80	\$1,055.34	2,689 Total Charged Calls	\$31,730.20	\$42,997.11
<b>April (38)</b>	\$448.40	\$607.62			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,227.20</b>	<b>\$1,662.96</b>			
<b>Cost Difference Increase from 2022 to 2023 Dispatch Rates</b>	<b>\$435.76 (for 2 months)</b> <b>\$2,614.56 (yearly estimate increase)</b>		<b>Cost Increase Difference from 2022 to 2023 Dispatch Rates Overall</b>	<b>\$11,266.91 is an estimate increase for overall Dispatch fees from 2022 to 2023</b>	

As you can see, this increase could put a drain on our Contractual Services for Franklin County Communications Center during this 2023 Calendar Year Budget. The reason I utilized the Security Alarm Response Calls as a reference, this is usually the Call to Service we respond to the most in a month, and we see a lot of the same calls at the same address that ends up being a false alarm. Whenever the Alarm Company contacts Franklin County Communications Center to have us respond, we are charged for the call, and it does not matter if we are cancelled before we arrive on scene, the call is still charges to our account.



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### **Patrol Lieutenant Josh Short-**

Officers Reed and Nixon have completed their FTO programs. Reed is assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> shift and Nixon is on 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift. They will spend about 4 months on each shift as part of their probationary year.

Officer Gregrey Martin is still in field training on second shift and is gaining valuable experience.

On 4/13 I hosted a zoom meeting with Matt Walbright, the Security Director for Gap Inc Direct, in which we provided Active Shooter information and best practices to a newer warehouse partner Benchmark Education.

On 4/19 we did another active shooter response chat with staff at Groveport Elementary with Madison Township FD.

Over three consecutive Mondays in the month Sgt Nick Tiller (Madison Township PD) and I conducted three-hour women's self-defense class for Groveport Madison staff at the high school wrestling room.

Officers also did multiple readings with elementary school kids for Books and Badges. We read to over 300 kids at Groveport Imagine Elementary School and Glendening.







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### NON-HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY OF NOTE:

4/19 – Officer responded to Groveport Middle School South on report of a bullying issue. There was no criminality to the call and is to be handled at the school level.

4/21 – Officers met Eastland Career Center female student at police station with report that she had been verbally threatened by another student. Ofc Herrera was able to use Spanish to converse with the student and her mother. Officers later spoke with school officials and all parties decided to handle at the school level.

4/28 – Officers responded to Groveport Middle School Central on report of an unruly male student tearing up the office. Officers arrived and eventually had to handcuff student who was verbally abusive and refused to follow officer orders. Student was charged with disorderly conduct, menacing, and resisting arrest.

## **Monthly Report for the Month of April 2023**

### **Shift Assignment: Third Shift**

<b>Shift Activity for the Month</b>	<b>Shift Results for the Month</b>
<b>Offense Reports</b>	6
<b>Mutual Aid Calls</b>	8
<b>Traffic Accident Reports</b>	1
<b>Criminal Arrests &amp; Warrant Arrests</b>	2
<b>Traffic Violation Stops</b>	28
<b>Traffic Violation Citations</b>	16
<b>Training Hours</b>	40
<b>Bicycle Patrol Hours</b>	0
<b>Foot Patrols</b>	111

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