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Training, Officer Activities and basic report information:

MUTUAL AID CALLS	Number	REPORTED OFFENSES	Number
Franklin CO SO	1	Accidents	22
Madison TWP PD	13	Assaults	4
Madison Twp. Fire	7	Burglaries	0
Obetz PD	3	Domestic Disputes	5
CPD/ CFD/Other Agencies	4	Domestic Violence	5
Public Assistance	1	OVI and alcohol issues	1
		Theft Related/ Robberies	21
House Watches	8	Weapon Related Calls	2
Mileage	15,925	Missing Persons/Juveniles	1
		Narcotic Related Offenses	1
Sheriff's Dispatches/Self-Initiated Calls	223/394	School Related Dispatched Calls	0
Busiest Day 37-REPORTS	Wednesday	Stolen/Unauthorized Use	2
A – Reports Taken – 43-REPORTS	28%	Parking	2
B – Reports Taken – 78-REPORTS	51%	Threats	1
C – Reports Taken – 33-REPORTS	21%	Vandalism	2
Total Reports taken	154	Suicide (attempts)/ DOA	1
Traffic Citations	22	Sex Related Crimes	1
Training Hours	236 hours	Arrests made	14
Referrals (FCCS)	0	Juvenile Complaints	0
Groveport Madison School District Criminal Reports	2	Groveport Madison School District Non-Criminal Reports	0



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- Groveport Police Officers attended and received a mandatory 4 hour CPR and Tactical Combat First Aid Training at the Groveport Police Department, I received positive feedback from several of our officers that this training was overdue, and needed to be held on a more consistent basis in order for our officers to remain current in techniques to provide First Aid treatment to people in need. I also discovered and have sense purchased critical need First Aid Kits with proper tools to treat individuals who have sustained minor injuries like cuts and minor burns, to those who have sustained severe wounds like puncture and stab wounds requiring specialized bandages and blood clotting agents. The police officers have also been issued new CPR Masks that officers can utilize in the field, these masks should last for several years due to being stored in a self-contained hard case that protects the mask from the outside elements and limit exposure to any possible containments that could breed infectious bacteria that could harm a patient in need of CPR.
- Ptl. Javier Herrera and Ptl. Chad Rosser attended a 3 day course on Criminal Investigation Techniques at the Columbus Police Academy, this course is designed for newly appointed investigators and experiences patrol officers who conduct criminal investigations. The training discussed ways to become more effective in crime scene protection, witness and suspect interview techniques to help harvest leads in investigations and solve criminal cases. Both officers advised that this training would be a great tool for all of our officers to attend and apply in the field when it comes to dealing with simple to complex investigations, and they both stressed how the instructor stressed that investigations are successful completed through officer's ability to communicate with the public through mutual respect and open communication during an investigation.
- Det. Mike Sturgill, Det. Del Dalton, and Ptl. Javier Herrera also attended a 4 hour training seminar based on Missing Children and Person Investigations, the training was held at Columbus State Community College. The primary message was making sure officers treat every missing person case with a sense of urgency in order to report the child in the National Database for Missing and Exploited Children. These investigations depend on the initial responding officer(s) collection of information from the missing person's personal habits, and social media contacts. The quicker we respond and forward this information onto the National Databases, the better odds we have to finding the individual and returning them home safely.



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- Sgt. Sam Yockey attended a 5 day Firearms Range Master Class in Northeast Ohio at the Ohio Peace Officer Satellite Training Academy. This training certified Sgt. Yockey as our newest Firearms Instructor, and he will be replacing Sgt. Lou Chan in this assignment of training and qualifying our officers during mandatory firearms qualifications and use of force issues when it comes to firearms. We also held our first night shoot in several years, and this training time for our officers brought an overwhelming positive response and request for this type of training on a more consistent basis. Our officers advised that by being put through drills in low level light conditions and utilizing patrol vehicle lights, they were given a non-traditional perspective on what to look for when encountering possible threats.

- Finally when it comes to training for the month of November, I attended a mandatory New Chief of Police Seminar that was hosted at the Hilliard Police Department on behalf of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. The five days consisted of resources for new chiefs on legal updates, use of force issues facing police agencies, resources from the Ohio Attorney General's Office and Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. I was able to network with other chiefs in the Central Ohio area, and compare issues and resources that we have at our disposal to handle problems facing police organizations in today's society of more accountability and openness to our communities we serve.



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- When it comes to “Community Policing Engagement” involving our organization, the Groveport Police Department participated in the 2021 Veterans Day Ceremony held at Veterans Park. I was honored to be able to read the 2021 Brick Honorees, which 6 of our current police officers were honored with their Military Memorial Brick. *Groveport Police Offices that were honored, included: Lt Bary Murphy; Sgt. John Westhoven; Ptl. Tisha Pack; Ptl. Chad Rosser; Ptl. Shellie Rimmer and Ptl. Kevin Chavez.* Also, the Groveport Police Department’s Honor Guard was able to provide the 21 Gun Salute to this year’s program, and Lt. Josh Short organizes this group of officers to ensure a professional looking service to these types of ceremonies and events.
- During the week of November 29th thru December 2nd; Ptl. Kristin Didyk and I were asked to participate at the Eastland Career Center Law Enforcement Program in regards to real life instruction when it comes to Domestic Violence protocols, Victim of Crimes encounters and resources, Search and Seizure encounters, and Traffic Stop procedures. Commander Eric Wallace of the Eastland Career Center Law Enforcement Program expressed his appreciations for the time where officers provided approximately 40 hours of instruction to high school students exploring options to enter the law enforcement field after graduating from the Eastland Career Center. I find this time as an investment in our next generation of law enforcement professionals by providing them a realistic view in what police officers encounter daily, but I also feel we are paying back a debt to Eastland Career Center when it comes to how they provide a community service when they participate in Apple Butter Day and Halloween city events.



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- Ptl. Shellie Rimmer has returned from her almost 14 month deployment in Saudi Arabia, as part of her commitment to the United States Army Reserve Unit. Ptl. Rimmer was officially release from her deployment on November 27th, and her first day back on patrol with the City of Groveport as a patrol officer started on November 29th, where Ptl. Javier Herrera has been assigned to catch Ptl. Rimmer back up through a Refresher Training Program. We are anticipating an 8 week Program where Ptl. Rimmer can regain her knowledge on streets, report writing, radio calls, and the normal day to day operations of the Groveport Police Department.
- The Groveport Police Department in November completed the standards through the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification on the *Safe Policing for Safe Communities Standard*. Captain Kurt Blevins as part of his administrative duties, along with Lt. Josh Short will be working to gain compliance in the next couple months in several Group Compliance Categories set out by the Ohio Collaborative. These group categories are evaluating our policies to ensure certain criteria is met in our development and updating of our policies, but also re-training annually of these policies by the Patrol Sergeants to the Patrol Unit.
- When it comes to activity on the street, we are seeing a pattern of more traffic accidents in the area of Groveport Road, Green Pointe Drive, and SR 317 corridor during our peak season of new seasonal employees working in the warehouses. Two of these accidents caused extensive road closure time on SR 317 in the area of Groveport Road, the accidents involved semi-trucks that either jack-knifed North of the intersection, or a semi-truck that ran off the roadway South of the intersection. Both incidents caused approximately 6 hours of SR 317 Road Closures and 10.25 hours of man power overtime.
 - Overall with auto mobile accidents the City of Groveport has seen a **4% decrease** in auto accidents from 2020 to 2021 (175 accidents in 2020 & 168 accidents in 2021), but a **41% increase** in auto accidents (13 accident in 2020 @ 22 accidents in 2021). 27% (6) of the November auto accident occur from 6 am to 9am, and 64 % (14) of the auto accident occur between 2pm to 10pm.



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Pictures of the two Semi Truck Accidents:

S.R. 317 @ Groveport Road November 9th, 2021 @ 1:45 pm –Failure to Yield Left Turn/Semi-Truck not at Fault





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SR 317 South of Groveport Road November 25th, 2021 @ 9:30pm; Fail to Control, Truck Driver at Fault





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Ohio Traffic Crash Report OH2 Diagram

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Unit 1

Unit 1

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STATE ROUTE 317

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OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

BADGE NUMBER

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Administrative Lieutenant Monthly Report, Lt. Bary Murphy:

- November 2021 ten new criminal cases were assigned for further follow up. Seven cases were transmitted to the Franklin County Prosecutor's office for consideration including the large catalytic converter theft case mentioned in last month's report. Nine subpoenas or search warrants were prepared and presented to Judges for signatures and service. Our three detectives are currently at 29 open cases between them. Notable resolutions this month, an \$87,000 forgery and receiving stolen property case from 2017/2018 was plead out with the defendant receiving an 18 month prison sentence. The other case was from 2021, a subject was charged with four counts of felonious assault for driving a vehicle at four persons in a front yard. The defendant plead to one count of attempted felonious assault and were sentenced to 36 months of community control.



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Patrol Lieutenant Monthly Report, Lt. Josh Short:

Sergeant's Progress

The sergeants continue to progress nicely and are handling business on their shifts. They all went through the annual evaluation process and were able to efficiently and effectively evaluate the officers on their respective shifts. All of the new sergeants received satisfactory scores on their first evaluation.

Sgt Yockey is in firearms training the last week of the month which will greatly help our department with range and weapons training.

Sgt Westhoven is doing an exceptional job assuming and moving forward with innovative ideas for fleet management.

New Officer's Progress

Our new officers are performing well and will be rotating to their new shifts the second week of December. Their coaches say they continue to learn and perform acceptably.

Patrol Issues

Day Shift is working to increase time spent inside of our GM schools when activity allows.

Day Shift and Afternoon Shift is increasing traffic monitoring/enforcement in the "city proper" area (area between Hendron/Tallman St and Richardson Rd, south of the tracks and north of Wirt/Rohr).

Afternoon Shift and Mid-Night Shift have increased patrols in warehousing areas to limit car break-ins and develop suspects for those crimes. They also continue to try to apprehend suspects for car break-ins in our residential areas.

Special Duty

We have been working special duty security for Radial and Gap warehouses as they reach "peak" season for holiday business. This detail involves our officer being on site and offering presence and support for the company's admin staff and security.

We are also working a one hour traffic detail for Gap during their late afternoon shift change. This detail has our officers controlling traffic on Green Pointe Dr to allow the Gap employees to exit their lot and an accelerated pace.

Speed Trailer

The speed trailer has been dropped off to the public works facility and Mr. Strayer is going to work with TrafficLogix to get it operational over the winter.



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Training

Most of our officers completed a four hour training for first aid/CPR refresher put on by Lt. Ruetsch of Madison Township Fire.

Lt. Short conducted an Active Shooter training refresher at Groveport Elementary on 11/15 and followed up with an Active Shooter lockdown/barricade drill that same day. Short also conducted similar training at the Eastland-Fairfield administrative officers on 11/17 and followed up with an Active Shooter response drill on 11/30.

On 11/16 officers visited Lil Cruisers Campus and spent time with the morning and afternoon classes talking and interacting with the kids and allowing them to see inside of our patrol vehicles.



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School Resource Officer Report, Lt. Josh Short and Ptl. Kurt Boso:

SCHOOL ACTIVITY OF NOTE:

italicized print = patrol response

- 11/1 – *patrol officers responded to Central to deal with an unruly student that was refusing staff orders and was hitting objects in principal's office. Student was sent home with mother and issued a summons for disorderly conduct (DOC).*
- 11/3 – SRO assisted HS staff breaking up a fight amongst students. School declined charges.
- 11/9 – SRO assisted HS staff that had found a 9mm handgun on a student during a check for marijuana. The student was released to a parent and charged with conveying a firearm onto school property through juvenile court
 - -SRO spoke with a student claiming to be a domestic violence victim at home. Incident was handed over to Columbus PD.
- 11/10 – *patrol officer observed a fight at South as student were getting off the bus at beginning of day. Officer stayed to assist school staff in breaking up the fight and dealing with an involved student that would not settle down. The student was placed in patrol car until his father arrived and he was released. School declined charges.*
- 11/12 – SRO called for assistance from patrol cars stemming from a female student resisting arrest after being disorderly in the HS officer and causing a teacher to fall and sustain injuries. The student was later released to a parent and issued juvenile summons for DOC and resisting arrest. The teacher was treated by medics and later self transported to hospital for further care.
- 11/15 – SRO assisted HS staff in breaking up two separate fights among students. School declined charges.
 - -Lt. Short conducted an Active Shooter training refresher at Groveport Elementary on and followed up with an Active Shooter lockdown/barricade drill that same day.
- 11/16 - SRO assisted HS staff in breaking up two separate fights among students. School declined charges.
 - Patrol officers visited Lil Cruisers Campus and spent time with the morning and afternoon classes talking and interacting with the kids and allowing them to see inside of our patrol vehicles.
- 11/17 – *While going into the HS for a signing day event officer was flagged down by HS staff who had observed an adult female drive her car into the curb in the front lot. Officers made contact with female who appeared to be in a chemical/medical crisis. Medics responded and transported female to Grant hospital where she was issued a medical/mental pink slip.*



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- SRO assisted HS staff breaking up a fight amongst students. School declined charges.
- 11/18 - SRO assisted HS staff in breaking up two separate fights amongst students. School declined charges.
 - SRO assisted Groveport detective retrieve cellphone from student who was suspect in an incident of possessing/sending videos containing sexual acts with another teen juvenile female. Investigation continues.
- 11/19 - SRO assisted HS staff in breaking up two separate fights amongst students. School declined charges.
- *11/22 – Patrol officers responded to a medical facility in Obetz on report of a teacher who had been assaulted by a special needs student at Groveport Elementary. The teacher declined charges.*
- 11/23 – SRO transported a HS to his home because he had arrived to school smelling of marijuana and apparently impaired.
 - -SRO spoke with a student claiming to be a child abuse victim at home. Incident was handed over to Columbus PD.
 - *-Patrol officers responded to Central on report of possible threat to school. Officer spoke with staff and involved student(s) and determined that no actual threat had occurred.*
- 11/29 – SRO assisted HS staff in breaking up fight amongst students. School declined charges.
- 11/30 – SRO met with HS student and parent about safety concerns



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Day Shift Report; Sgt. Josh Guiler:

Duty Hours = 1,017
Miles = 3,744
Dispatches = 124
Pick-up's = 66 (This includes 31 traffic stops)
Calls to Service = 39
Incident Reports = 18
Crash Reports = 1
Injury Crash = 1
Citations/Parking Tickets = 3

Day shift has been busy working within the schools. We completed a lockdown drill at Groveport Elementary and also participated in Little Cruiser daycare Police Day. We continue to patrol the school zones regularly.

Ptl. Kyle Smith has been in training with Ptl. Ripson this month. Ptl. Smith has been handling most of the calls and reports while on dayshift. Ptl. Smith is doing well learning our procedures.

On November 17th dayshift worked with Columbus PD on a search warrant that was served to an address on Peach Canyon Dr. CPD recovered multiple appliances that were stolen from a breaking and entering in their jurisdiction. GPD assisted with scene security only. Ptl. Javier Herrera attended a 3 day training for basic criminal investigation for street patrol and new criminal investigators.

Det. Dalton and I set up a night shoot for officers that wanted to participate. Officers were able to utilize a cruiser while on the range and practice with their duty weapons. Being able to activate our emergency lights and practice shooting ended up being great training. We received a very good response from the officer that chose to participate. We will look to do at least two night shoots next year.

Most all of dayshift officers participated in the Poporoni pizza night. We were able to help raise \$437 for Groveport Madison Human Needs.



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Afternoon Shift Report, Sgt. John Westhoven:

During the month of November 2021, Second Shift received Ofc. Greter for his FTO program. The Groveport Rec. Center has called the police more than normal due to kids or guests not leaving in a timely manner at closing time or having issues with guests complying with the mask policy. Two major semi accidents occurred on ST. RT. 317 causing road closer for hours and heavy equipment being called in to clean up the scene. One occurred at 317 & Groveport Rd., the other 317 just south of Groveport Rd. before the curve. Officer Didyk spoke with Chief Adams at the Eastland Career Center about Domestic Violence and other topics over a two day period.