

# Groveport Police Department



City Council Report  
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Groveport City Council

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## Training, Officer Activities and monthly report information: [July 2023](#)

MUTUAL AID CALLS			Number	REPORTED OFFENSES		Number
Franklin CO SO			1	Accidents		9
Madison TWP PD			4	Assaults		0
Madison Twp. Fire			4	Burglaries		4
Obetz PD			4	Domestic Disputes		3
CPD/ CFD/Other Agencies			2	Domestic Violence		4
Public Assistance			11	OVI and alcohol issues		2
Residential/Business Alarm Response			85	Theft Related/ Robberies		2
House Watches				Weapon Related Calls		3
Mileage			17331	Missing Persons/Juveniles		3
Civil Issue Call Response			2	Narcotic Related Offenses		3
Sheriff's Dispatches/Self-Initiated Calls			261 / 303	School Related Dispatched Calls		0
Follow-Up on Previous Call to Service			10	Stolen/Unauthorized Use		2
A – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls –			26%	Suspicious Peron(s)/Vehicle(s)		24
B – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls --			47%	Threats		2
C – Dispatch/Self-Initiated Calls --			27%	Vandalism		1
Investigate Unknown Complaint			26	Suicide (attempts)/ DOA/Mental Health Call		6
Traffic Citations/Complaints			40 / 140	Sex Related Crimes		2
Training Hours			144 Hours	Arrests made		9
Referrals (FCCS)			2	Juvenile Complaints		5
Speed Trailer				Speed Trailer		
Location	Limit	Date Start	Date End	Total vehicles	Highest Speed	Average
Hickory Alley (West of College St)	15 mph	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	1702	20 mph	8.97 mph
Raver Alley @ Hickory Alley	15 mph	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	August 14 <sup>th</sup>	693	33 mph	12.62 mph

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## Groveport Patrol Operations Liaison Report

Prepared By: Ptl. Javier Herrera

Month: 2023

Liaison Monthly Activities		
Court Activity Related Time	6 hours	
School Activity Related Time		
Community Relations Activity Related Time	20 minutes GYAA Meeting	
<b>School Visits by Liaison</b>	<b>Number of Visits</b>	<b>Total Time</b>
Groveport Madison High School		
Groveport Madison Middle School Central		
Groveport Madison Middle School South		
Groveport Elementary		
Glendening Elementary		
Cruiser Academy		
Eastland Career Center		
Madison Christian High/Middle School		
Madison Christian Elementary School		
Imagine Schools Middle School		
Imagine Schools Elementary		
Other	9	5 ½ Hours

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

Bike Patrol = 12 hours

2 Grand Jury Hearings on Felony Cases



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## HICKORY ALLEY AND RAVER ALLEY TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS-

Due to the traffic complaints on Hickory Alley and Raver Alley, the Groveport Police Department Speed Trailer has been deployed to monitor the two alleys for the number of vehicles traveling on the alleys, and the average speed on the two roadways.

The trailer was deployed for two weeks on **Hickory Alley in the area of Center Street**, during this two-week time period/14-day period (July 18<sup>th</sup> thru August 1<sup>st</sup>), the trailer recorded the following statistics:

- 1702 vehicles (121.5 vehicles travel on Hickory Alley, West of College Street daily)
- 10am to 9pm is the time frame when most vehicles travel on Hickory Alley
- 14% of the vehicles traveling on Hickory Alley, go the Wrong Way on the One-Way Street (East Bound)
- High Speed on Hickory Alley- 20mph
- Average Speed on Hickory Alley- 8.97 mph

The trailer was deployed for two weeks on **Raver Alley North of Hickory Alley**, during this two-week time period/14-day period (August 1<sup>st</sup> thru August 14<sup>th</sup>), the trailer recorded the following statistics:

- 693 vehicles (49.5 vehicles traveled on Raver Alley between Main Street to Elm Street)
- 125 vehicles traveling South bound; 567 vehicles traveling North bound. (18% South to 82% North)
- 11am to 8pm is the time frame when most vehicles travel on Raver Alley.
- High Speed on Raver Alley- 33mph
- Average Speed on Raver Alley- 12.62 mph

## HIRING AND PROMOTIONAL PROCESS FOR GROVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT-

The Groveport Police Department has opened up a Hiring Process and Promotional Process during the month of July, and both processes closed in early August. The interest in both positions drew less than expected completed applications to our Personnel Department. At this time, we are setting up interviews in order to begin each process.

- 47 Entry and Lateral Entry Patrol Position application inquiries.
- 10 Entry and Lateral Entry Patrol Applicants have met the standards to be interviewed (21%)
- 6 GPD Patrol Officers applied for the Open **Sergeant Promotional Process**

At this point and time, the Groveport Police Department will be filling two Patrol Officer vacancies, and one Sergeant vacancy. It is my hope to have both processes completed by late October 2023.



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## DRONE UPDATE INFORMATION-

Per Councilman Jack Rupp's request, I asked the Groveport Police Department Personnel for assistance in researching the possibility of creating a Drone Operational Plan that would include Training, Equipment Cost, and Licensing. Ptl. James Reed who has some familiarity with a Drone program at Mansfield Police Department volunteered to research the program, and come up with some data that I could provide Groveport City Council.

This is the information the Ptl. Reed furnished to me in late July:

Chief Adams,

I have finally gathered all of the needed information for attempting to start up a drone team. The costs for training are very cheap due to only needing the FAA license to fly the drone units. The test only costs \$150 to take. There are no other training requirements before you can operate one of the units. We would need to contact Rickenbacker to get their codes to allow us to fly the drones since our city is so close to the runway. Since the Franklin County Sheriff's Office already has an established drone team, I would suggest training with them in the beginning at least once a month until we can safely run our own training.

The drone units themselves come in varying costs depending on what you would like them to do. I pulled information for four different units that covers just about everything you could want them to do from, finding missing persons/autistic people, to going inside a residence to locate a suspect. The Matrice 300 drone is the best drone unit that can carry any surveillance equipment you could want. They can carry infrared and night vision along with having an amazing zoom capability. However, the cost is pretty high for one unit, and the batteries go for a high amount as well. The Matrice 300 is one of the units the FCSO use to locate missing people and autistic people due to its long flight time before it needs to return home to exchange out batteries. The Matrice 300 also has sensors all around the unit that stop it from running into anything along with an auto pilot that returns the drone back to its initial take-off point. The Matrice 300 is not able to go inside buildings though, due to its large size.

If the Matrice 300 is too much, the Mavik 3T is the best all-around for the price. The Mavik 3T does not have the capabilities to use infrared but its camera still has about the equivalent zoom as the Matrice 300. The Mavik 3T also does not have all of the sensors to assist the pilot but still has the auto pilot for landing in case of emergencies. The Mavik 3T is much smaller than the Matrice but I still would not suggest flying it inside buildings because it's not well protected against running into walls or objects since the propellers are all exposed.

For the Avata, this little guy can easily go inside of buildings and anywhere else you would need it. The Avata is a little larger than your hand, and its propellers are all protected so it can happily run into objects and keep flight. The camera on the Avata cannot zoom in like the other two previously mentioned drones though, the Avata also has a significantly shorter flight time due to its fast speed, size, and maneuverability.



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The other drone, the Matrice 30, is just the little brother to Matrice 300. Its camera can zoom just as far as the 300, but it cannot carry the infrared and night vision cameras.

Along with having the drones themselves, we will need to have multiple extra batteries for each drone. The batteries drain even when the drone is not flying. The batteries also require to be run at certain temperatures so the drone will need to warm up or cool down the batteries before flight which tends to eat up the battery charge.

As a caveat, we can add cell phones to the video feed of each drone so anyone who wants to see exactly what the pilot is seeing can log in at any time and view the footage live or recorded.

I attached Standard Operating Procedures that the FCSOs use with their drone team along with some case laws and other bits of information about drone usages. If you need anything else, just let me know!

Mavic 3T - \$5,428 (extra batteries \$659 for 3)

Avata - \$1,198 (extra batteries \$279 for 2)

Matrice 30 - \$7,133 (extra battery \$329 for 1)

Matrice 300 - \$24,341 (extra battery \$700 for 1)

Memory Cards - 128 gig micro SD cards and or flash drives (\$21.99)

\*(these are average costs and depend on which cameras or equipment you would like to add with the drone)

FAA license to fly drones - \$150 to pay for the test and get certified.

Respectfully,  
Ptl Reed #20



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### POLICE VEHICLE UPDATE-

We have received and placed the three new Ford Utility Vehicles in service that your approved in August of 2022 reference Ordinance 22-030, but in regards to Ordinance 22-059 which was passed in January 2023, we have only obtained one of the three vehicles that you permitted under the ordinance language (2021 Ford F-150 Truck purchased in February 2023). Montrose Ford in North Ohio has informed the Groveport Police Department that our order for the (2) Ford Interceptor Utility Hybrid vehicles will not be filled, and our order has been officially cancelled.

I have already begun the research for other police vehicles with Sgt. John Westhoven, and we believe that we can place an order for (2) new Dodge Durango Utility vehicles from Greve Dodge in Van Wirt, Ohio. These vehicles are listed under State of Ohio Procurement Bid Process, they will come with the features that we need in order to place them into service as patrol vehicles that are Emergency Operational Rated, but we will have to wait approximately 6 months before receiving the new vehicles. I will also be working with City Administrator King and Finance Director Carr to see what, if any new legislation may be needed to begin the new purchase process for the Dodge Durango Utility vehicles.



When it comes to the Ford F-150 Pickup Truck, this vehicle should be in service as a marked patrol vehicle by late August. This truck can serve as a poor weather condition vehicle to get around the city, but we will not have it outfitted with prisoner seating at this time. It will also be used to transport the various police department trailers around town, and haul larger items in the bed of the truck. The truck is not designed to operate at high speeds in an emergency response, but it is more than capable to handle normal patrol duties.



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## Monthly Report for the Month of July 2023

### Shift Assignment: Night Shift

Shift Activity for the Month	Shift Results for the Month
Offense Reports	9
Mutual Aid Calls	5
Traffic Accident Reports	2
Criminal Arrests & Warrant Arrests	4
Traffic Violation Stops	13
Traffic Violation Citations	2
Training Hours	0
Bicycle Patrol Hours	0
Foot Patrols	22

### Notable Activity for the Month:

On 7/3/2023 third shift officers were dispatched to a domestic violence call in the Hickory Grove subdivision. After investigating the complaint, it was determined that criteria for DV was met. However, after checking both parties through Franklin County records, the male had felony warrants for escape. Male half was arrested without incident.

## Monthly Report for the Month of July

### Shift Assignment: Afternoon Shift

Shift Activity for the Month	Shift Results for the Month
Offense Reports	28
Mutual Aid Calls	3
Traffic Accident Reports	2
Criminal Arrests & Warrant Arrests	9
Traffic Violation Stops	85
Traffic Violation Citations	45
Training Hours	0
Bicycle Patrol Hours	46
Foot Patrols	40



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## **Drone Capabilities Presentation by Ptl. James Reed**

### **Regional Capabilities and Uses**

- Search and Rescue Missions / Project Lifesaver Missions (Alzheimers etc)
- Provide safety to first responders in Multi Jurisdictional Incident
- Disaster Assessments (Pre and Post)
- Flooding Assessment





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## **Missions to Date**

- **Barricades**
- **Traffic Crash Photo and Videos**
- **Suspect search at Metro Park**
- **Missing hunter**
- **Suspicious persons search**
- **Meigs County Bear Bating**
- **Pike County SWAT raids**
- **Washington County Suspect Search**
- **Franklin County EMA flooding assessment of Scioto**



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### Why a Mobile Command Station?

- Rapid Deployment
- Ability to observe flight from multiple large screens to increase situational awareness
- Protection from inclement weather
- Allows for overwatch
- Weather station on site
- Signal boost for more distance during flight
- Video Downlink both remote and hardwired





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- Rapid Deployment
- First Person View Stations
- Wind Sock and Weather Station
- A/C and Heat
- Rear Flight Deck
- Awning
- Internal / External HDMI Ports
- Multiple Power Sources



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