

Groveport Police Department



City Council Report
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Training, Officer Activities and monthly report information: September 2022

MUTUAL AID CALLS			Number	REPORTED OFFENSES		Number
Franklin CO SO			0	Accidents		15
Madison TWP PD			4	Assaults		5
Madison Twp. Fire			1	Burglaries		2
Obetz PD			1	Domestic Disputes		3
CPD/ CFD/Other Agencies			2	Domestic Violence		1
Public Assistance			8	OVI and alcohol issues		2
				Theft Related/ Robberies		12
House Watches			7	Weapon Related Calls		1
Mileage			14,120	Missing Persons/Juveniles		1
				Narcotic Related Offenses		2
Sheriff's Dispatches/Self-Initiated Calls			221 / 282	School Related Dispatched Calls		13
Busiest Day - Friday			38 Reports	Stolen/Unauthorized Use		3
A – Reports Taken – 45-reports			35 %	Parking		14
B – Reports Taken – 65-reports			50 %	Threats		3
C – Reports Taken – 20-reports			15 %	Vandalism		1
Total Reports taken			130 Reports	Suicide (attempts)/ DOA		1
Traffic Citations			31	Sex Related Crimes		1
Training Hours			300 hours approximately	Arrests made		12
Referrals (FCCS)			1	Juvenile Complaints		2
Speed Trailer				Speed Trailer		
Location	Limit	Date Start	Date End	Total vehicles	Highest Speed	Average
715 Main St						
		NA				NA

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Groveport Patrol Operations Liaison Report

Prepared By: *Ptl. Javier Herrera*

Month: 2022

Liaison Monthly Activities		
Court Activity Related Time	1 hour 15 Minutes	
School Activity Related Time	Approx. 15 Hours	
Community Relations Activity Related Time		
School Visits by Liaison	Number of Visits	Total Time
Groveport Madison High School	2	60 Minutes
Groveport Madison Middle School Central	4	135 Minutes
Groveport Madison Middle School South	4	115 Minutes
Groveport Elementary	8	285 Minutes
Glendening Elementary	4	120 Minutes
Cruiser Academy	0	00
Eastland Career Center	0	00
Madison Christian High/Middle School	1	30 Minutes
Madison Christian Elementary School	1	30 Minutes
Imagine Schools Middle School	2	60 Minutes
Imagine Schools Elementary	2	60 Minutes
Other	Misc Det. Bureau Time	2 Hours

Liaison Comments & Notable Events for Monthly Report:

Out of Town on Vacation from September 8th-21st, 2022

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Groveport School Resource Officer Report

Prepared By: SRO Ptl. Kurt Boso

Month: September 2022

Groveport Madison High School Reports	Number of Reports Created/Completed
Non-Criminal Reports	3
Criminal Offense Reports	3
Mental Health Response Reports	0
Accident Reports	0
Report Classifications	
Property Crime Reports	0
Crime of Violence of Reports	2
Disorderly Conduct Reports	0
Criminal Charge(s) Filed Against arty	2
Warrant Arrest	0
Recovered Missing/Runaway Child	2
Missing Child Report	0
Franklin County Children Services Referral	0
Recovered Property Reports	0
Mutual Aid Report	0
Criminal Trespass Order	1
Use of Force Report	0
School Safety Check Reports/Referral	1
School Internal Training Hours	0

SRO stats September 2022 Groveport
9-1-2022-Pride hall outside door ajar. School building check report filled out. Code R.
9-6-2022-Teachers flag stolen and desk had graffiti. Looked through school video. Code C.
9-6-2022-Female student assaulted by male student. Parents of victim wanted report but no charges. Code R.
9-6-2022-Principal Sam Gamertsfelder came to officer to show a fight that happened in Columbus jurisdiction which included two Groveport students. All parties advised to contact Columbus police.

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9-9-2022-Principal Bland met with officer to inform that a student had gotten sick from a vape pen on 9-8-2022 and another student had been looking up guns on computer along with making statements on school assignments that needed looked at by staff and officer.
9-9-2022-Student and grandmother came to school concerned that other students would bring violence from neighborhood disputes. Officer, student and grandmother met with principal Shannon Stromberg to voice concerns and plan for student's safety at school.
9-12-2022-Help security with two students who were getting upset with a teacher.
9-13-2022-Assist officer Mallory with student who was involved in crash in Madison township and armed robbery in Columbus. Code D to Madison township.
9-13-2022- Student had purse stolen. Code A
9-13-2022- Student had keys thrown at his head during lunch. School discipline only.
9-13-2022-Marijuana found in student's bag. Code R/I/B
9-13-2022-Student made threats to shoot up school in hallway. Mallory was in area. Code D.
9-15-2022-Juvenile (female) who attends Pickerington schools was located in building. Juvenile was entered as missing through Fairfield county. Taken to Franklin county children's services due to Pickerington Police refusing to pick her up. FCCS refused to take in juvenile and officer finally met with Pickerington Police to take custody of juvenile. Code R.
9-15-22-Teacher "struck" by car in cross walk. No injuries. Code A to elderly driver and teacher refused report.
9-15-2022-Officer met with school principal about student threatened on bus. Incident happened in other jurisdiction, School was going to discipline accordingly.
9-16-2022-Help security and staff stop a fight in hall. School discipline only.
9-16-2022-Male student taken by CID. Code D.
9-19-2022-Parents and students met with principal because of threats on social media. School intervention took place and code A to parent who wanted it investigated because it happened out of Groveport police jurisdiction.
9-19-2022-Helped staff keep fight from happening at the buses. Parent of student involved showed up and was causing a scene. School was going to issue the parent a no trespass order via letter.
9-20-2022-Helped security stop verbal fight between female students.
9-22-2022-Sat in on phone call to parent who was trespassed from the high school with principal Bland.
9-27-2022-Male student had drug paraphernalia in his back pack. Code I.
9-27-2022-Female juvenile who was in school earlier in the month and was not a student was on school grounds again. Code R/B for trespass.
9-27-2022-Female student claims she was sexually assaulted in restroom. Code R/D to detectives.
9-28-2022-Female student stated she wanted to hurt herself. Code D to CID and school counselors.
9-30-2022-Helped break up fight between female with security. Parents picked them up and a verbal argument took place. Code A.

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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

Training-

For the Month of September, the Groveport Police Department has been very busy with training, special events, and shift coverage overtime needs. The officers have completed Continuing Professional Training requirements put in place by the State of Ohio Legislature in 2021. All Full-Time Groveport Police Officers have completed this training by a combination of online training, guest instructors presenting training material to our officers at the Groveport Police Department, or officers attending training at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy or one of the satellite campuses. I have been informed the State Legislators will be taking up required training and funding for training in November for the 2023 calendar year. Information that has circulated to Chiefs is to anticipate a 40 hour CPT Training requirement in 2023, but nothing official has come out and it seems that the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Division of the Attorney's Office is unaware of any possible mandates in 2023. Like last year, it is my feeling that this proposal and funding need will be put together as the end of the year approaches, and requires police departments to prepare quickly to meet mandates in the upcoming year.

Patrolman Kevin Chavez attended a 40 hour **Fire Arms, Self-Defense, Tactics (FAST)** course at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. This hands on course that requires officers to think critically about the known and unknown hazards of our job and the quick evaluation of individuals who mean harm to society. The instructors focus on having the officers utilizing their surroundings as protective cover, using physical force only when the time arises to detain quickly unarm suspect(s) who have weapons and/or attempting to harm individuals, and look at ways to using our weapons in less than ideal conditions. This course has been a longstanding mandated training for all GPD Officers to attend as they come on our police

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department. The training is mentally and physically exhausting, but our officers feel that this course is a necessary training to give them better skills to evaluate and react to situations we encounter on the street.

All three Patrol Sergeants have begun their first supervisors training requiring analytical thinking and evaluation. STEP (Supervisor Training & Education Program) is designed for the First Line Supervisor who has been newly promoted, looking to resources and guidance when it comes to new employees, employees needing constant evaluation, and the disciplinary action process. Speaking to all three sergeants during their first week, there were some concepts they felt would not be helpful here at GPD, but they realized that tweaking and networking with other First Line Supervisors on some concepts could be very beneficial to our organization. By the end of their first week all three realized that the concepts presented can be altered to make our police department more efficient, but they also realized that you do not have to recreate the supervisor concept, but they are beginning to realize the need for constant updating on a regular basis to stay up with the times when it comes to motivating employees, recruiting new employees, and handling policy matters before they become a larger problem that has spun out of control. The three sergeants are currently working on professional college level reading and papers, these assignments require evaluation on well-known leadership styles, and how these leadership styles have evolved over time. The sergeants will have another week of instruction in October and November to learn new concepts, take these concepts back to their police departments, and discuss the possibility of implementing and evaluating their effectiveness.

Staffing Levels-

Ptl. Shellie Rimmer has advised she feels that her doctor is close to releasing her back to full duty in November. This would be about 9 months since she sustained the major knee injury while in a foot chase with a juvenile at Groveport Madison Middle School South in early February. She has not experienced any setbacks from her surgery in the spring time, but has had to be patient in her physical therapy sessions, in order to not reinjure herself and cause a delay in her return. Ptl. Rimmer upon return will have to go through a brief Field Training Program in order to re-acclimate herself back to patrol.

Afternoon Shift "B-Company" has been working with two officers not currently on patrol due to Injury Leave and FMLA Leave for the month. This has presented a constant evaluation of the schedule and making sure that there is minimum staffing levels coverage daily. We have had to post large amounts of overtime to cover for previously granted time off and training time, but we have attempted to minimize the overtime costs to our salary budget. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel several training opportunities for our officers in the Month of October in order to stabilize our staffing levels, and minimize the overtime for shift coverage. It is our hope that as the end of October comes, we will be able to get our Afternoon Shift Officers back on the street, and not have to cancel any training in November.

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Over 30 applicants have applied for the possible openings at the Groveport Police Department. I appreciate Joyce Myers and Annie Short for all their time and effort to make this hiring process as streamlined as possible. We are currently down to 9 applicants who have met the minimum standards, but we did lose several applicants who choose to withdraw from the hiring process to stay with their current agencies. Oral Boards have been conducted, Lt. Short, Sgt. Yockey, Ptl. Rosser all participated in the oral board process, along with Joyce Myers who appreciated the opportunity to question and evaluate the candidates.

Special Events-

GPD started the month off with the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at Mott's Military Museum, our Honor Guard Shoot Team attended and provided the 21 Gun Salute for the ceremony. We have begun the replacement process, and should have all shotguns replaced by Veterans Day, the older Mossberg 12 gauge shotguns have been miss firing and/or not firing at all that presented a safety concern by our officers. We have traded these shotguns in at Vance' Shooter Supply, and have purchased Remington 870 12 gauge shotguns. We now have 9 shotguns that are brand new and have been tested to ensure our Honor Guard and Patrol Officers have a functioning shotgun that is also known to be more reliable than our previous shotguns.

Kids Fest on September 17th was another enjoyable event for our police department, Kathi Wilson organized our event area where our newly designed Chevrolet Tahoe was on display, along with the trailer and tent. I also was able to secure a demonstration sales unit trailer with security cameras, the trailer is one of the expenditures I would like to make with the American Rescue Plan Act for Violent Crime Prevention when the grant funding is released to the City of Groveport. I found the trailer unit useful when monitoring the event area, and the intersection.

Groveport Madison High School Football Games have been uneventful, which is a good thing when it comes to highlights, and I have received positive comments from the school district and visitors to the football games. Lt. Short has reported very few encounters with the visitors when it comes to violations of the conduct, but crowds have been smaller than usual.

Lt. Josh Short- Patrol Operations

On 9/7 Lt Short assisted the Eastland Career Center with a threat assessment evaluation.

On 9/8 Lt Short assisted Groveport Middle School South with Active Shooter training updates. Same training for Little Cruiser Campus on 9/13 and Middle School Central on 9/28. The staff is very appreciative

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of our efforts and confident in our ability to respond in case of an incident. We have a great relationship with GM Schools.

Lt Short also provided opening statements for two sessions of Dom Tiberi's Maria's Message at Eastland Career Center

On 9/11 the Groveport PD Honor Guard performed a 21 gun salute at the 9-11 Memorial at Mott's Military Museum.

On 9/17 we participated in Groveport's KidsFest. It was a great event and was well attended by area police agencies. Chief Adams, Lt Short, and Kathi Wilson attended the event and patrol officers stopped in to visit. It is always a great time to interact with our community.

On 9/28 Lt. Short completed a threat assessment evaluation with Madison Christian School. We have a great relationship with Madison Christian School and they are very comfortable contacting us for safety needs.

On 9/27 and 30 Lt. Short provided active threat training to Caastle, one of our warehouse partners on Green Pointe North. Both sessions saw all of their administrative staff go through the program.

The last two weeks of the month Lt Short, Sgt Yockey, and Ptl Rosser, along with Joyce Myers, conducted first round oral interviews for patrol officer candidates. We were able to develop a solid list of candidates to move onto background checks.

NON-HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY OF NOTE:

9/7 – Patrol officers responded to Eastland Career Center on report of violent student who had assaulted staff. Student was transported to hospital for mental evaluation. Assault charges signed by school security supervisor.

9/8 – Patrol officers responded to Middle School South on report of walkaway student. Student was recovered and transported to Riverside Hospital.

9/14 – Patrol officers responded to Groveport Elementary on report of a student in mental crisis. Student was transported to Children's Hospital by medic.

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9/15 – Patrol officer took report for stolen airpods which were later recovered in the possession of another student. Charges declined, school discipline only

9/22 – Patrol officer spoke with a parent of a student who believed her child was being menaced by school staff. Over the next couple of days parent became uncooperative and would provide no credible information to officers. No further action taken

9/27 – Patrol officer spoke with teacher at Glendening Elementary who stated she was assaulted by a 7 year old student. Report was taken and any further action was declined.



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