

Groveport Police Department



City Council Report
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Groveport City Council

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Training, Officer Activities and monthly report information: **January 2025**

Calls to Service & Incident Reports			Number	Calls to Service & Incident Reports		Number
Franklin CO SO Mutual Aid			0	Accidents		15
Madison TWP PD Mutual Aid			3	House Watches		6
Madison Twp. Fire Mutual Aid			1	Public Assist		13
Obetz PD Mutual Aid			3	Domestic Violence/Dispute		12
CPD/ CFD/Other Agencies Mutual Aid			0	Burglary Related Call(s)		1
911 Hang Up			5	OVI Arrest		2
Residential/Business Alarm Response			66	Larceny/Robbery		5
Animal Complaints			3	Weapon Related Calls (Gun/Knife/ETC)		6
Mileage			14,740	Missing Persons/Juveniles		0
Call Party by Phone			20	Disabled Vehicle/Stranded Motorists		19
Sheriff's Dispatches/Self-Initiated Calls			186 / 346	School Related Dispatched Calls		25
Follow-Up on Previous Call to Service			11	Stolen/Unauthorized Use		3
Day Shift % of Calls to Service			25%	Suspicious Peron(s)/Vehicle(s)		12
Afternoon Shift % of Calls to Service			49%	Threats/Harassment Calls to Service		6
Mid-Night Shift % of Calls to Service			26%	Vandalism		1
Investigate Unknown Complaint			4	Suicide (attempts)/ DOA/Mental Health Call/Overdose Related Calls to Service		3
Traffic Citations/Traffic Stops			24 / 73	Sex Related Crimes		0
Parking Tickets			16	Arrests made		7
Referrals (FCCS)			0	Juvenile Complaints		7
Drunk/Disorderly Conduct Related			0	Assault/Fight Calls to Service		10
Training Hours			0	Open Door/Building Call to Service		3
Calls to Service/Incident Reports			386/ 67	Other:		2
Speed Trailer				Speed Trailer		
Location	Limit	Date Start	Date End	Total vehicles	Highest Speed	Average

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Groveport School Resource Officer Report

Prepared By: SRO Ptl. Kurt Boso

Month:

Groveport Madison High School Reports	Number of Reports Created/Completed
Non-Criminal Reports	0
Criminal Offense Reports	1
Mental Health Response Reports	0
Accident Reports	0
Report Classifications	
Property Crime Reports	0
Crime of Violence of Reports	0
Disorderly Conduct Reports	1
Criminal Charge(s) Filed Against Party	2
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
Mileage for the Month	88.4 Miles

January Groveport Madison High School SRO stats 2025

Student came to officer stating being inappropriately touched on thigh/bottom. Party was Advised

1/24/24-fight in rotunda between two students. 2 Arrests.



Groveport School Resource Officer Report

Prepared By: SRO Ptl. Shellie Rimmer

Month: **January 2025**

Groveport Madison Schools Reports	Number of Reports Created/Completed
Non-Criminal Reports	3
Criminal Offense Reports	4
Mental Health Response Reports	1
Accident Reports	0
Report Classifications	
Property Crime Reports	0
Crime of Violence of Reports	4
Disorderly Conduct Reports	3
Criminal Charge(s) Filed Against arty	0
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	1
Criminal Trespass Order	0
Use of Force Report	0
School Safety Check Reports/Referral	1
School Internal Training Hours	0
Mileage for the Month	432 miles

SRO January Incidents

On 01/14 at MS Central, the Principal reported that before the Christmas break there was a fight between two females. The alleged fight happened on 12/20 during a bus ride home. A female student attempted to fight another female and when the female refused the other student attack her, ignoring the bus driver's orders to stop. School staff disciplined the student. Awaiting decision on prosecution.

On 01/16 at MS South, two students were arguing back and forth inside the school's gym, which started off as playful banter turned into a serious argument. The female student stated she was going to get her brothers to jump the male student. The male student replied by saying "I'll shoot and kill you and your



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brothers." A threat assessment was conducted by School staff and the student was disciplined. Declined Prosecution.

On 01/16 at MS South, during the morning bus ride to school, two male students were exchanging unkind words towards each other which started a physical fight between the students. One student stated during the fight he was choked but did not blacked out. School Staff disciplined the students, Prosecution declined.

On 01/16 at MS South, a male student was disrupting class by throwing BB pellets at other students. The teacher noticed and sent the student to the office. Student was search by staff and staff found airsoft canisters inside the student's book bag. School staff disciplined the student and BB pellets and airsoft canisters were impounded. Prosecution declined.

On 01/22 a Mutual aid report was completed for Obetz PD. Obetz PD requested a female officer to conduct a search on the female arrestee.

On 01/24 at MS Central, during class a teacher witness a student drawing herself being shot by a gun and bullets piercing her body. It was discovered that she also drew the teacher being shot and drew her dead body bleeding out on the ground. Threat assessment was completed and found to be low risk. Student's parent was advised to seek additional help.

On 01/27 at MS South a student, who received 10 days suspension for gay bashing a teacher, returned on day 5, causing a slight disruption. Student was advised that she was to complete her 10 days before returning. Student is facing exploitation. Student released to parent.

On 01/30 at MS South, an MH student grew upset during class and he began to urinating on the floor of the classroom. The student also threw bottles of hand sanitizer and a chair at the teacher. Teacher didn't not suffer any injuries. Student was released to parent.

On 01/30 at MS South a student was running around the school, disregarding the teachers and principals' orders to stop. Student was called to the office and after the student received his punishment; he exited the office and body checked the vice principal. VP refused charges and student apologies and additional punishment was added to the DOC. Student released to parent.

On 01/31 GPD patrol requested my assistance for a female search on two females' arrestees involved in assault with two Juveniles.

Perimeter Checks completed on Jan 17th; findings:

Glendening Elementary	0 unsecured doors
Groveport Elementary	0 unsecured doors
MS South	0 unsecured doors
MS Central	0 unsecured doors



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Currently experiencing on-going issue regarding children custody issues within the schools. Also, MS South has had three separate incidents involving suspended students returning to school before serving their full suspension. The problem appears to be resolved with additional training for the attendance personnel.

NON-GROVEPORT SCHOOL ACTIVITY OF NOTE:

1/8 – Ofc Herrera spoke with a man over the phone who claims he, as a middle school basketball coach, was assaulted by a male parent from his own team following a basketball game at Madison Christian School. Herrera is still investigating this incident as the coach's statement is not consistent with other statements or video evidence. This incident involves the visiting team and no staff or student from Madison Christian is involved.

No incidents at Eastland Career Center other than ongoing strike by support staff. They have been picketing along s/b 317 just south of Williams Rd with a much smaller group at the southwest corner of the intersection leading into the school. We have had no significant issues with them since they've been out there.



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New Patrol Officers-

As of the third week of January, all three new officers have been sworn in, and are in the Field Training Programs. All three new officers are excited to be working for the City of Groveport, interacting with the public and their fellow officers, and our personnel have been very positive on these hires and believe that these new hires will be great additions to the police department.

Technology-

IT Director Chris Snyder has been a tremendous asset when it comes to the LEADS Audit and the obstacles we have had to jump through to obtain our re-certification from the State of Ohio LEADS Control. LEADS is the database in which we utilize continuously to obtain information on individuals driving records and vehicle records when conducting traffic stops, but also being able to locate an individual's Criminal Check History when they are arrested. This year's audit has been extremely difficult due to the new additions in multi factor authentication to log into the LEADS computer System, while demonstrating proper security protocols to secure our LEADS Computer System inside the police department and in our patrol vehicles.

I also want to recognize Sgt. Josh Guiler for taking on this task as the LEADS Tactical Officer. Sgt. Guiler has to coordinate with the State of Ohio and our IT Department during this audit, and make sure the needed corrections and/or changes are handled quickly in order to keep us compliant.

In other news when it comes to technology changes, I was informed that the Franklin County Sheriff's Communication Center will be hosting a meeting in mid-February on the new Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) that will replace our current system that has been in place since 2002. Their plan is to be utilizing the new CAD System by April 28, 2025.

House Bill 315-

Beginning April 1st, 2025, government entities like the City of Groveport will be able to re-coop some of the costs for redacting video evidence that is requested during a Public Records Requests by the public. This would also include the media and organizations that are not a part of official court proceeding where a Discovery Motion is needed for the court proceeding. According to the House Bill 315, the government entity can charge \$75 an hour for redaction and review of a video before the video is released to the public, and the maximum amount that can be charged for one request is \$750.

I have worked with City Council Clerk Mindy Kay who handles the Public Records Requests, along with City Administration Staff and Law Director Kevin Shannon to recommend a company that is certified in video redaction AI software, and we are working through the policies and how the costs will be invoiced and used to offset the cost of this costly redaction of video evidence. It is our hope to have everything in place by the April 1st start time.



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Water Rescue Preparation-

During this winter season, the Groveport Police Department attempted a water rescue just outside the City of Groveport. After watching the video of the incident, conversing with the police department staff, and having Lt. Josh Short research this subject with other first responders, we have begun to implement strategies. We are now purchasing or upgrading Throw Rope Bags in each patrol vehicle, along with looking at which Personal Flotation Device is safe and reasonable to use in the field. We will begin to replace these items as old patrol vehicles are rotated out of the fleet, and new vehicles are purchase and placed in service.

Along with this step of purchasing and upgrading the equipment, Captain Kurt Blevins and Lt. Josh Short will be working on a water rescue policy that mirrors or is similar in nature to other police departments with this policy. In the past few years, Groveport Police Officers have attempted three water rescues in local drainage ponds and creeks, and we want to make sure that we are not putting our staff or others at risk when attempting these rescues that are becoming more frequent in nature.

Email Notification from Detective Bureau-

I was just advised by the ATF Task Force that the suspect out of the armed robbery of Dollar General, Shawn Thomas, accepted a federal plea deal on our case. In my meetings with federal prosecutors it was clear to me that the response by our patrol officers immediately following the robbery was what set our case apart from the nearly half dozen cases Columbus Police were working against Mr. Thomas. The evidence collected off of Mr. Thomas' phone, which was gathered during the traffic stop/arrest, was extremely helpful in proving our case against Thomas. This case was a fantastic group effort and has resulted in Mr. Thomas spending the next decade in prison.

Thanks,
Dave

Detective David Fairman #D3

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Captain Kurt Blevins-

JANUARY POLICY REPORT:

- **Embracing the Challenge: My Passion for Policy Development and Crisis Management**
 - As someone deeply involved in the intricate world of professional scheduling and communication within our police department, I have come to appreciate the impact that well-crafted policies can have on our community and our police department. My journey has been fueled by a commitment to excellence, a passion for public service, and an unwavering dedication to creating a safer, more resilient community.
- **The Importance of Comprehensive Policies**
 - In our environment of law enforcement, the ability to respond effectively to crisis is paramount. This is where my passion for policy development is seen. Crafting comprehensive policies for crisis management and communication is not just a professional obligation; it is a personal mission. I believe that clear, well-structured policies are the backbone of any successful organization, providing a roadmap for action, ensuring consistency, and fostering trust within the Groveport community.
- **Tackling Policy Issues Head-On**
 - Developing policies is not without its challenges. There are countless issues that can arise, from balancing time management to ensuring timely and clear communication during a crisis. One of the most pressing issues is maintaining transparency and accountability. It is crucial that our policies reflect our commitment to the principles of clarity and fairness, ensuring that every action we take is in the best interest of the community we serve.
- **Effective Communication: A Cornerstone of Crisis Management**
 - Effective communication is at the heart of crisis management. Our policies must provide clear guidelines on how to disseminate information and action accurately and promptly. This includes identifying leaders, utilizing various communication channels, and maintaining transparency to build public trust. It is through these efforts that we can manage crises more effectively and ensure the safety and well-being of our community.
- **Continuous Improvement Through Training and Evaluation**
 - Another critical aspect of policy development is the commitment to continuous improvement. Regular training and preparedness drills are essential for equipping our staff with the skills and knowledge needed to handle crises. Additionally, post-crisis evaluations help us identify strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement, ensuring that our policies evolve to meet new challenges. Chief Adams continues to stress this aspect under his leadership.



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☐ Driven by a Commitment to Public Service

- My passion for policy development is driven by a deep-seated commitment to public service. Every policy I develop, edit, author or help create is a step towards a more organized, efficient, and resilient police force. Ensuring the safety and well-being of our community is a responsibility I hold dearly. By developing robust crisis management and communication policies, I am not only fulfilling my professional duties but also contributing to a greater cause – the protection and service of the City of Groveport.
- In conclusion, my passion for policy development is rooted in a desire to make a tangible difference approaching retirement. Through thoughtful, well-crafted policies, we can navigate the complexities of this line of work, ultimately fostering a safer and more connected community altogether.

☐ January Policy Review:

300	Use of Force
100	Law Enforcement Authority
104	Code of Ethics
102	Oath of Office
302	Handcuffing and Restraints

No updates, revisions or new policies were released in January. Continued professional training on and about our policies will continue.

Other Reports:

- Work has officially commenced on the re-certification process for our temporary holding facility. This effort involves a thorough review and evaluation to ensure compliance with all regulatory standards and operational requirements by the State of Ohio. I am actively working to meet the necessary criteria and implementing and required updates to maintain the highest level of safety and efficiency.
- January saw the on-boarding of three new officers for the City of Groveport. There are numerous administrative tasks for this effort.



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DAILY TRAINING BULLETIN: This bulletin outlines the Policy Sections that have been reviewed and disseminated by my office for the mandatory department-wide scenario-based training, known as Daily Training Bulletins (DTBs), for October 2024. **Please note that the policies highlighted in red are part of the Ohio Collaborative.**

- Policy 205: Administrative Communications / 205.3 Correspondence
- Policy 312: Adult or Vulnerable Person Abuse / 312.6 Protective Custody
- Policy 1004: Anti-Retaliation / 1004.5 Supervisor Responsibilities
- Policy 337: Child and Dependent Adult Safety 337.3 Procedures During an Arrest
- Policy 1008: Communicable Diseases / 1008.5.2 Reporting Requirements
- Policy 416: Contacts and Temporary Detention / 416.2.1 Initiating a Field Interview
- **Policy 303: Control Devices and Techniques / 303.4.3 User Responsibilities**
- Policy 403: Crime and Disaster Scene Integrity / 403.3 Scene Responsibility
- **Policy 901: Custodial Searches / 901.4.1 Property**
- **Policy 313: Discriminatory Harassment / 313.3.1 Discrimination**
- Policy 427: First Amendment Assemblies / 427.3 General Considerations
- **Policy 424: Foot Pursuits / 424.5.2 Assisting Officer Responsibilities**
- Policy 343: Generative Artificial Intelligence Use / 343.5 Prohibited Use
- **Policy 302: Handcuffing and Restraints / 302.7 Application of Leg Restraint Devices**
- Policy 328: Identity Theft / 328.2 Reporting
- Policy 804: Protected Information / 804.6 Security of Protected Information
- Policy 334: Public Safety Video Surveillance System / 334.3 Operational Guidelines
- **Policy 401: Bias-Based Policing / 401.4.1 Reason for Contact**
- Policy 321: Report Preparation / 321.2 Required Reporting
- **Policy 310: Search and Seizure / 310.3 Searches**
- **Policy 319: Standards of Conduct / 319.3 Directives and Orders**
- **Policy 900: Temporary Custody of Adults / 900.5.7 Religious Accommodation**
- Policy 317: Victim and Witness Assistance / 317.4 Crime Victims
- **Policy 300: Use of Force / 300.3.3 Pain Compliance Techniques**
- **Policy 307: Vehicle Pursuits / 307.3.2 When to Terminate a Pursuit**
- **Policy 703: Vehicle Use / 703.3.1 Shift Assigned Vehicles**



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Shift Statistics-Day Shift Sgt John Westhoven-

January	2025												
1st. Shift	Days Worked	Incident / Accident Reports	Traffic Stops	Traffic Citations	Parking Citations	OVI	Physical Arrests	Charges Filed	House Checks	Business Checks / Foot Patrol		TOTAL COMP.	DAILY AVE.
Ripson	16	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	6.80	0.43
Rosser	22	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	178	10	0	26.80	1.22
Chavez	19	6	11	6	0	0	1	0	11	24	0	31.10	1.64
TOTALS	57	8	19	6	1	0	1	0	217	34	0		
AVERAGE	19.00	2.67	6.33	2.00	0.33	0.00	0.33	0.00	72.33	11.33	0.00	21.57	1.09
70% OF AVERAGE	13.30	1.87	4.43	1.40	0.23	0.00	0.23	0.00	50.63	7.93	0.00	15.10	0.77

Afternoon Shift Sgt. Sam Yockey

January	2025												
2nd. Shift	Days Worked	Incident / Accident Reports	Traffic Stops	Traffic Citations	Parking Citations	OVI	Physical Arrests	Charges Filed	House Checks	Business Checks / Foot Patrol		TOTAL COMP.	DAILY AVE.
Benner	22	17	18	12	13	1	2	5	30	18	0	69.00	3.14
Reed	18	5	4	1	0	0	3	6	88	7	0	29.55	1.64
Nixon	15	3	4	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	12.25	0.82
Martin	19	8	13	3	0	0	0	0	143	34	0	46.80	2.46
TOTALS	74	33	39	19	13	1	6	12	261	60	0		
AVERAGE	18.50	8.25	9.75	4.75	3.25	0.25	1.50	3.00	65.25	15.00	0.00	39.40	2.01
70% OF AVERAGE	12.95	5.78	6.83	3.33	2.28	0.18	1.05	2.10	45.68	10.50	0.00	27.58	1.41

Officer-in-training Snider With Benner/They took the majority of reports for training purposes

Officer-in-training Buttress With Reed/They took the majority of the reports starting at the end of the month for training purposes

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Mid-Night Shift

January	▼ 2025												
3rd. Shift	Days Worked	Incident / Accident Reports	Traffic Stops	Traffic Citations	Parking Citations	OVI	Physical Arrests	Charges Filed	House Checks	Business Checks / Foot Patrol		TOTAL COMP.	DAILY AVE.
Smith	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	21	0	18.25	1.30
Greter	21	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	9.50	0.45
Dillard	22	3	23	22	0	1	1	0	57	4	0	56.70	2.58
TOTALS	57	6	30	22	0	1	1	0	167	31	0		
AVERAGE	19.00	2.00	10.00	7.33	0.00	0.33	0.33	0.00	55.67	10.33	0.00	28.15	1.44
70% OF AVERAGE	13.30	1.40	7.00	5.13	0.00	0.23	0.23	0.00	38.97	7.23	0.00	19.71	1.01



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