



MEMORANDUM
Groveport Police Department

To: Mayor Lance Westcamp and Groveport City Council Members

From: Acting Chief Casey Adams

Copy: Clerk of Council Ruth Ann Ross and Council Packet

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Re: POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE REPORT

I just wanted to keep Mayor Lance Westcamp and the City Council updated on a October 3rd, 2020 Demonstration March in the City of Groveport that will start around noon from the Groveport Plaza. I met with Darlene Faulkner and Michael James on Thursday, September 17th, 2020 at the Groveport Police Department, both individuals were stressing their positive message to making this demonstration about their support for the community and the individuals who are currently and have been a first responder, military service members, teachers, and medical field workers. They also made it clear that they wanted to keep the distractions to a minimum, and limit any burden to the city which may be forced to call in additional staff members to provide security for the demonstration. The following is the plan for how the demonstration march would take place:

- Begin staging at Groveport Plaza between 11am to noon and collect can/box food items for Groveport Food Pantry.
- Leave Groveport Plaza at noon and march on the Southside or Northside (depending on construction issues) of Main Street sidewalk.
- Demonstrators would march East on the sidewalk carrying flags, signs and possibly open carry of firearms.
- Demonstrators while marching want to avoid distracting from the Special Olympics fundraising campaign.
- When demonstrators reach Main Street @ Front Street (city green space next to Ace Hardware), they plan to end their march and have golf carts transport demonstrators back to Groveport Plaza if needing assistance.



I expressed some concerns and agreed to work with Darlene Faulkner and Michael James on the following items:

- Open Carry Demonstrators would have to abide by state law.
- Closure of Main Street @ College Street briefly until demonstrators march past the sidewalk closure and can access the sidewalk east of the intersection somewhere around Church Street.
- Individuals opposing the demonstration march wanting to slow or delay the march (as of this date no chatter in opposition to the march).
- Golf Carts transporting demonstrators from the end of the march back to the Groveport Plaza, not driving in unsafe manner, and not overloading the golf cart with individuals placing themselves and others in danger.
- Interruption of the Special Olympics Fund Raising.
- Going to the Groveport Recreation Center as an ending point; the Punt, Pass Football Event will be held during this time frame at the Groveport Recreational Facility.

I plan to meet with Darlene Faulkner and Michael James before the event to see if there are any further updates or concerns, and to make sure we keep all participants safe during the march through open communication between the Groveport Police Department and the participants.

