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June 2021 Training - Sgt. Lou Chan and Ptl. Yockey (16 hours)-Firearms Training @ Vance's Shooter Supply
 Det. Mike Sturgill (24 hours)- Human Trafficking Investigation @ OPOTA
 Yearly Firearms Range Qualifications for GPD Officers (42 hours)

MUTUAL AID CALLS			Number	REPORTED OFFENSES		Number
Franklin CO SO			1	Accidents		7
Madison TWP PD			11	Assaults		4
Madison Twp. Fire			5	Burglaries		0
Obetz PD			6	Domestic Disputes		3
CPD/ CFD/Other Agencies			0	Domestic Violence		8
Public Assistance			14	OVI and alcohol issues		
				Theft Related/ Robberies		7
House Watches			11	Weapon Related Calls		2
Mileage			16,531	Missing Persons/Juveniles		
				Narcotic Related Offenses		2
Sheriff's Dispatches/Pickup Calls			229 266	School Related Incidents		
Busiest Day		Monday	40 reports	Stolen/Unauthorized Use		2
A – Reports Taken –			26% (44)	Parking		
B – Reports Taken –			61% (102)	Threats		
C – Reports Taken –			13% (22)	Vandalism		2
Total Reports taken			168	Suicide (attempts)/ DOA		1
Traffic Citations			39	Sex Related Crimes		
Training Hours			82	Arrests made		6
Referrals (FCCS)				Juvenile Complaints		
Speed Trailer				Speed Trailer		
Location	Limit	Date Start	Date End	Total vehicles	Highest Speed	Average
		NA				NA
		NA				NA



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The Groveport Police Department has begun to post for Mandated Overtime Patrol Positions at the Groveport Aquatic Center from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm daily. I have ordered Lt. Josh Short to post weekly overtime schedules till further notice ordering officers to patrol the Groveport Aquatic Center interior property, and the immediate parking lot area surround the Aquatics Center during the assigned hours. Officers have been instructed to interact with the staff members and visitors to our recreational facilities while patrolling the area. Officers have also been instructed to document any issues that they encounter during their patrol time. If they observe or are asked to respond to the Aquatic Center due to any type of Code of Conduct Violation(s) or Criminal Violation(s), violators will be notified of a formal Criminal Trespass Order that will be forwarded to Rec. Center Director Kyle Lund and City Administrator B.J. King.

The mandated overtime expenditure will roughly cost \$15,590.40 for 64 days at 4 hours a day to man the assignment. We are hoping to lower that cost with officers altering their schedules, and the two new police officers positions that could be filled once the hiring process is concluded in late July or early August. I am also posting two Groveport Police Department Marked Patrol Vehicles in the area till further notice, and the vehicles will remain on the property till the completion of the assignment.

I have also researched what the cost would be to man the assignment if it was posted and outsourced as Special Duty to the Franklin County Sheriff's Department and Madison Township Police Department. Rough estimates for an average \$50 an hour rate for special duty and a \$10 an hour patrol vehicle rate with the deputy and/or officer would be \$15,360, but with special duty there is usually no assurance it will be filled every day of the assignment. Overtime allows for the police administration to mandate the coverage, which re-assures that the position will be filled if a vacancy exists.



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July 3rd Independence Day Celebration was a success when it comes to the Groveport Police Department Operational Planning. The parade had very little issues when it came to the traffic control aspect. What issues we did experience were the individuals participating in the parade showing up late to the parade set-up. The parade started roughly at 1105 am and ended at 1215 pm, there were no complaints from participants or spectators, and Lt. Josh Short deserves the credit for the logistical operations of the parade and the safety precautions taken to assure all individuals are protected from outside traffic interference.

The fireworks display was also a success when it came to the safety of the citizens and spectators who attended the event. There were no complaints or incidents, we did have one child reported missing, but was located within five minutes, and another child was turned over to our custody as recovered and turned back over to his mother within 5 minutes. The fireworks started at 945pm and we had the traffic cleared out of the Old Downtown Groveport by 1055 pm. Lt. Josh Short deserves the credit for putting officers in the right positions for visibility and pro-active policing to allow citizens to observe our officers in a positive light, but also to feel secure in coming and participating in the City of Groveport Independence Day Celebration.



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A brief follow up to the active investigation from the June 30th incident at the Groveport Aquatic Center; Det. Josh Gilbert is examining and speaking with Lt. Bary Murphy, the Franklin County Juvenile Prosecutors Office, and the victims of the incident. We are wanting to make sure the most appropriate charges are brought against the juvenile offenders. I do want to reiterate that Det. Josh Gilbert has worked this case from the beginning, logging well over 16 man power hours in order to identify and interview the suspects. Det. Josh Gilbert deserves a lot of the credit to discovering who these individuals are and obtaining a confession, but the responding officers (Ptl. Sam Yockey and Ptl. David Fairman) also deserve credit in their initial investigation, and making sure all individuals were safe after the altercation. This was a true team effort that hopefully will bring closure to our staff members and visitors to the Groveport Aquatic Center, who had to observe such a negative act against our employees and Groveport Recreational Facilities.



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On Thursday, June 30th I received a phone call reference the parking complaint Michael Ream brought to Groveport City Council during a May 2021 City Council Meeting. The complaint involves the area of 360 West Street and the immediate area around his residence. Mr. Ream advised during my phone conversation that his neighbors on the East side of the street have issues with vehicles parking in front of the homes, the vehicles are blocking their mailboxes, and these vehicles make it difficult for residents to enter and exit their driveways on the East side of the West Street residential area. The vehicles parking on the street normally belong to residences on the West side of West Street, they are legally parked, and their driveways are typically out of room in their own driveways. I advised Mr. Ream of these facts, I advised him I spoke to City Engineer Steve Farst about the issue, and we would continue to monitor the parking issues to see if there are remedies to the situation.



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The Groveport Police Department Detective Bureau is currently in the background investigation process for six individuals seeking employment in our Lateral Entry Patrol Officer hiring process. One of the top candidates has officially withdrawn his name from consideration after accepting a full-time position with the Obetz Police Department. It is my hope to have this and the CVSA Examination completed by the end of July. I am looking forward to having myself, Mayor Lance Westcamp and Captain Blevins sitting down and conducting finale interviews with the top three candidates in early late July/ early August in order to proceed with formal Conditional Offers of Hire to two worthy candidates to join our police department and community.

I am also anticipating the completion of the Sergeant's Promotional Process by the end of the month. We started with 6 candidates who submitted applications and resumes, one candidate withdrew from the process days before the assessment, and another candidate did not show up for the assessment process. We are currently evaluating four individuals for the two open sergeants' positions, and again it is my hope to have these positions filled in the near future.



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Finally, I want to make Mayor Lance Westcamp and Groveport City Council aware of some equipment and expenditure issues that could face our agency in the near future and over the next few years. I was contacted by the Chevrolet Dealership where we are purchasing our two new vehicles. One of the vehicles has been received and was partially outfitted with equipment, but the second Chevy Tahoe is still sitting in Texas awaiting the computer chips needed to operate of the vehicle. This computer chip issue is just not affecting our police department, but agencies across the country. Vehicle vendors across Ohio advised that this computer chip shortage will affect the emergency vehicle industry for a minimum of 12 to 18 months once a vehicle is ordered, and we should anticipate a minimum 10% increase in cost for vehicles once this year's State Bid Process expires in late October 2021.

Another equipment shortage affecting the law enforcement community if the shortage of ammunition, currently we are waiting on an order placed in October of 2020, we again are not the only agency in the country to face a shortage, but it is believed it will continue for at least 12 to 18 months according to our firearms vendors. Range officers for our agency have advised a roughly \$2 to \$3 increase per 50 rounds of ammunition. We are attempting to locate and monitor our inventory of ammunition closely, but this will affect our range training time, due to the rationing of our current supplies.

The final equipment issue that our agency will be facing over the 36 months will be the replacement of our mobile and portable emergency radio system (walkies and car radios), along with mobile data terminals (laptops). The radio issue was brought to my attention during a Franklin County Chief Association Meeting when the state agency who control radio operations advised that our current Motorola Walkies and EF Johnson Car Radios will be out of compliance standards by January 1st, 2025. The Groveport Police Department currently has 12 portable radios (Walkies) and 15 mobile radios (Car Radios) that will be required to be replaced in the next 3 years.

We have 17 portable radios that will require a Firmware Patch to make then compliant and 6 mobile radios that will require the same Firmware Patch to make them complaint. In regards to the Mobile Data Terminals in our patrol vehicles; we currently have 6 MDT's (Laptop Computers) that will not be compliant with the new Windows 11 programming. This is not going to be an issue in the near future, but within the next 2 to 3 years, those computers will have to be replaced in order to have equipment that will be Windows 11 compliance with Franklin County Communications Center standards.



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I would also like to make Mayor Lance Westcamp and Groveport City Council aware of the quick actions taken by two of our officers in order to provide Critical First Aid Care to Individuals requiring immediate first aid techniques to prevent possible fatal results to their physical well-being. Ptl. Sam Yockey and Ptl. David Fairman on June 30th and July 1st had to administer multiple doses of NARCAN to individuals having an adverse reaction to opioids. As we see on the news daily, people are dying everyday due to their addiction, and not having someone to revive them when they take their chemical dependency too far. Ptl. Sam Yockey and Ptl. David Fairman actions to administer NARCAN to these two individuals prevented two tragic deaths, but it also allows for Det. Mike Sturgill to give these individuals a helping hand to find them professional help to deal with their addiction once they become medically stable.

I was also advised by Ptl. Ernest Bell that Ptl. Sam Yockey and Ptl. David Fairman quick first aid reaction may have saved a man's life or the prevented a loss of a limb when they provided critical first aid measures to a man on Kinsel Avenue July 2nd. The man was working on his vehicle when he sustained a deep cut to his arm and the two officers arrived and placed direct pressure and a tourniquet to this man's arm to stop the bleeding till medics' arrival. Both officers advised they believe they just secured the scene till medics arrival, but with my knowledge of working with both officers daily, they are being modest in their actions.

Both incidents is one of the main reasons I am attempting to get a mandatory First Aid/CPR Courses brought to our agency for all GPD Officers to attend and learn standard and new techniques to dealing with first aid issues we encounter daily in the field.