



COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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February 11, 2026

Mayor Hammer
Members of the Common Council
Columbus Police and Fire Commission

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT, JANUARY 2026

Attached is the monthly report for the Columbus Police Department.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions.

Chief Dennis Weiner



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PERSONNEL

The department is not fully staffed. Current staffing as of February 11, 2026:

	Authorized by Budget	Actual
<u>Sworn Officers</u>		
Full-time sworn police positions:	10	9*
Patrol Officer Full time	6	3
Sergeant	1	1
Lieutenant	2	2
Chief	1	1

* includes 2 in the police academy until May 15

Clerical

Office Manager (full-time)	1	1
Public Safety Clerk (full-time)	1	0

Current Staff:

Name	Date of Hire
Chief Dennis Weiner	02/18/2008
Lieutenant Darrell Ward	09/18/2022
Lieutenant Michael Rosecky	12/30/2022
Sergeant Julia Knoll	01/03/2022
Officer Matt Dammen	01/03/2023
Officer Spencer Trevorrow	07/31/2023
Officer Madeline Kraus	04/28/2025
Officer Brandon Leipart	12/29/2025
Officer David Griscom	12/29/2025
Officer vacant	
Administrative Manager Erika Kellar	02/04/1999



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Officer Leipart and Officer Griscom began the 720-hour law enforcement police academy at Madison College on January 12. They will graduate on May 15 and begin their local training on May 18.

We have received a few applications for our last vacancy. This one is posted as a lateral entry (having prior sworn experience) which would dramatically shorten in house training and since the next academy does not start until June. Lateral entry hires can also start at a higher wage based on their experience. We have received a couple applications for lateral entry that have been terminated or resigned in lieu of termination from other departments. I will not be giving any of those further consideration.

TRAINING:

Officers attended a 1-day county wide in-service in Portage. It was repeated twice on different days so all could attend. Sworn officers are required to have 24 hours training between July 1 and June 30 of the following year to maintain law enforcement certification by the State of Wisconsin. The other hours are earned at in house or specialized training sessions to exceed the required 24.

During January and into early February, officers began transitioning and training on the new Tasers that were approved in the budget. We purchased 5 last year of the newer model than what we had last year, and 5 were approved for 2026 to get all we have replaced. We found a department in Colorado on a Taser who was selling 8 lightly used Tasers of this model, holsters and extra cartridges. With this purchase, we saved almost \$7,000 on what was budgeted for the tasers, ended up with 3 additional spare Tasers. The included holsters (specific to this model) and extra cartridges are easily worth another \$1000+. We were able to not only meet our goal, exceed it, save a lot money. Required training for this newer model, which is quite different than the prior model, is approximately 6 hours. It includes online videos, written tests that requires a score of 100%, demonstrating proficiency with the features, and the accurate firing of multiple cartridges at a silhouette shaped target of a body made of a specific material for this purpose.

FLEET:

We have reached the point with our current number of staff that we are in the final steps of assigning each officer their own squads. By the time the 2 graduate the academy we will have their squads outfitted.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/CITATIONS:

During the month of October officers issued 73 traffic citations, 168 warnings and 26 ordinance citations.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Back in September we investigated serious threats towards a business and the owner after a social media post. This included threats to burn the business down and doing physical harm to the owner. They were in voicemails and on social media. After a comprehensive investigation, involving summons and search warrants for electronic records, a suspect was identified in South Carolina. A warrant was issued for his arrest at that time. He was taken into custody into custody in South Carolina on January 2. He was charged with Stalking, Unlawful Use of Telephone-Threaten Harm, Unlawful Use of Telephone-Threaten with Obscenity, and Computer Message-Threaten Injury or Harm.

A business reported a theft from their property in the early morning hours, caught on video that was not the best quality. Officers investigated and contacted other area entities for video and were able to get a better image of the vehicle. Further investigation



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and video identified a suspect from Beaver Dam. When contacted, he admitted his actions and issued a citation that including restitution.

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Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call

Nature of Call	Total Calls Received
911 HANG UP	14
ACCIDENT HIT AND RUN	5
ACCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	8
ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY	3
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	10
BURGLAR ALARM	2
FIRE ALARM	1
MEDICAL ALARM	2
ANIMAL BITE	2
CAR VS DEER	1
CITIZEN ASSIST	14
CONTROLLED	10
CIVIL PROCESS	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1
DEATH INVESTIGATION	3
DISABLED VEHICLE	15
DOMESTIC ABUSE	1
DOMESTIC WITH INJURY	2
DPW	1
DRIVING COMPLAINT	6
EMS CALL	19
ERT TRAINING	1
EXTRA PATROL	10
FIRE GAS LEAK/CARBON MONOXIDE	3
STRUCTURE FIRE	1
FLEET MAINTENANCE	1
FRAUD	1
HOUSE WATCH	3
JUVENILE ALCOHOL	1
JUVENILE INCIDENT	4
LOST AND FOUND	2
NOISE COMPLAINT	2
OUT WITH PERSON	4
OPEN DOOR	1
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	1
DRUG OVERDOSE	2
OWI	5
PARKING ENFORCMENT	29
PARKING VIOLATION	8
SECURITY	30
SLIDE OFF	1
SUICIDE	1



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SUSPICIOUS	7
THEFT	1
THREAT	1
TIPS/LEADS	2
TRAFFIC CONTROL	2
TRAFFIC STOP	222
TRUANCY	1
VEH LOCKOUT	5
WARRANT	2
WEAPONS VIOLATION	1
WELFARE	13

Total Calls: 489