



COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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October 10, 2024

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

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2024

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 October 10, 2024:

	Authorized by Budget	Actual
<u>Sworn Officers</u>		
Full-time sworn police positions:	10	9
Patrol Officer Full time	6	5
Sergeant	1	1
Lieutenant	2	2
Chief	1	1
<u>Clerical</u>		
Office Manager (full-time)	1	1
Clerk (full-time)	1	1

Current Staff:

Name	Date of Hire
Chief Dennis Weiner	02/18/2008
Lieutenant Roger Witthun	12/17/2001
Lieutenant Darrel Ward	09/19/2022
Sergeant Mike Rosecky	12/30/2022
Officer Julia Knoll	01/03/2022
Officer Matt Dammen	01/03/2023
Officer Spencer Trevorrow	07/31/2023
Officer Colton Hayes	07/30/2024
Officer Cole Vance	08/05/2024
Officer vacant	
Officer James Kicmol (part time)	09/25/2023
Office Manager Erika Kellar	02/04/1999
Public Safety Bonnie Langsdorf (part time LTE)	08/12/2024



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Part time officer and retired Wisconsin State Patrol Sergeant Joe Lowe resigned effective October 10. Our department was his 2nd part time job. He wishes to enjoy more free time and less commitments. His knowledge, experience, and willingness to work as much as he did to help fill some significant scheduling gaps since last fall were greatly appreciated.

Interviews for the vacant Public Safety Clerk position were held. We are current evaluating our next step.

TRAINING

Officer Knoll attended 2 days of Peer Support training in Stoughton.

Officer Dammen attended 2 days of ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement) training at the Madison Police Training Center. This course teaches enhanced visual clues and additional field sobriety tests to assess whether a person is impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Lieutenant Ward and Sergeant Rosecky attended school Active Threat training at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. It was taught by the Secret Service.

MEETING WITH AMTRAK POLICE:

At our request we met with the Amtrak Police, at the Columbus Police Department. This was to address the significant increase in calls to remove passengers from the train and the collateral issues that creates for our department and community once someone has been removed, that have occurred notably since the addition of the Borealis. Amtrak Police will be reinforcing the policies and procedures to train staff they have in place before making a decision to call law enforcement. We anticipate this will reduce the number of calls. Prior to this significant increase we did have occasional calls (a couple times per year) to remove passengers.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/CITATIONS:

During the month of August officers issued 95 traffic citations, 39 ordinance citations and 132 warnings.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS:

A house fire claimed the life of a 63-year-old Columbus woman. The fire started on the porch. The State of Wisconsin Fire Marshall's Office responded and assisted with the investigation.

Dispatch broadcast a report of a vehicle driving erratically on USH 151, northbound towards Columbus. It was reported to be driving at very high speeds, all over the road, including driving on and off the shoulder. At one point it was reported to be driving in the ditch. While responding the caller reported it pulled into the parking lot at Prairie Ridge Health. The officer located it parked, with vegetation from the ditch hanging from the underside. The driver was unresponsive. Once we were able to rouse him, he thought he was in Madison, where he lives, and was on his way to work in Madison. He was arrested for 4th offense Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Restricted Controlled Substance, a felony, and jailed. No alcohol was involved. He later admitted taking a controlled substance.

An officer stopped an ATV rider for several violations. The operator did not have a valid drivers license. The officer gave him warnings and told him he could not drive away from the stop. The officer had another call to go on. The officer observed him a short time later operating the ATV again. Several citations were issued.



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A subject an officer was attempting to take into custody resisted arrest and attempted to knock the flashlight out of his hand and also kicked him in the shin.

CALLS FOR SERVICE:

Columbus Police Department
Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call

Nature of Call	Total Calls Received
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911 HANG UP	18
ACCIDENT HIT AND RUN	2
ACCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	7
ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY	3
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	8
BURGLAR ALARM	1
FIRE ALARM	7
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	10
ANIMAL BITE	1
BATTERY	1
BOND VIOLATION	1
CAR VS DEER	1
MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT	1
PROTECTIVE PLACEMENT	1
CITIZEN ASSIST	11
COMPLIANCE CHECKS	2
CONTROLLED	11
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	7
DEATH INVESTIGATION	2
DISABLED VEHICLE	3
DOMESTIC ABUSE	2
DPW	2
DRIVING COMPLAINT	25
ELUDING	1
EMS CALL	16
ESCORT	2
EXTRA PATROL	17
GENERAL FIRE	1
FIREARMS TRAINING	1
FLEET MAINTENANCE	1
FOOT PATROL	1
FRAUD	2
HARASSMENT	1
ROAD HAZARD	3
INTOXICATED PERSON	1
JUVENILE INCIDENT	13
KEEP THE PEACE	1



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CALL IN LOBBY	2
LOST AND FOUND	4
MISSING PERSON	1
NOISE COMPLAINT	6
OUT WITH PERSON	4
OPEN DOOR	3
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	8
OWI	1
PARKING ENFORCEMENT	7
PARKING VIOLATION	7
PROPERTY DAMAGE	1
SECURITY	252
SPECIAL EVENT	3
SPEED BOARD	1
SUSPICIOUS	12
THEFT	3
THREAT	7
TRAFFIC CONTROL	2
TRAFFIC STOP	193
TRESPASS	2
TRO/INJ VIOL	1
VEH LOCKOUT	5
VIOLATION OF PROBATION/PAROLE	1
WARRANT	1
WELFARE	17

Total Calls:	732
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