



COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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June 11, 2026

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

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT, MAY 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 June 11 , 2026:

	Authorized by Budget	Actual
<u>Sworn Officers</u>		
Full-time sworn police positions:	10	8
Patrol Officer Full time	6	3
Sergeant	1	1
Lieutenant	2	2
Chief	1	1
<u>Clerical</u>		
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 David Griscom	12/29/2025
Officer vacant	
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Administrative Manager Erika Kellar	02/04/1999
Police Clerk Alexa Johnson	05/28/2026



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Officers Griscom and Leipart graduated from the Madison College Police Academy on May 15. However, being at full staff for the first time in years was short lived.

On May 29, Officer Collicott, who joined us in April, resigned for family reasons. He is transitioning out of law enforcement.

On June 1, Officer Leipart, who graduated the police academy on May 15, submitted his resignation. He had a change in perspective and mixed feelings about a career in law enforcement and resigned.

We are actively recruiting to fill those 2 positions. The next academy starts in August and we are down to the wire to get someone into the academy if need be. We are hoping to find a lateral entry (experience) to hire and train quickly. We have only received 1 application in the first 10 days and that person does not meet the minimum requirements.

We currently have an officer on FMLA for the summer. His absence, the 2 vacancies and 1 officer in local training for the foreseeable future, we will be working the summer 4 bodies short.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

National Night Out is August 4, 2026 from 5:30 p.m-8 p.m. at Fireman's Park. More will be posted on that in the future.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/CITATIONS:

During the month of May officers issued 77 traffic citations, 126 traffic warnings and 28 ordinance citations.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

In April's report I highlighted issuing a citation to a person who filed a patently false complaint against an officer. Another situation, involving 2 complaints presented itself in May. We do not get a lot of complaints in general.

Both complaints were from the same person, regarding alleged officer conduct against her 24-year-old son, and the other involved her son's 20-year-old girlfriend the following day.

It was reported an officer parked in front of their house for over 20 minutes "staring down her son" who was outside. Reviewing the squad GPS records, I was able to irrefutably confirm what was reported never happened. Our dispatch software tracks in real time and records, all squad locations, speed, direction, when they stop and for how long.

Additionally, she reported the following day her son's girlfriend was stopped on W James St by an unmarked squad and an officer in plain clothes, who asked questions about a speeding or loud vehicle in their neighborhood. The mother wanted to know why we were watching and harassing her family.

We spoke to the girlfriend multiple times during this aspect of the complaint and investigation. We did not have an unmarked squad or plain clothes officer on duty at the date/time reported. We were concerned of a possible police impersonator. We spent hours and hours investigating this. It included going to residences and business where the alleged traffic stop was said to have been, to attempt to obtain any video. We did obtain and review crucial video of the area of the time in question. Based on the review, this traffic stop never happened. The female maintained the same story during our contacts, until the end, when confronted with our findings. She was cited for Obstructing an Officer, for providing false information to a law enforcement officer acting in their official capacity.



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I take all complaints against staff seriously. I also take false complaints equally as serious. Just as I hold officers accountable for substantiated complaints, I hold the public accountable for false and malicious complaints. A motive in this 2-part false complaint was never determined. A lot of unnecessary time and resources went into this complaint.

Officers executed a search warrant, seized property, and made an arrest as the result of a 5-month misappropriation investigation. That investigation continues.

Officers investigated a domestic incident at a residence. The female had left the residence as officers were arriving. She was located a short time later nearby and arrested for Operating While Intoxicated, Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest. She physically fought with officers taking her into custody.

Officers were dispatched to an apartment where a female reportedly attempted to run her boyfriend and 2 others over with her car and fled. This female had smashed the windshield of the boyfriend's vehicle with a kitchen pan prior to this. Two (2) of the 3 were transported to the hospital. One, a female, was struck by the vehicle and catapulted into some bushes. The suspect, a 20-year-old female from Sun Prairie, turned herself in to the Columbia County Jail 2 days later. She was charged with 1st Degree Reckless Endangering Safety and Disorderly Conduct.

An officer made a traffic stop for an equipment violation. The driver had an open criminal case, was revoked and on bail conditions not to operate a motor vehicle without a valid license. He was arrested for bail jumping. A passenger refused to identify himself. Officers were able to determine who he was from past contacts and photos. It was determined there were multiple warrants out for his arrest. He refused to exit the vehicle and when officers physically removed him, he attempted to flee. He was taken to the ground where he violently fought with officers, including putting his forearm on an officer's neck. A taser was deployed and he was taken into custody. An officer experienced a minor injury. Charges are pending.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office was in a vehicle pursuit that concluded on STH 60 near CTH A. We responded and assisted in the high-risk vehicle contact and taking the occupants into custody.

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Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call 1

Nature of Call	Total Calls Received
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911 HANG UP	13
ACCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	8
ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY	2
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	7
BURGLAR ALARM	5
FIRE ALARM	6
MEDICAL ALARM	2
PANIC ALARM	1
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	8
ANIMAL BITE	2
BOND VIOLATION	4
MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT	1
DETOX	1
CHILD ABUSE	1



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CHILD CUSTODY	1
CITIZEN ASSIST	20
CONTROLLED	7
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	5
DISABLED VEHICLE	3
DOMESTIC ABUSE	3
DPW	1
DRIVING COMPLAINT	23
ELUDING	1
EMS CALL	21
ERT TRAINING	1
EXTRA PATROL	8
GENERAL FIRE	1
VEHICLE FIRE	1
FIREARMS TRAINING	1
FIREWORKS	3
FLEET MAINTENANCE	2
FOOT PATROL	2
FRAUD	2
HARASSMENT	1
HOUSE WATCH	1
INTOXICATED PERSON	1
JUVENILE INCIDENT	7
KEEP THE PEACE	4
LOITERING	1
LOST AND FOUND	6
NOISE COMPLAINT	1
OUT WITH PERSON	3
OPEN DOOR	1
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	3
OWI	7
PARKING ENFORCMENT	6
PARKING VIOLATION	7
SCHOOL RESOURCE	1
SEARCH WARRANT	1
SECURITY	115
SPECIAL EVENT	2
SPEED BOARD	2
SUSPICIOUS	9
THEFT	4
THREAT	1
TRAFFIC STOP	189
TRESPASS	1
TRUANCY	2
UNWANTED PERSON	2
VEH LOCKOUT	4
WARRANT	9
WELFARE	10

Total Calls: 569