

159 S. Ludington St. Columbus, WI. 53925 920-623-5919 (Main) 920-623-5930 (Fax)

September 10, 2025

Mayor Hammer

Members of the Common Council

Columbus Police and Fire Commission:

**RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT, AUGUST 2025** 

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 September 10, 2025:

|                               | Actual     |   |
|-------------------------------|------------|---|
| Sworn Officers                |            |   |
| Full-time sworn police pos    | itions: 10 | 8 |
| Patrol Officer Full time      | 6          | 5 |
| Sergeant                      | 1          | 0 |
| Lieutenant                    | 2          | 2 |
| Chief                         | 1          | 1 |
| Clerical                      |            |   |
| Office Manager (full-time)    | 1          | 1 |
| Public Safety Clerk (full-tim | ne) 1      | 1 |

#### **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 vacant              |              |  |
| 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 Madeline Kraus       | 04/28/2025   |  |
| Officer vacant               |              |  |
| Office Manager Erika Kellar  | 02/04/1999   |  |
| Public Safety Clerk Kimberly | 01/13/2025   |  |
| Kehoe                        |              |  |



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#### **PERSONNEL:**

The postings for the vacant Officer and Sergeant position remain active. There has been no interest in either position.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

August 5, 2025 National Night Out was held at Fireman's Park. It is believed to be the largest attendance in the 17 years we have been participating in this event. Thank you to everyone who donated or helped us put this event on every year. It continues to grow each year.

## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/CITATIONS:

During the month of August officers issued 109 traffic citations, 213 warnings and 16 ordinance citations.

#### **ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

An officer made a traffic stop for a traffic violation and detected an odor of intoxicants. He began an OWI investigation and female driver refused to get out of the vehicle after 8 requests to do. She was removed from the vehicle and arrested for Operating While Intoxicated w/passenger under 16. During the arrest a male showed up at the scene, was aggressive and created a disturbance. When told he was under arrest, he refused to comply with officer's repeated commands and a taser was deployed. Both the male and female were taken to jail. A Use of Force Review showed the officers used an appropriate level of force during this incident. The body cameras and squad videos showed the officers acted very professionally when dealing with extreme verbal and physical resistance. The body cameras have been a remarkable addition to our technology and I thank the council for all their support to keep us updated with the evolving technology.

An officer made an arrest for possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. The female suspect has 2 open criminal drug cases in another county. During the search of the suspects purse a substance was located that was believed to be a controlled substance. It was tested and found to be a mix of methamphetamine and fentanyl. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 100 times stronger than morphine and 50 times stronger than heroin. A quantity of fentanyl a little as 2 grains of salt can kill. Fortunately, there was no direct exposure to the officer. The suspect was charged with a felony and 3 misdemeanors.

A resident received a pop-up ad on their computer that was purported to be from Microsoft. It informed him his computer had been compromised and to call a number. He called the number and people on the other end requested he go and purchase some gift cards. He was on his way to purchase them and decided to report it to us as it did not sound right.

Someone received a phone call from a person who claimed to be from JP Morgan Bank. They wished to talk with him about fraudulent activity on his bank account. They told him an FBI agent also wanted to speak with him and he was put on the phone with someone who claimed to be an agent. This 'agent' asked for personally identifying information of the person, such as name, date of birth, SSN, passport number, etc. The 'agent' was most likely a scammer.



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Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call

| Nature of Call                                | Total Calls Received |
|---|----------------------|
|   | 1.0                  |
| 911 HANG UP                                   | 18                   |
| ACCIDENT HIT AND RUN                          | 1                    |
| ACCIDENT-NON-REPORTABLE                       | 1                    |
| ACCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY                 | 4                    |
| ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY                         | 7                    |
| BURGLAR ALARM                                 | 2                    |
| FIRE ALARM                                    | 2                    |
| MEDICAL ALARM                                 | 1                    |
| ANIMAL COMPLAINTS                             | 10                   |
| BOND VIOLATION                                | 1                    |
| MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT                      | 3 2                  |
| DETOX   |                      |
| CHILD ABUSE                                   | 1                    |
| CHILD CUSTODY                                 | 1                    |
| CITIZEN ASSIST                                | 17                   |
| CIVIL   | 1                    |
| CIVIL PROPERTY DAMAGE                         | 1                    |
| CONTROLLED                                    | 4                    |
| CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY                   | 1                    |
| DISORDERLY CONDUCT                            | 2                    |
| DEATH INVESTIGATION                           | 1                    |
| DISABLED VEHICLE                              | 8                    |
| DOMESTIC ABUSE                                | 1                    |
| DPW   | 3                    |
| DRIVING COMPLAINT                             | 23                   |
| EMS CALL                                      | 16                   |
| ESCORT DISPOSITION OF ENTERINGE               | 2                    |
| DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE                       | 4                    |
| EXTRA PATROL                                  | 3<br>1               |
| GENERAL FIRE<br>FIRE GAS LEAK/CARBON MONOXIDE | 2                    |
|   | 5                    |
| FLEET MAINTENANCE FOOT PATROL                 | 2                    |
| FRAUD   | 3                    |
| HARASSMENT                                    | 2                    |
| ROAD HAZARD                                   | 7                    |
| JUVENILE INCIDENT                             | 5                    |
| KEEP THE PEACE                                | 6                    |
| LITTERING                                     | 2                    |
| LOST AND FOUND                                | 3                    |
| NOISE COMPLAINT                               | 1                    |
| OUT WITH PERSON                               | 8                    |
| OPEN DOOR                                     | 4                    |
| ORDINANCE VIOLATION                           | 3                    |
| OWI   |                      |
| PARKING ENFORCMENT                            | 8                    |
| PARKING VIOLATION                             | 9                    |
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| SECURITY        |              | 224 |  |
|-----------------|--------------|-----|--|
| SLIDE OFF       |              | 1   |  |
| THEFT           |              | 3   |  |
| THREAT          |              | 1   |  |
| TIPS/LEADS      |              | 1   |  |
| TRAFFIC STOP    |              | 287 |  |
| TRESPASS        |              | 1   |  |
| UNWANTED PERSON |              | 1   |  |
| UTILITY ISSUE   |              | 1   |  |
| VEH LOCKOUT     |              | 8   |  |
| WARRANT         |              | 2   |  |
| WEATHER         |              | 1   |  |
| WELFARE         |              | 14  |  |
|                 | Total Calls: | 776 |  |

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Dennis R. Weiner, Chief of Police