



COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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November 13, 2025

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

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT, OCTOBER 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 November 13, 2025:

	Authorized by Budget	Actual
<u>Sworn Officers</u>		
Full-time sworn police positions:	10	8
Patrol Officer Full time	6	4
Sergeant	1	1
Lieutenant	2	2
Chief	1	1
<u>Clerical</u>		
Office Manager (full-time)	1	1
Public Safety Clerk (full-time)	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 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	
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Office Manager Erika Kellar	02/04/1999
Public Safety Clerk Kimberly Kehoe	01/13/2025



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A conditional job offer was made and accepted by a candidate for one of the officer vacancies. He is currently working full time for the National Guard as a helicopter mechanic and did a tour of duty in Afghanistan during the war. We plan to start him at the end of December as the academy starts January 12, 2026 in Madison.

We are diligently working on a 2nd candidate for our last vacancy. We are having difficulty finding an academy spot but are hopeful. The deadlines for the January academy are coming quick.

Effective November 10, 2025 Officer Knoll has been promoted to Sergeant following a hiring and promotional process. She will be moved from the day shift to evenings/night shift. She will be officially sworn into her new position at the November 18, 2025 council meeting.

I will also say that we have received more applications in this last process, which included the upcoming wage increase, than we have in a very very long time. We disqualified some candidates for various reasons, some withdrew, and some were hired by other departments during our process. The shortage of applicants in Wisconsin, and the country is more palpable than it has been. I am hopeful to be at full staff during 2026. I want to thank the council for their ongoing support and recognizing the need to make changes that will benefit recruiting and retention and make us competitive with other departments.

TRAINING:

Lieutenant Ward and Lieutenant Rosecky attended training in Waukesha. The training was on technology and each person who completed the training received equipment worth several thousand dollars that will benefit the department.

Chief Weiner, Lieutenant Ward and Lieutenant Rosecky attended Officer Involved Critical Incident training put on by the Wisconsin Department of Justice in Jackson. This training prepares administrators of the investigations process, do's and don'ts at the scene, and outlines the statutory requirements and the process of having an officer involved death investigated by an outside agency. In 2004 a law was written requiring an outside agency investigate all officer involved death investigations. Our department would use with Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) if an incident were to occur here. They are the most common used agency statewide for that purpose.

Chief Weiner, Lieutenant Rosecky and Officer Knoll attended active shooter in a healthcare environment training at Prairie Ridge Health.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Three officers were on patrol and handing out candy during Trick or Treat.

We held a drug drop during that National Drug Takeback fall event on October 25, 2025 in front of the Police Department. We collected 50 pounds on that day during the takeback, and accumulated 112 pounds in our secure 24/7 accessible lobby drop box since the spring takeback. All were turned over to the Department of Justice on October 27, 2025 in De Forest for incineration.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/CITATIONS:

During the month of October officers issued 93 traffic citations, 137 warnings and 21 ordinance citations.



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ITEMS OF INTEREST:

A fraud of over \$10,000 was reported. This investigation has resulted in the issuance of several subpoenas for documents and a search warrant for documents and electronic records to several entities, both in state and out of state. These investigations can take months due to the time by law the entities have to provide the records and continues. An arrest at some point down the road is likely.

An officer made 2 operating while intoxicated (OWI) arrests within 3 hours of each other.

Someone reported receiving a call from her bank, asking for her bank account numbers. She provided the account numbers, and after thinking about it, reported it to us. It was quick enough that she was able to freeze her accounts and was not out any money.

We also received a call from an elderly person reporting they received a call from someone with a strong foreign accent, seeking their Medicare and Medicare Supplement account numbers. The numbers were provided. The person was not out any money and it was reported to Medicare.

An elderly person received a call from a female with an accent stating they were with the Columbus Police Department and they had a warrant out for their arrest for money laundering they needed to pay. This was an attempt to get a credit card or bank account number to resolve the 'warrant.' The person who got the call recognized this as a scam and asked who else was on duty to see what the response would be and the caller stated "Chief Weiner" by name. It appears scammers are now doing some homework to try and gain confidence. Additionally, the number showing on the caller ID was that of the Columbus Police Department, (920) 623-5919. The Columbus Police Department would never call someone and tell them they need to pay a warrant over the phone. The person receiving the call did not provide any information.

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

Nature of Call	Total Calls Received
911 HANG UP	16
ACCIDENT-NON REPORTABLE	2
ACCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	10
ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY	4
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	8
BURGLAR ALARM	6
FIRE ALARM	4
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	4
ANIMAL BITE	3
CAR VS DEER	3
MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT	1
CITIZEN ASSIST	14
CIVIL	7
CIVIL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1
COMPLIANCE CHECKS	1
CONTROLLED	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	4
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	4
DEATH INVESTIGATION	2
GENERAL DELIVERY CALL	1



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DISABLED VEHICLE	16
DOMESTIC ABUSE	4
DPW	1
DRIVING COMPLAINT	14
EMS CALL	21
ESCORT	1
DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE	2
EXTRA PATROL	14
GENERAL FIRE	2
FIRE GAS LEAK/CARBON MONOXIDE	1
VEHICLE FIRE	1
FLEET MAINTENANCE	2
FOOT PATROL	3
FRAUD	4
HARASSMENT	1
HOUSE WATCH	2
INTOXICATED PERSON	2
JUVENILE INCIDENT	4
KEEP THE PEACE	1
LOST AND FOUND	3
MUTUAL AID	1
NOISE COMPLAINT	1
OUT WITH PERSON	5
OPEN DOOR	4
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	1
OWI	8
PARKING ENFORCMENT	14
PARKING VIOLATION	8
SECURITY	230
SPECIAL EVENT	2
STALKING	1
SUSPICIOUS	8
THEFT	3
THREAT	1
TIPS/LEADS	2
TRAFFIC CONTROL	3
TRAFFIC STOP	174
TRO/INJ VIOL	1
TRUANCY	1
UTILITY ISSUE	1
VEH LOCKOUT	4
VIOLATION OF PROBATION/PAROLE	1
WARRANT	3
WEAPONS VIOLATION	1
WELFARE	18

Total Calls: 691