



COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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April 9, 2025

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

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT, MARCH 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 April 9, 2025:

	Authorized by Budget	Actual
<u>Sworn Officers</u>		
Full-time sworn police positions:	10	7
Patrol Officer Full time	6	4
Sergeant	1	0
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 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 vacant	
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Office Manager Erika Kellar	02/04/1999
Public Safety Clerk Kimberly Kehoe	01/13/2025



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PERSONNEL:

Officer Cole Vance submitted his resignation on April 2, 2025 effective immediately. He is seeking a career outside of law enforcement.

TRAINING:

Lieutenant Rosecky completed 96 hours of DAAT (defensive and arrest tactics) instructor level training at the Madison Police Training Center over a 2 ½ week period. This is a very physically demanding, hands on class that teaches officer safety, self-defense, subject control and arrest tactics, such as takedowns, arrests, and handcuffing techniques of both cooperative and uncooperative and physically resistive persons. He is now credentialed as a state certified instructor in this discipline and can teach it under the Department of Justice Training and Standards Bureau approved curriculum.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/CITATIONS:

During the month of November officers issued 78 traffic citations, 136 warnings and 48 ordinance citations.

MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Officers investigating a domestic incident at a residence observed signs of drug use. Officers conducted a search of the residence and located methamphetamine. Possession of methamphetamine is a felony. The male was arrested and taken to jail.

At the request of a friend, we were dispatched to check the welfare of an intoxicated person at a residence. When we attempted to give him a portable breath test, the device failed as the value exceeded capabilities of the device. A blood test later revealed a .70 blood alcohol concentration, over 8 ½ times the legal limit to operate a motor vehicle. That is the highest I have seen in my 29-year career. This person was able to walk down steps at his residence to the ambulance.

We have been experiencing storage space issues with our body camera and squad video server. The HD quality videos take up a lot of storage space. In 2024 we doubled the storage space we started with in 2023 when we added the body cameras. We were told by our IT provider and the vendor at that time the initial space would be a sufficient amount. We believe there are server setting issues and are trying to address it with the city's IT provider and the video software company. It was set up by the city's previous IT provider.

In the last few months we have been criticized on social media, at great lengths, over how we handled several different issues. Legitimate feedback and criticism are part of our job and when accurate can be very helpful. What does cross the line is when people completely fabricate the details of an interaction or event with my department/staff, post it to social media and it's accepted at face value by those who read it. It then turns into personal attacks on my department and/or staff on social media. That has been the case with several recent posts and it is very frustrating when the facts of the situation don't resemble to post. I spoke of this at the last council meeting as well.



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CALLS FOR SERVICE:

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Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call

Nature of Call	Total Calls Received	
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911 HANG UP	9	
ACCIDENT HIT AND RUN	1	
ACCIDENT-NON REPORTABLE	1	
ACCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	9	
ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY	1	
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	13	
BURGLAR ALARM	6	
MEDICAL ALARM	1	
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	5	
ANIMAL BITE	4	
BUS PASSING	1	
MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT	2	
CHILD ABUSE	1	
CHILD CUSTODY	1	
CITIZEN ASSIST	31	
CIVIL	4	
CIVIL PROPERTY DAMAGE	3	
CONTROLLED	3	
CONTROLLED BURN	1	
CIVIL PROCESS	2	
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	1	
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	5	
DEATH INVESTIGATION	2	
DISABLED VEHICLE	8	
DOMESTIC ABUSE	3	
DPW	1	
DRIVING COMPLAINT	16	
EMS CALL	11	
EXTRA PATROL	7	
GENERAL FIRE	1	
VEHICLE FIRE	1	
FLEET MAINTENANCE	1	
FOOT PATROL	1	
FRAUD	2	
HARASSMENT	1	
ROAD HAZARD	10	
HOUSE WATCH	2	
JUVENILE INCIDENT	6	
LOST AND FOUND	3	
NOISE COMPLAINT	3	
OUT WITH PERSON	3	
OPEN DOOR	5	



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ORDINANCE VIOLATION	4
OWI	5
PARKING ENFORCMENT	49
PARKING VIOLATION	10
SECURITY	117
SEX OFFENSE	1
STALKING	1
SUSPICIOUS	7
TEST	1
THEFT	6
TRAFFIC CONTROL	1
TRAFFIC STOP	195
TRESPASS	2
UTILITY ISSUE	1
VEH LOCKOUT	4
VEH THEFT	1
VIOLATION OF PROBATION/PAROLE	1
WARRANT	2
WEAPONS VIOLATION	1
WEATHER	1
WELFARE	9

Total Calls: 611