



COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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July 9, 2025

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

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT, JUNE 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 July 9, 2025:

	Authorized by Budget	Actual
<u>Sworn Officers</u>		
Full-time sworn police positions:	10	8
Patrol Officer Full time	6	5
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 Madeline Kraus	04/28/2025
Officer vacant	
Office Manager Erika Kellar	02/04/1999
Public Safety Clerk Kimberly Kehoe	01/13/2025



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PERSONNEL:

We have received a few applications for the open vacant positions. We are currently screening them further to see if we proceed forward with any of them.

FLEET:

At the June 17 council meeting Lieutenant Ward presented on purchasing 4 partially equipped used police vehicles with LESO funds, which was subsequently approved by the council. We took possession of the vehicles a short time later and noticed mechanical issues while driving one of them. Using LESO funds, we had this vehicle fully inspected by a certified mechanic. The potential issues found with 1 of the vehicles would have resulted in a substantial expense to resolve, so we canceled the purchase. It was a package, 4 vehicle deal. Payment for the vehicles had not been made and the seller agreed to take them back. We continue to look for used police vehicles to get the take home squad program started.

The 2023 Dodge Durango squad had its transmission replaced. It was fully covered under warranty. It was problematic finding a Dodge Dealer who could get it in timely.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

National Night Out is occurring on August 5, 2025 from 530 p.m.-800 p.m. at Fireman's Park. We are concerned about access for street parking in the area due to the construction on Park Avenue.

TRAINING:

All department staff attended a 4-hour in-service block on EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operations and Control) and pursuits at the Madison College Columbus location, which was the former Columbus 151 Speedway Madison College purchased years ago and re-designed as a training facility. It was taught by Chief Weiner and Lieutenant Ward who are both state certified instructors. Among other training requirements, 4 hours of bi-annual training in EVOC and pursuits are required to maintain police officer certification in Wisconsin.

Officer Knoll attended 5 days of EVOC instructor level training that was held at the Madison College Campus in rural Columbus. This training makes her a state certified instructor in that discipline which will allow her to teach emergency vehicle and pursuit driving in the future.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/CITATIONS:

During the month of November officers issued 50 traffic citations, 118 warnings and 12 ordinance citations.

MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Officers responded to a domestic related incident in which a male was arrested on several felony charges. Methamphetamine was found in the residence. Drug related charges are pending on the resident of the house.

During the month of June, we received several reports of unauthorized charges on credit cards and frauds. Victims were out anywhere from \$1000-\$5000. We also received a couple reports of check fraud, where suspects were able to generate a check or a withdrawal from a person's bank account.



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We arrested 6 people during the month for OWI (Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated/under influence) or operating with RCS (Restricted Controlled Substance). A few of those include:

A subject was stopped for a traffic violation and arrested for OWI-3rd offense, failing to install an ignition interlock device and failure to obey a traffic sign or signal.

An officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and subsequently arrested the operator for Operating with a Restricted Controlled Substance. The operator was charged with a criminal offense as there is an enhancer for having a passenger under 16 years of age.

An officer assisted the Fall River Police Department with a violent and physically resistive suspect of a hit and run who had been tased multiple times. She had violently resisted arrest and made threats of harm to officers. Our department handled the OWI investigation under the Mutual Aid for the Fall River Police Department.

Columbia County Dispatch received a call of a vehicle driving 15 miles per hour and driving 'all over the road' eastbound on STH 60 near CTH C in the Town of Hampden. The Sheriff's Office was unavailable due to a fatal accident they were working in this part of the county and asked us to respond under the Mutual Aid. The officer located the vehicle near STH 60 and CTH A, and clocked him with radar at 30 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone. He was also operating left of the center line and was observed to swerve back into his lane. The vehicle was stopped and the driver arrested for OWI and taken to jail.

Our department is always willing to assist any other department, most commonly the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, the Fall River Police Department, and the Dodge County Sheriff's Office. We have a great working relationship with those agencies and they assist us as well any time we request them. "Mutual Aid" is a term from state statute which gives a law enforcement officer full legal authority outside of their jurisdiction upon request from another department.

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	19
ACCIDENT HIT AND RUN	2
ACCIDENT-NON REPORTABLE	1
ACCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	6
ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY	2
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	8
BURGLAR ALARM	6
ELEVATOR ALARM	1
FIRE ALARM	4
MEDICAL ALARM	2
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	7
BURGLARY	1
CAR VS DEER	1
MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT	1
CITIZEN ASSIST	19
CIVIL	2



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CONTROLLED	4
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	4
DISABLED VEHICLE	9
DOMESTIC ABUSE	1
DPW	1
DRIVING COMPLAINT	29
EMS CALL	15
EXTRA PATROL	4
GENERAL FIRE	1
FIRE GAS LEAK/CARBON MONOXIDE	6
FLEET MAINTENANCE	1
FRAUD	6
HARASSMENT	5
ROAD HAZARD	9
HOUSE WATCH	1
JUVENILE INCIDENT	4
KEEP THE PEACE	1
LOST AND FOUND	6
NOISE COMPLAINT	1
OUT WITH PERSON	7
OPEN DOOR	2
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	5
OWI	7
PARKING ENFORCMENT	7
PARKING VIOLATION	6
SEARCH WARRANT	1
SECURITY	202
SEX OFFENSE	1
SPECIAL EVENT	2
SUSPICIOUS	5
THEFT	5
THREAT	1
TIPS/LEADS	1
TRAFFIC CONTROL	4
TRAFFIC STOP	157
TRAINING	2
TRANSIENT	1
TRESPASS	1
UNWANTED PERSON	1
UTILITIES	2
VEH LOCKOUT	2
VIOLATION OF PROBATION/PAROLE	1
WARRANT	3
WEAPONS VIOLATION	1
WELFARE	8

Total Calls: 626