



COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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December 11, 2025

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

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT, NOVEMBER 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 December 11, 2025:

	Authorized by Budget	Actual
<u>Sworn Officers</u>		
Full-time sworn police positions:	10	7
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	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 Madeline Kraus	04/28/2025
Officer pending	12/29/2025
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Officer vacant	
Office Manager Erika Kellar	02/04/1999
Public Safety Clerk Kimberly Kehoe	01/13/2025



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PERSONNEL:

Officer Colton Hayes resigned effective immediately on December 5, 2025.

The 2nd applicant we were screening has passed all testing and will begin on December 29 along with the other candidate who has already completed everything. Both will begin the academy in early January, graduate mid-May and begin their local training. Initially the only academy opening at this stage we could find was in Appleton. Fortunately, a position opened last minute at Madison College and both will be attending there.

While those 2 vacancies are filled, they can't be counted into the schedule mix until they return from the academy and complete their 3–4-month local training, and are deemed ready for solo patrol.

TRAINING:

Lieutenant Ward and Lieutenant Rosecky attended training in Waukesha. They attended the required recertification classes for Active Threat and Active Shooter instructor level certifications.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Sergeant Knoll attended and set up a booth at the Columbus High School career fair.

Sergeant Knoll and Officer Kraus, along with Fall River Chief Spurbeck staffed a Stuff the Squad event at Pick n Save, to benefit the Columbus Fall River Food Pantry. The event was a success.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/CITATIONS:

During the month of October officers issued 58 traffic citations, 141 warnings and 18 ordinance citations.

During the first snow emergency event 69 citations were issued for street parking violations and 9 for municipal parking lot violations.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

A person reported receiving a call and subsequent texts from what was purported to be US Bank, where the person banked. Text message sought account information that was confirmed by clicking on some links. The person soon after discovered that over \$10,000 had been charged to his credit card, in both the Milwaukee and Madison areas. Most purchases were for gift cards ranging from \$200-\$500. Video was obtained of the suspect; however, they were wearing cloth facial mask which concealed the majority of their face. The matter remains under investigation.

In the October monthly report I indicated we were investigating a \$10,000 bank fraud. Following a substantial amount of investigative time issuing subpoenas for bank records and reviewing them, an arrest was made.

We have experienced multiple thefts in the last few months from a storage facility in the city. A problem with some of the thefts is that the renters rarely go to them and establishing an exact timeline of the theft is difficult. In one case discovered immediately we were able to recover medium quality video (night time) that showed a box truck with a unique lighting characteristic. An attentive officer observed a vehicle parked at a residence in the city very similar and began surveillance. A short time later the vehicle left the residence and the unique lighting characteristic was observed and the vehicle was stopped. The subject was arrested for theft, Operating After Revocation and Failure to Install Ignition interlock and was taken to jail. Some not all, of the stolen property was recovered.



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A citizen reported being contacted by LifeLock, the identity protection company. LifeLock informed him someone had attempted to use his identifiers to take out a loan.

The Portage Police Department issued a mutual aid request to area agencies to assist during their holiday parade. I sent 1 officer to assist for several hours with traffic control.

Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call	
Nature of Call	Total Calls Received
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911 HANG UP	10
ACCIDENT HIT AND RUN	1
ACCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	5
ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY	2
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	6
BURGLAR ALARM	5
FIRE ALARM	2
MEDICAL ALARM	2
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	9
ANIMAL BITE	2
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION	1
BATTERY	1
BOND VIOLATION	4
BURGLARY	2
CAR VS DEER	2
DETOX	1
CHILD CUSTODY	1
CITIZEN ASSIST	16
CIVIL	1
CIVIL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1
COMPLIANCE CHECKS	1
CONTROLLED	10
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	2
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	4
DEATH INVESTIGATION	2
DISABLED VEHICLE	13
DOMESTIC ABUSE	3
DPW	3
DRIVING COMPLAINT	14
EMS CALL	15
ERT TRAINING	1
ESCORT	1
EXTRA PATROL	10
FIRE GAS LEAK/CARBON MONOXIDE	2
FIREWORKS	1
FLEET MAINTENANCE	3
FOOT PATROL	1
FRAUD	3
ROAD HAZARD	1
JUVENILE INCIDENT	6
KEEP THE PEACE	1



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LOST AND FOUND	3
MUTUAL AID	1
NOISE COMPLAINT	1
OUT WITH PERSON	7
OPEN DOOR	3
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	1
OWI	3
PARKING ENFORCMENT	10
PARKING VIOLATION	12
SECURITY	112
SPECIAL EVENT	4
SQUAD DAMAGE	2
STALKING	1
SUSPICIOUS	8
THEFT	5
THREAT	3
TIPS/LEADS	1
TRAFFIC STOP	175
TRESPASS	1
TRO/INJ VIOL	1
TRUANCY	2
UNWANTED PERSON	1
VEH LOCKOUT	6
WARRANT	2
WEAPONS VIOLATION	1
WELFARE	13

Total Calls: 550