



COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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September 9, 2026

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

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT, AUGUST 2026

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 9 , 2026:

	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
Police 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 David Griscom	12/29/2025
Officer vacant	
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Administrative Manager Erika Kellar	02/04/1999
Police Clerk Alexa Johnson	05/28/2026



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COMMUNITY EVENTS:

National Night Out was held on August 5. Attendance was the most it has ever been in the 15+ years of having the event. We added a few things this year that were very popular and we plan to return. A very large thank you goes to the business community and citizens who donated to the event. No tax dollars other than wages for the staff were spent to put on this event. Without the gracious donations, this event would not occur.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/CITATIONS:

During the month of August officers issued 71 traffic citations, 97 traffic warnings and 53 ordinance citations.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Late at night a family was woken up and startled due to a large bang on their front door. Video footage showed a vehicle pull up, a male exit a vehicle, run to the front door, and turn around and horse kick the door. He ran back to the vehicle and fled. They then went to another residence a few blocks away and knocked on the door and fled. The vehicle and several teens were later identified and cited. These houses were randomly picked. If the front door of the first residence had been kicked open, the ending here could have been much different.

A contractor fraud was reported where the victim is out about \$30,000. The contractor had been pre- paid \$45,000 and only part of the project had been completed. Payments were made in 2023 and 2024. The victim had to hire others to complete the project.

A business reported a subject attempted to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill. It was recognized as being counterfeit by the employee and the subject left the business. That matter remains under investigation.

An officer made a traffic stop for a speeding violation. The officer noticed a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Upon further questioning the driver admitted to smoking marijuana 1-2 hours prior to the stop. The driver was subsequently arrested for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Restricted Controlled Substance, with a Passenger Under 16 years of age, which is a criminal charge. Marijuana was also located in the vehicle and the driver was charged with that as well.

Columbus Police Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call

Nature of Call	Total Calls Received
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911 HANG UP	21
ACCIDENT HIT AND RUN	1
ACCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	4
ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY	3
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	14
MEDICAL ALARM	3
PANIC ALARM	1
AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READE	4
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	9
ANIMAL BITE	2
BOND VIOLATION	1



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CITIZEN ASSIST	15
CIVIL	4
CIVIL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1
CONTROLLED	4
COUNTERFEIT	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	5
DEATH INVESTIGATION	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	7
DOMESTIC ABUSE	1
DPW	1
DRIVING COMPLAINT	19
EMS CALL	18
ERT TRAINING	1
EXTRA PATROL	4
FIRE GAS LEAK/CARBON MONOXIDE	1
UTILITIES FIRE	1
FLEET MAINTENANCE	1
FOOT PATROL	2
FRAUD	4
HARASSMENT	2
ROAD HAZARD	1
INTOXICATED PERSON	1
JUVENILE INCIDENT	5
KEEP THE PEACE	1
LOST AND FOUND	2
NOISE COMPLAINT	9
OUT WITH PERSON	1
OPEN DOOR	3
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	5
OWI	5
PARKING ENFORCMENT	8
PARKING VIOLATION	8
SECURITY	123
SPECIAL EVENT	2
SUSPICIOUS	19
THEFT	4
THREAT	1
TIPS/LEADS	1
TRAFFIC STOP	148
TRESPASS	1
UNWANTED PERSON	1
UTILITY ISSUE	1
VEH LOCKOUT	5
VEH THEFT	1
WARRANT	1
WELFARE	7

Total Calls: 520