



COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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August 12, 2026

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

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT, JULY 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 August 12 , 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:

The several days around the 4th of July festivities were for the most part without issue. Some notable arrests were made during those several days around the city and we did not have any issues at the park.

As always, it was a pleasure to work with the Columbus 4th of July Committee for this year's celebration. They are a very dedicated group of volunteers and committed to having great community events.

On July 28 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. different officers in teams of 2, worked at the Columbus Culvers as part of the Cops @ Culvers day, that 75+ Wisconsin Culvers restaurants participated in. We served food and custard to customers. A portion of the days sales and any tips or donations at the event are returned to the department in the form of gift cards, to help those in need. This is the 2nd year we participated and had a great time. The total amount raised are still being calculated by the organizers.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/CITATIONS:

During the month of July officers issued 70 traffic citations, 103 traffic warnings and 17 ordinance citations.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

An officer attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle, who tried to evade him in a residential area by accelerating and making several rapid turns, but eventually was able to get the vehicle stopped. The driver was arrested for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Restricted Controlled Substance. A loaded handgun was found under the driver's seat as well as controlled substances elsewhere in the vehicle. Following a blood test for the driving offense, he was taken to jail for the drug and weapon violations.

A motorcycle was stopped for erratic driving. The driver was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated, 7th offense, a felony. Following a blood test he was taken to jail.

We have been working with an area Sheriff's Department for over a month regarding an armed robbery investigation with shots fired that they were investigating. The suspect has a lengthy criminal history and had warrants. He was known to stay at a residence in Columbus. Detectives from that jurisdiction conducting surveillance located him and a short foot chase ensued. He was taken into custody. A search warrant was served at the residence he was staying at. Dangerous drugs, including methamphetamine, ecstasy and drug paraphernalia were located in the residence tied to another person who resides there. The armed robbery suspect was taken by that sheriff's department, we had no charges, however our we arrested and charged the female who the drugs belonged to.

An elderly male received a phone call purported to be from his bank. The person told him he needed to go in and withdraw \$25,000 cash, go to Madison and deposit the money into a crypto account. The male did the withdrawal of cash, and upon returning home with it and speaking with the caller again, decided to contact the police. Fortunately, this did not make sense to them, they did not follow thru with it, and are not out any money. It could have been much different.

Someone selling an item online is out \$1000. A 'buyer' electronically sent her overpayment for the item, and had her send it back electronically to several different people. When the funds were found to be fraudulent, the bank claimed legitimate funds in her account to cover the transfers of the fraudulent monies she made.



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Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call

Nature of Call -----	Total Calls Received -----
911 HANG UP	26
ACCIDENT HIT AND RUN	2
ACCIDENT-NON REPORTABLE	1
ACCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	7
ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY	4
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	9
ALARM SERVICE	1
BURGLAR ALARM	2
FIRE ALARM	2
MEDICAL ALARM	1
PANIC ALARM	1
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	5
BOND VIOLATION	3
BURGLARY	1
CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT	2
CITIZEN ASSIST	17
CIVIL	4
CIVIL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1
CONTROLLED	3
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	5
DEATH INVESTIGATION	3
GENERAL DELIVERY CALL	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	13
DOMESTIC ABUSE	4
DPW	1
DRIVING COMPLAINT	19
EMS CALL	9
ESCORT	2
EXTRA PATROL	1
GENERAL FIRE	1
FIRE GAS LEAK/CARBON MONOXIDE	3
FIREARMS TRAINING	1
FIREWORKS	3
FLEET MAINTENANCE	2
FOOT PATROL	3
FRAUD	5
HARASSMENT	1
ROAD HAZARD	2
HOUSE WATCH	1
JUVENILE INCIDENT	3
LITTERING	1
LOST AND FOUND	4
NOISE COMPLAINT	3
OUT WITH PERSON	6



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OPEN DOOR	2
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	6
OWI	3
PARKING ENFORCMENT	16
PARKING VIOLATION	19
SEARCH WARRANT	1
SECURITY	127
SPECIAL EVENT	5
SUSPICIOUS	4
THEFT	5
THREAT	1
TRAFFIC CONTROL	1
TRAFFIC STOP	138
UNWANTED PERSON	1
UTILITIES	1
VEH LOCKOUT	7
WARRANT	2
WEAPONS VIOLATION	1
WELFARE	21

Total Calls: 551