






WE ARE
COLUMBUS POLICE










2025 ANNUAL REPORT

DIVISION OF POLICE

MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Constitution, our Core Values, and steadfast adherence to ethical conduct, we are in service to safeguard the lives, property, and rights of all.

VISION STATEMENT

The Columbus Division of Police will contribute to a safer city by valuing its employees and the community it serves. The Division will be dedicated to embracing change, building relationships, and treating all with dignity while upholding the law.



CORE VALUES

PROFESSIONALISM

RESPECT

INTEGRITY

DISCIPLINE

ENTHUSIASM

Year Organized:	1816
Proposed General Fund Budget (FY25):	$441,102,567
Personnel:	$397,762,308
Supplies:	$9,523,860
Services:	$29,847,429
Other (Claims):	$3,459,292
Capital:	$509,679
Transfers:	$0
Columbus Estimated Population (per MORPC):	936,605
(per Census):	938,396
Sworn Personnel (As of 12/31/2024)	
Chief:	1
Assistant Chief:	3
Deputy Chief:	6
Commander:	20
Lieutenant:	67
Sergeant:	235
Officer:	1,485
TOTAL SWORN:	1,817
Civilian Personnel	
Civilians:	292
Recruits:	112
TOTAL:	404
Percentage of Sworn Personnel Assigned to:	
Patrol:	56%
Investigative/Administrative:	44%
Equipment	
Boats:	5
Bicycles:	248
Canines:	11
Facilities:	27
Helicopters:	6
Horses:	11
Marked Vehicles:	460
Motorcycles:	24
Unmarked Vehicles:	263
Specialized Teams	
BAC Operators:	95
Bicycle-Certified Officers:	554
Crisis Intervention Team Officers:	838
Community Response Team Officers:	48
Dialogue Team:	28
DICE/DRE Officers:	73/10
Dive Team Members:	12
Field Training Officers:	177
Hostage Negotiators:	10
Honor Guard Members:	54
SWAT:	26
Total Texts/Calls Received by ECC:	1,191,131
Emergency 911 Calls Received:	652,864
Emergency Texts to 911 Received:	17,426
Non-Emergency Calls Received:	520,841
Dispatched Calls for Service:	309,630
Officer Self-Initiated Responses:	436,102

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

2025 was a year of critical progress driven by the professionalism of our officers, the strength of our community partnerships, and our shared commitment to making Columbus safer.

In 2025, the Columbus Division of Police delivered meaningful results in its relentless effort to reduce violent crime. Through focused enforcement, innovative crime-fighting strategies, close collaboration with our law enforcement and community partners, and the tireless work of officers across the Division, Columbus experienced its lowest number of homicides in nearly two decades.

Felonious assaults, non-fatal shootings, motor vehicle thefts, and burglaries also declined significantly, while our detectives achieved an exceptional homicide solve rate of 86.9%, holding violent offenders accountable and bringing justice to victims and their families.

We also continued investing in the future of our Division. Three recruit classes and a lateral officer class strengthened our ranks, helping prepare the next generation of officers to serve our growing city. We broke ground on a new Hilltop Substation and advanced plans for a new Easton-area Substation, modern facilities designed not only to support our officers, but to create spaces where residents and police can work together to solve problems and strengthen neighborhoods.

Throughout the year, the Division also demonstrated its commitment to serving every member of our community with professionalism and respect.

During periods of heightened concern surrounding federal immigration enforcement, Columbus Police remained clear and consistent in its mission: to prevent crime and protect public safety, not enforce civil immigration law. That commitment helped maintain trust and reinforced an important message that every resident should feel safe calling police when they need help.

While we are proud of the progress reflected in these pages, we know there is more work ahead. Public safety is not measured by statistics alone, but by the trust we build, the partnerships we strengthen, and the lives we impact every day.

To every member of the Columbus Division of Police, thank you for your courage, integrity, and unwavering service. And to our residents and community partners, thank you for your continued trust and collaboration. Together, we are building a safer, stronger Columbus.

Sincerely,

Kate McSweeney-Pishotti
Director of Public Safety



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

I am honored to present the Columbus Division of Police 2025 Annual Report. This year, our Division remained focused on strengthening public safety, enhancing organizational effectiveness, and building meaningful partnerships throughout our community. The progress we made reflects the dedication of our personnel and our commitment to continually meet the needs of the City of Columbus.

A key focus of 2025 was bringing Division leadership together for a three-day strategic retreat. This opportunity allowed command staff to collaborate, evaluate operations, identify areas for improvement, and develop strategies to strengthen the Division. The retreat led to organizational changes and operational adjustments that enhanced efficiency, communication, and service delivery.

We also continued to advance innovative and proactive public safety strategies through initiatives such as the Traffic Response Car pilot program, which enhances our ability to address concerns within the patrol zones, and the NextGen Safety Initiative, which leverages data analysis and offender mapping to identify and monitor the city's most criminally active juveniles. Through the Beyond Enforcement Program, we expanded opportunities to engage youth beyond traditional law enforcement interactions, connecting them with positive influences, resources, and alternative pathways for success.

The Division has strengthened its capabilities through the development of its drone program and the expansion of body-worn cameras to special duty officers, increasing transparency, accountability, and operational effectiveness. The reinstatement of the Reserve Officer Program will further expand our ability to support community events and public safety initiatives. In addition, our success would not have been possible without the strong partnerships we have built throughout our community. We have expanded collaborative efforts with local organizations, educational institutions, and community stakeholders to address complex challenges. Together, these efforts reflect our commitment to innovation, problem-solving, and shared responsibility in serving the residents of Columbus.

Beyond these operational advancements, we celebrated important accomplishments and personnel development. We welcomed three graduating recruit classes and a lateral officer class, while recognizing the service of those who retired and the achievements of those promoted to leadership positions. These transitions highlight the strength of our workforce and the continued investment in developing the next generation of leaders.



Among the many accomplishments of 2025, the Division's successful re-accreditation through CALEA stands as a testament to the professionalism, dedication, and commitment to excellence demonstrated by our personnel every day. As we look toward the future, we remain committed to building trust, pursuing excellence, and providing exceptional service to our community. While challenges will continue to evolve, so too will our determination to meet them with integrity, professionalism, and a shared commitment to making Columbus a safer city for all.

Sincerely,

Elaine R. Bryant

Elaine R. Bryant
Chief of Police

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE



Chief of Police Elaine R. Bryant



Legal Advisor
Jeff Furbee



Chief of Staff
Commander Amber Rich



Watch Commander
Commander Paul Szabo



Organizational Accountability
Lieutenant Devin Reiser

Public Relations Advisor
Vacant

Executive Officer
Vacant

*AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025





"Our work this year reflects the people, partnerships, and purpose that define our Division. Every day, our officers and professional staff demonstrate outstanding dedication across all areas of service, from patrol and specialized units to community engagement and crisis response. We continue to adapt to the needs of our city while staying focused on what matters most, serving our residents and keeping our community safe. Together, through trust, collaboration, and a shared commitment to safety, we continue building a stronger Columbus for Everyone."

- Chief Elaine R. Bryant



EXECUTIVE/COMMAND STAFF









1st Assistant Chief LaShanna Potts
Special Services Branch



Deputy Chief
Elrico Alli
Community & Wellness
Subdivision



Deputy Chief
Robert Sagle
Special Operations
Subdivision

Community Services
Commander
Vacant



Special Services
Commander
Scott Evers



Wellness
Commander
Aimee Haley



Organized Crime
Commander
Tyler Wells

*AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

EXECUTIVE/COMMAND STAFF



Assistant Chief Gregory Bodker
Operations Branch



Assistant Chief Nick Konves
Support Branch



Deputy Chief
Smith Weir
Patrol
Subdivision



Deputy Chief
Justin Coleman
Criminal Investigations
Subdivision



Deputy Chief
Mark Denner
Public Accountability
Subdivision



Deputy Chief
Timothy Myers
Support Services
Subdivision



Zone 1
Commander
David Hughes



Zone 2
Commander
Jeffery Lokai



Homicide
Commander
Shaun Dillon



Professional Standards
Commander
Jeffrey Lipp



Forensic Services
Manager
Angela Farrington



Zone 3
Commander
Kyle Scholl



Zone 4
Commander
Christine Nemchev



Major Crimes
Commander
Erik Babcock



Internal Affairs
Commander
Alex Behnen



Support Operations
Commander
Joseph Curmode



Zone 5
Commander
Duane Mabry



Zone 6
Commander
Heath Gillespie



Special Investigations
Commander
Joseph Echenrode



Training
Commander
Lowell Rector



Records Management
Manager
Tiffany Fields-Williams



Property Crimes
Commander
Shannon Stephens



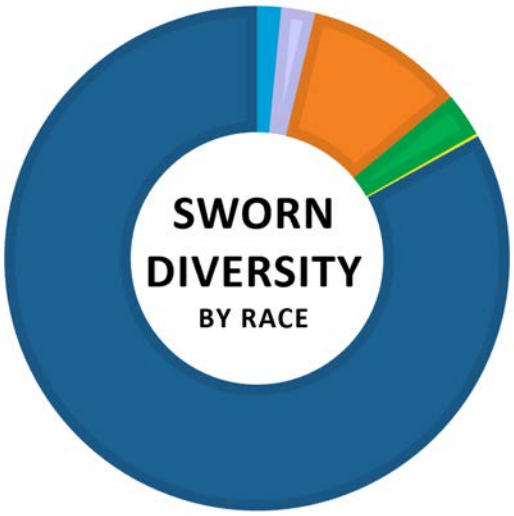
FOP Assistant Grievance
Chairperson
Commander
Gregory Parini



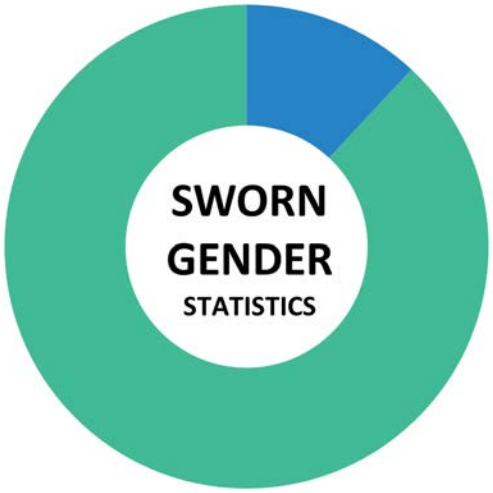
Public Records
Manager
Kathryn Hartshorne

AGENCY DEMOGRAPHICS

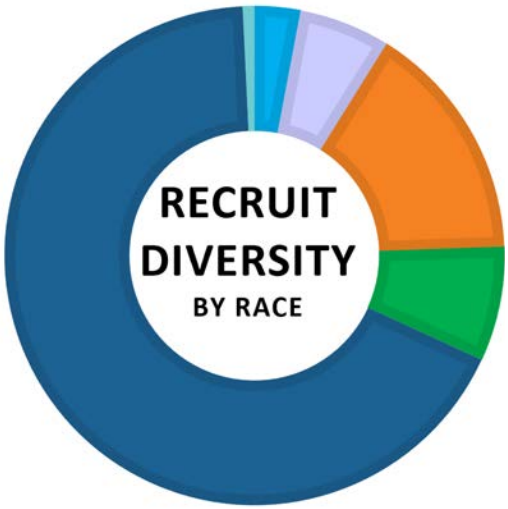




- Asian (1.6%)
- Biracial/Other (2.2%)
- Black (10.2%)
- Hispanic (2.8%)
- Indian (0.2%)
- White (83%)



- FEMALE - 217 (12%)
- MALE - 1600 (88%)

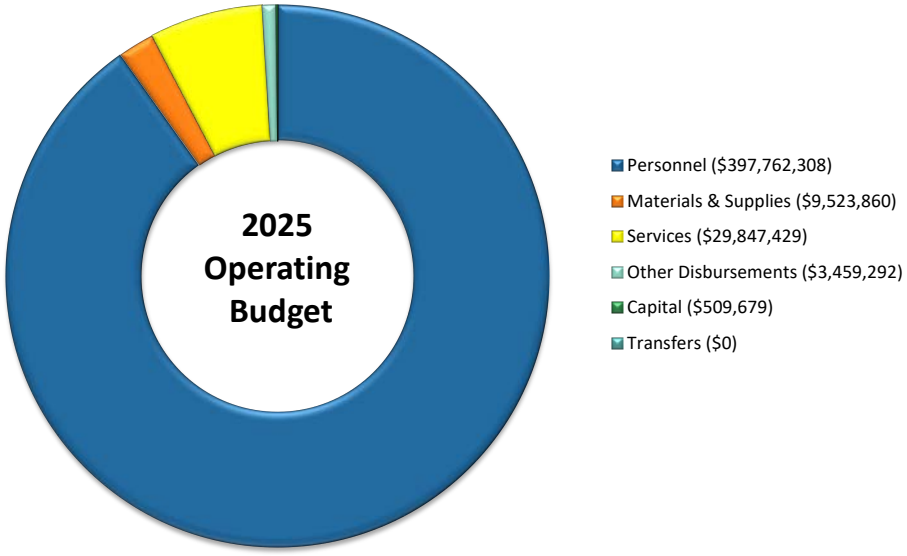


- Asian (3%)
- Biracial (5.9%)
- Black (15.6%)
- Hispanic (7.4%)
- White (67.4%)
- Other (0.7%)



- CIVILIAN - 292 (14%)
- SWORN - 1817 (86%)

2025 CPD BUDGET

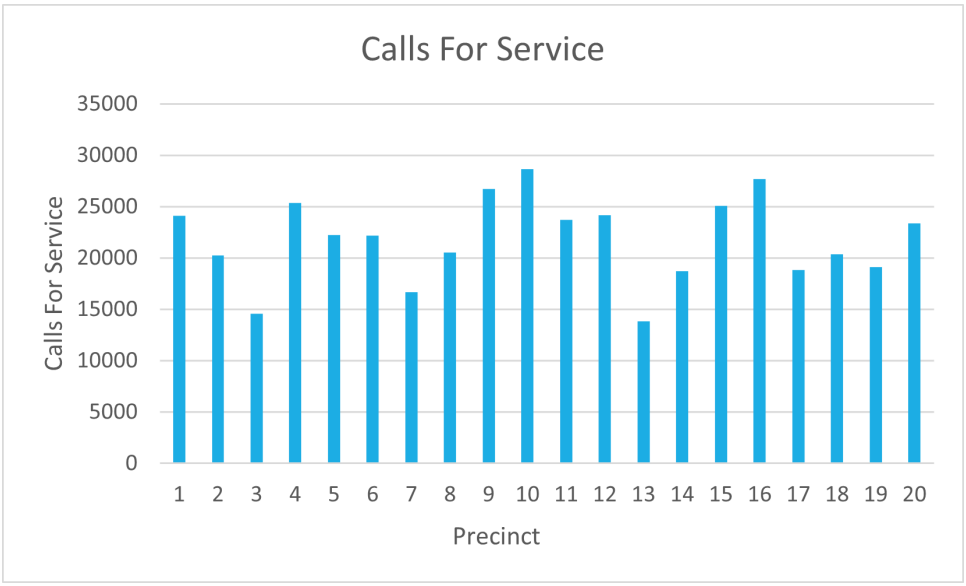








CALLS FOR SERVICE







Zone	Precincts	Total Calls For Service
1	1, 6, 18	66,631
2	9, 14, 20	68,797
3	8, 10, 15, 19	93,322
4	3, 4, 17	58,760
5	11, 12, 13, 16	89,428
6	2, 5, 7	59,164

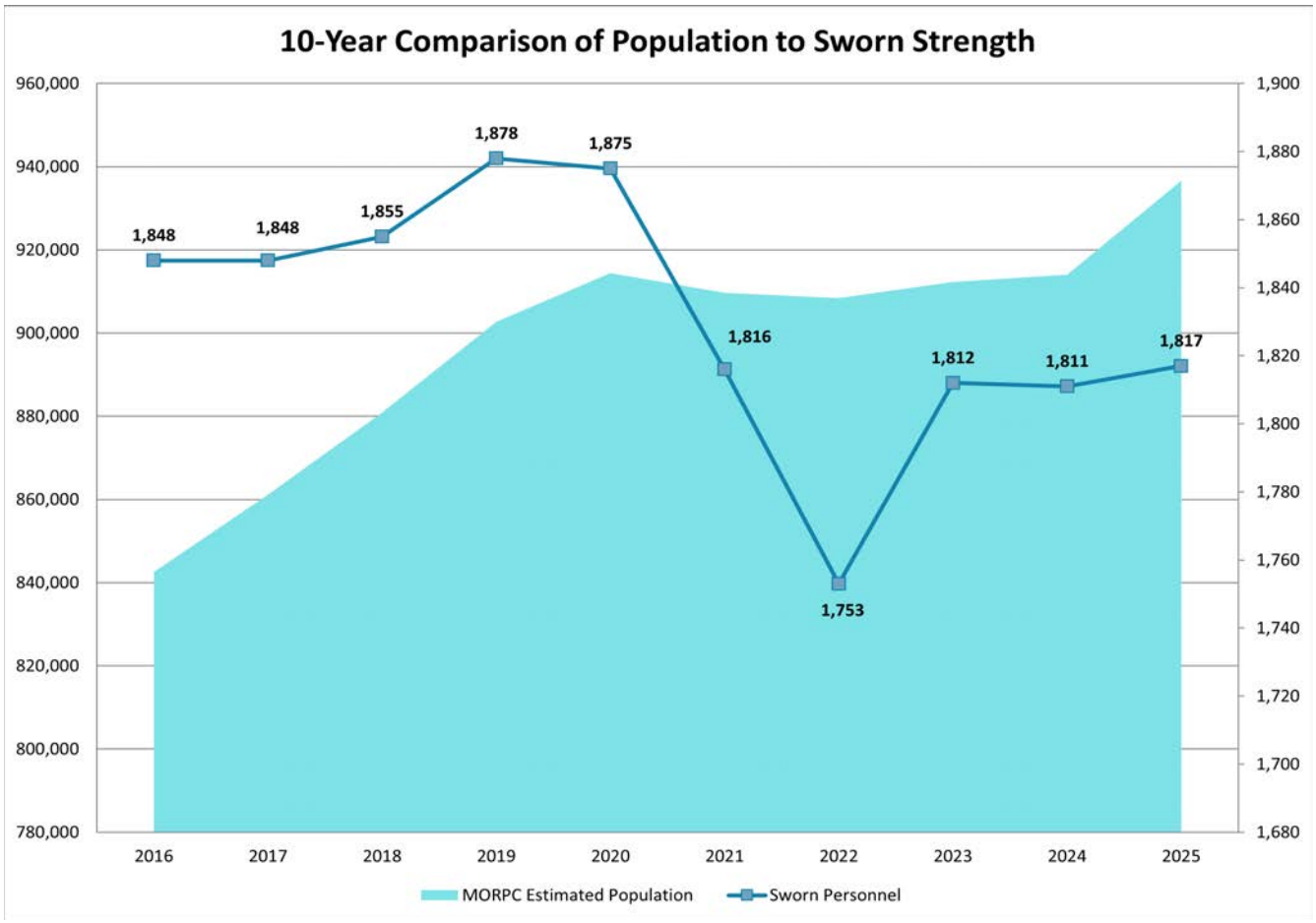
SWORN STRENGTH AND POPULATION GROWTH



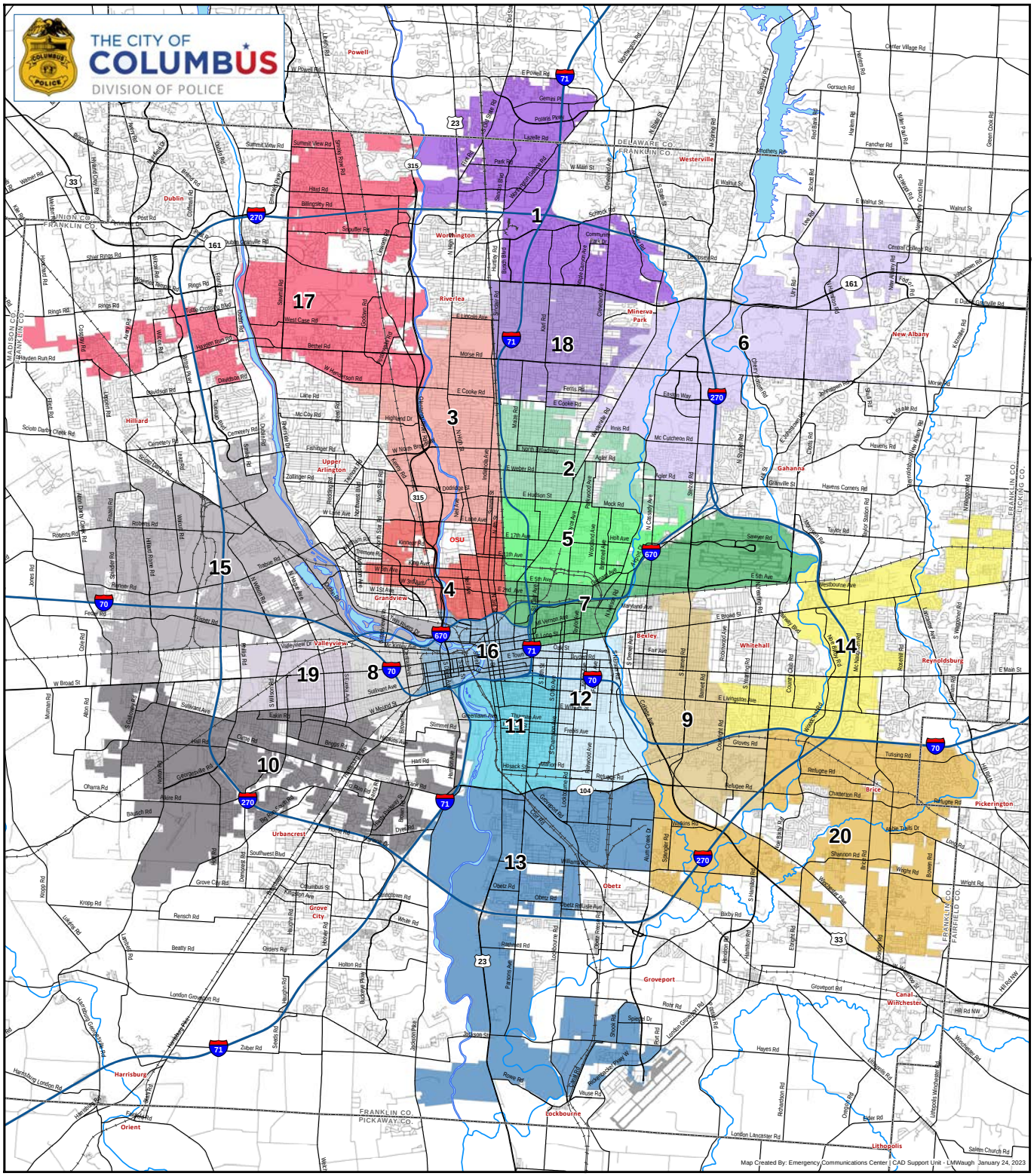


Year	MORPC Estimated Population	Sworn Personnel	Sworn per 1000 Population
2016	842,528	1,848	2.19
2017	861,141	1,848	2.15
2018	880,828	1,855	2.11
2019	902,674	1,878	2.08
2020	914,450	1,875	2.05
2021	909,686	1,816	2.00
2022	908,386	1,753	1.93
2023	912,274	1,812	1.99
2024	913,985	1,811	1.98
2025	936,605	1,817	1.94





ZONE MAP

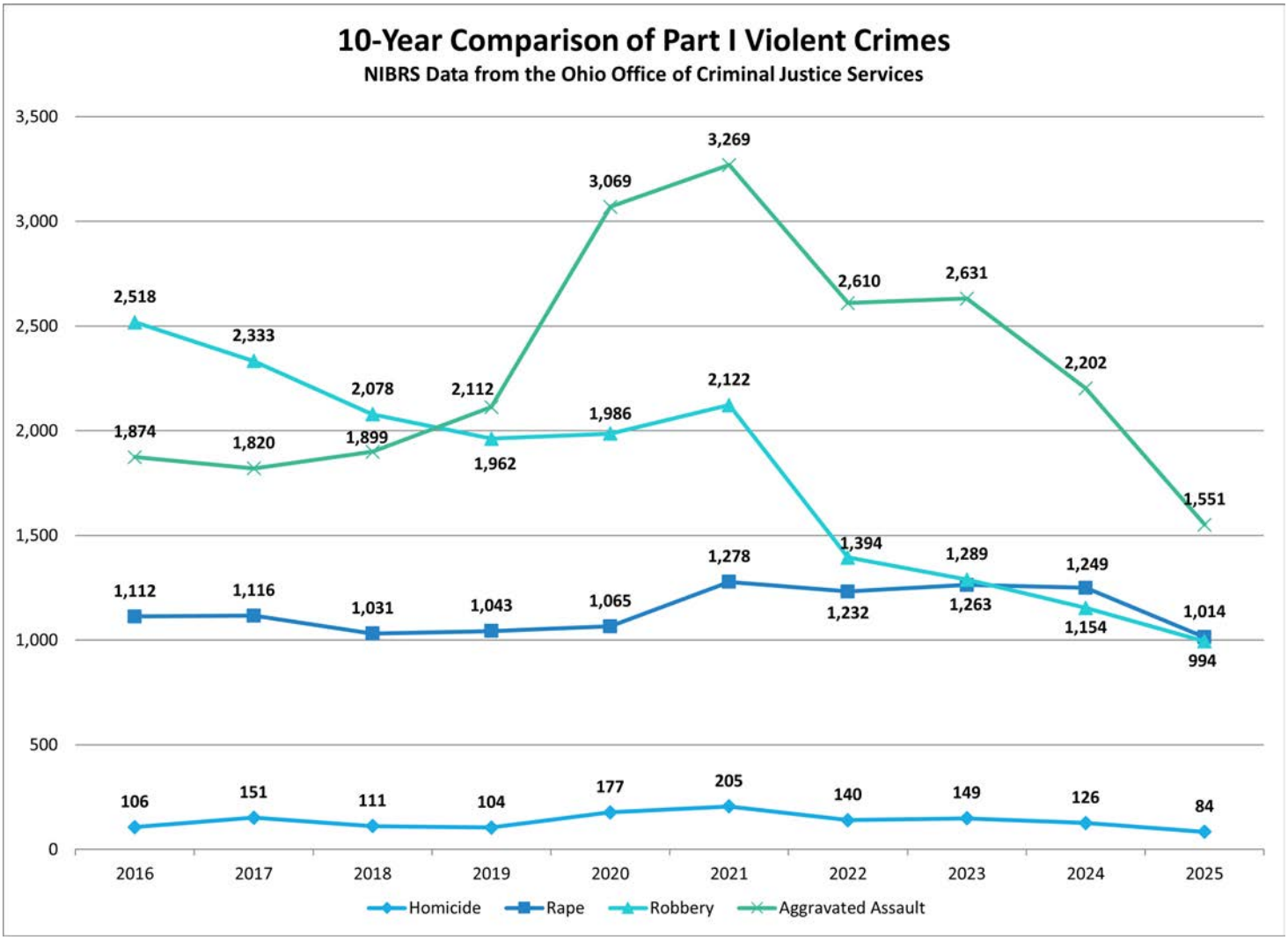


MAP LEGEND

Patrol Zone 1	Patrol Zone 2	Patrol Zone 3	Patrol Zone 4	Patrol Zone 5	Patrol Zone 6
1 Precinct	9 Precinct	8 Precinct	3 Precinct	11 Precinct	2 Precinct
6 Precinct	14 Precinct	10 Precinct	4 Precinct	12 Precinct	5 Precinct
18 Precinct	20 Precinct	15 Precinct	17 Precinct	13 Precinct	7 Precinct
		19 Precinct		16 Precinct	

- Interstates
- Major Roads
- Street Centerlines
- County Boundaries
- Waterbodies
- Airport Runways
- Rivers & Streams
- Railroads

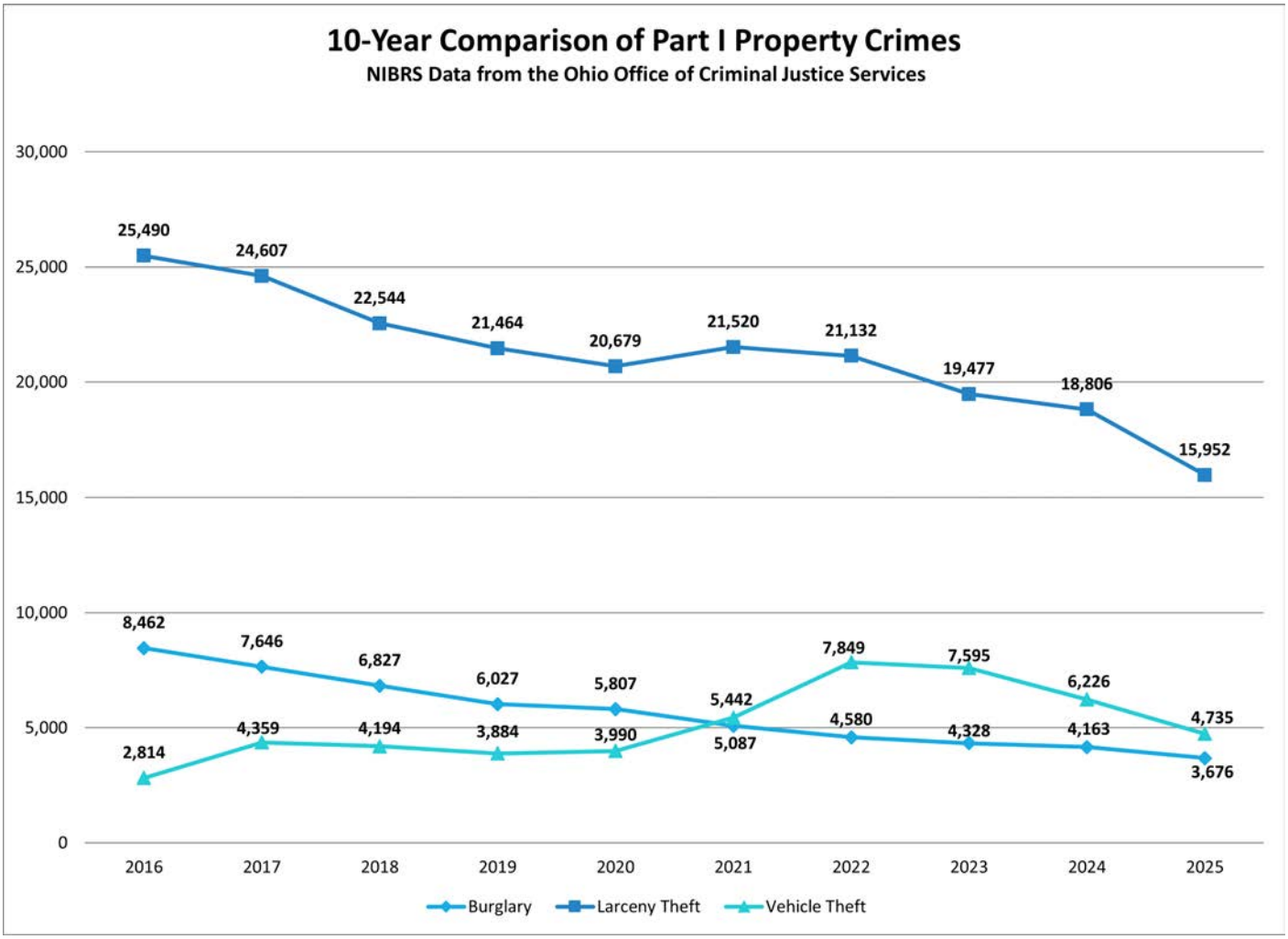
CRIME STATISTICS







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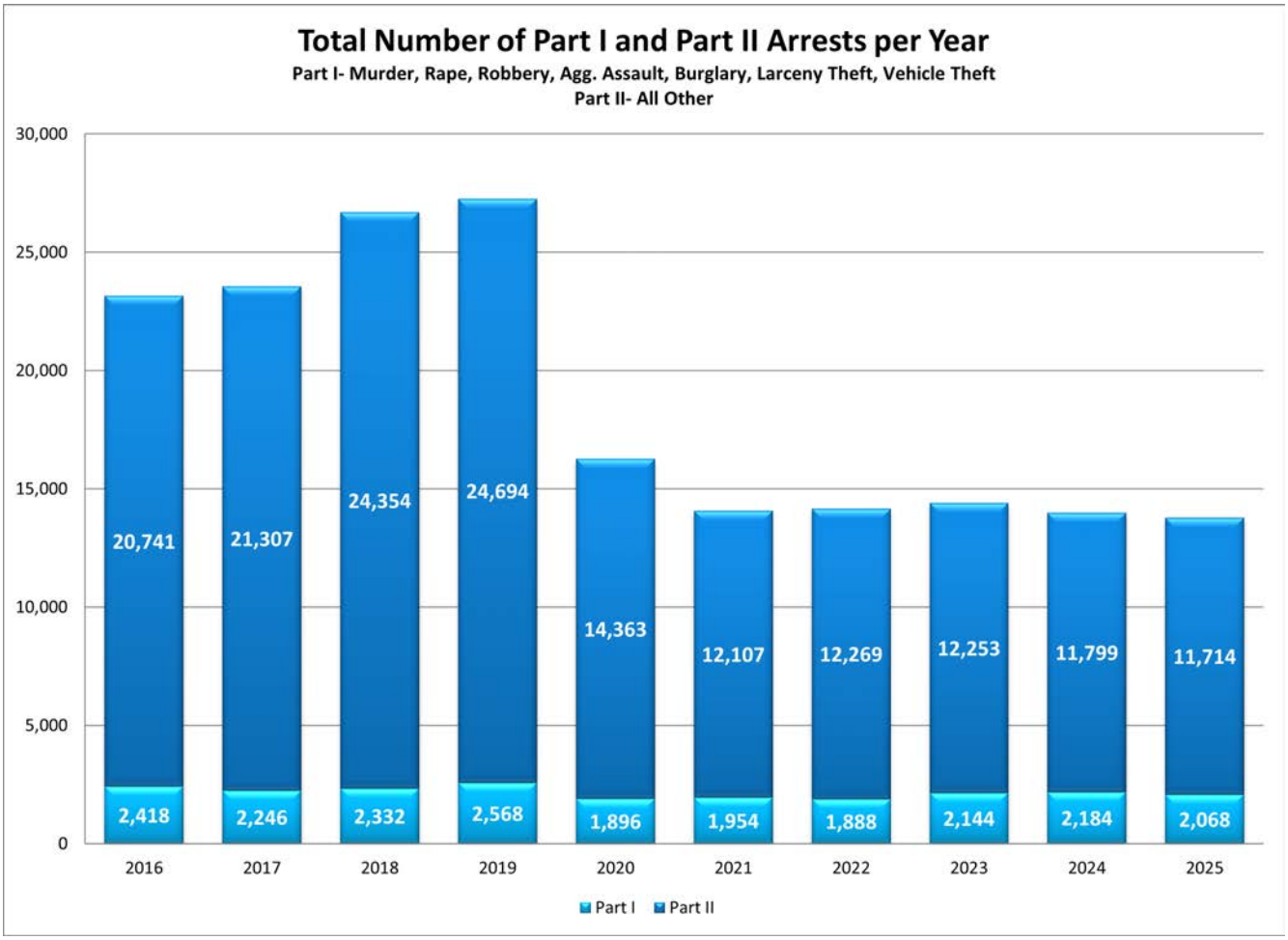
OFFENSES	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Homicide	106	151	111	104	177	205	140	149	126	84
Rape	1,112	1,116	1,031	1,043	1,065	1,278	1,232	1,263	1,249	1,014
Robbery	2,518	2,333	2,078	1,962	1,986	2,122	1,394	1,289	1,154	994
Aggravated Assault	1,874	1,820	1,899	2,112	3,069	3,269	2,610	2,631	2,202	1,551
Burglary	8,462	7,646	6,827	6,027	5,807	5,087	4,580	4,328	4,163	3,676
Larceny Theft	25,490	24,607	22,544	21,464	20,679	21,520	21,132	19,477	18,806	15,952
Vehicle Theft	2,814	4,359	4,194	3,884	3,990	5,442	7,849	7,595	6,226	4,735
Total	42,376	42,032	38,684	36,596	36,773	38,923	38,937	36,732	35,950	28,006
Estimated Population*	842,528	861,141	880,828	902,674	914,450	909,686	908,386	912,274	913,985	936,605
Rate per 1000 Population	**50.30**	**48.81**	**43.92**	**40.54**	**40.21**	**42.79**	**42.86**	**40.26**	**39.33**	**29.90**



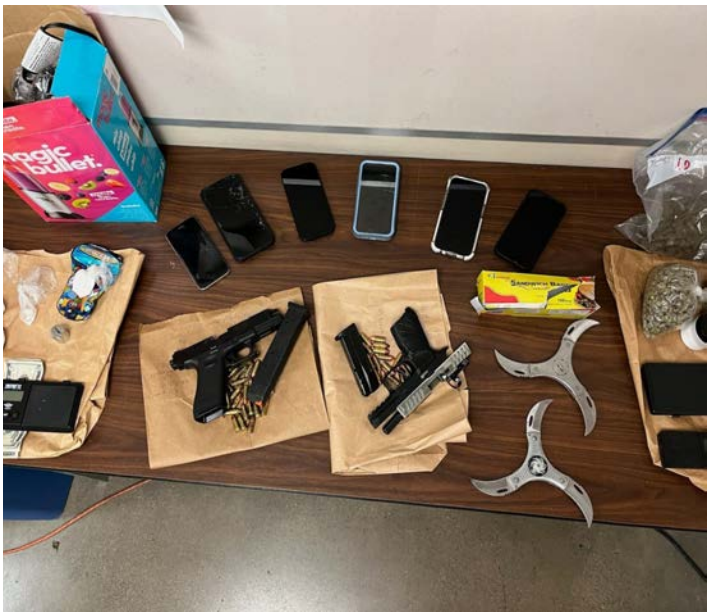


CRIME STATISTICS

ARRESTS	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Part I Offenses	2,418	2,246	2,332	2,568	1,896	1,954	1,888	2,144	2,184	2,068
Part II Offenses	20,741	21,307	24,354	24,694	14,363	12,107	12,269	12,253	11,799	11,714
Total	23,159	23,553	26,686	27,262	16,259	14,061	14,157	14,397	13,983	13,782







USES OF FORCE

The Columbus Division of Police defines a "Use of Force" as the following:
The exertion of energy or the actions of personnel in the performance of their duties used to direct or control another's movements or actions. A use of force may be implemented to control resistive or aggressive behavior toward the involved personnel, other personnel, third parties, or property.

Level	Type of Response	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1	Empty Hand Control/Push with Object	1131	1130	1303	1263	1093
2	Chemical Spray (Mace)	61	51	82	58	68
3	Taser or Air Launcher	123	150	134	157	115
4	Striking with Hands or Feet	39	57	74	71	86
5	Use of Impact Weapon	1	2	3	1	3
6	Canine Bite	4	1	1	1	1
7	Less Lethal Weapons	0	0	0	0	0
8	Deadly Force	13	11	15	15	11
	TOTALS	1372	1402	1612	1566	1377

**These numbers indicate the total number of officers who used each level of force with the exception of Level 8, which is counted by the number of persons upon which deadly force was used.*





CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

Citizen Complaints	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024	2025
Contacts Received	2502	3163	3,281	2399	1946	1741	1137
Citizen Complaints Received	236	364	441	803	1946	1741	1137
Citizen Complaints Cancelled	36	37	43	486	1644	1469	812
Total Allegations in All Complaints	520	912	927	666	881	637	1056
Bias-based Profiling Complaints	9	11	19	8	7	4	24

**The Department of the Inspector General does not differentiate between Contacts and Citizen Complaints. 2023 was the first full year of statistics available from the Department of the Inspector General.*

Most Frequent Type or Nature	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Actions Taken/Not Taken	65	181	243	157	360	216	377
Investigative Actions	121	124	200	136	20	21	38
Rude/Discourteous Language/Actions	82	150	141	86	123	76	102
Force	41	187	56	52	118	76	126
Search/Seizure	59	89	59	54	44	36	116
% of all complaint allegations for the year	*71%*	*80%*	*75%*	*73%*	*75%*	*67%*	*72%*

DIVISION AWARDS





MEDAL OF VALOR

Eric Everhart
Payne VanTilburg
Thomas Hammel

SILVER CROSS

Michael Alexander
Austin Endsley
Duffy Everhart
Cody Jones
Sgt. Adam Saddler
Darren Stephens
Gloria West
Arthur Whitworth
Sgt. Philip Wilson

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Seth Browning
Austin Burchfield
Cameron Downton
Vincent Farrand
Tyler Hicks
Shayne McAndrew
Noah Meyer
Zackary Moistner

MEDAL OF MERIT

Arkadiusz Augustyniak
Sgt. Alexa Bower
Jason Brammer
Bryan Brumfield
Kurt Chapman
Edward Chung
Tyler Coffey
Kenneth Daniel
Scott Eckert
Steven Foe
CIA Amber Gill
Joseph Houseberg
Jeremy Hubbell
Michael Huffman
Lewis Kerns
Shawn Lutz
Rachel Martin
Nicholas Mason
Matthew McDaniel
Kyle McKeon
Scott Polgar
Joe Shalek
Alexander Shapiro
Luke Stickle
Elizabeth Weeks
Anthony Williams
Timotheus Williams





DIVISION AWARDS

BLUE STAR

Prince Aning
Joseph Gutzman
Sgt. Alexander Stallings
Gloria West





SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Justin Bauman
Ronald Bryant
Dakota Freeman
Joshua Grice
Mahmoud Mansour
Commander Kyle Scholl
FBI Special Agent Kyle Spence



FIRST AID/LIFESAVING

James Agans
Matthew Anderson
Steve Balmert
Adam Banks
Robert Barrett (Ret.)
Shane Bass
Roscoe Blackburn, Jr.
Sgt. Alexa Bower
MacKenzie Bozeman
Philip Callaghan
Joseph Gibbs
Anthony Hamilton
Sgt. Daniel Hand
Mary Hogue
Zachary Housler
Randall Kinzel
Grady Kissee
Joseph Kullman
Benjamin Kuney
Adam Lautner
Rolland Loy
Lucas Metz
Sgt. Caleb Ohl
Caitlin Prange
Craig Ricci
Samuel Rippey
Cassie Rosser
Glen Spiekerman
Jeffrey Ward
Robbie Whitlow



CITIZEN COMMENDATION

Savon Banks



CIVILIAN OF THE QUARTER



1st Quarter 2025 - Kelsey Kirkpatrick, Criminal Intelligence Analyst



2nd Quarter 2025 - Non-Fatal Shooting Team Pilot Project:
Crime Analyst Stacey Graves

3rd Quarter 2025 recipient not pictured, per request



4th Quarter 2025 - Andrew Williams, Security Specialist

POLICE OFFICER OF THE QUARTER



1st Quarter 2025 - Officer John Brown



2nd Quarter 2025 - Non-Fatal Shooting Team Pilot Project:
Officers Justin Frisco, Jason Gunther, Ben Mackley, and Thomas Bischoff



3rd Quarter 2025 - Officer Wendell Tolber



4th Quarter 2025 - Officers Erinn Frazer and Shawn Lutz

SENIOR SERGEANT AWARD



In 2025, the Columbus Division of Police Senior Sergeant Award was created to recognize the hard work and dedication of our Patrol supervisors. The existing Senior Patrol Officer Bill Smith Memorial Award honors the officer with the most seniority working a uniformed assignment, and this newly created award will honor the most senior front-line sergeant dedicated to the uniformed patrol function. The role of a police officer is to serve and protect the public, and Patrol sergeants are integral to that mission as they provide support, leadership, and guidance. The sergeant eligible for this award and to wear the ceremonial #1 sergeant's badge, is the sergeant with the most seniority currently working a Patrol assignment. The inaugural recipient of this award was Sergeant Bernard Anderson, currently assigned as the sergeant over 15 Precinct "A Company" (S15A) on Zone 3.

Sgt. Bernard "Bernie" Anderson has served the Division of Police for 32 years, with 17 of those years served as a sergeant. He began his career with the Division on November 22, 1992, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2007.



He has spent the majority of his career on Zone 3, serving the citizens of the west side of Columbus and has worked as an officer or sergeant on every precinct on the zone. According to one of his fellow zone sergeants, he is “As west side as Mountain Dew.” He has been in his current assignment as S15A since 2016. He is highly revered as a leader in the Division, well respected by the officers who work for him, and looked to for advice by all the supervisors on Zone 3. During his career, he has also received additional awards such as the Chief's Letter of Commendation, the Safe Driving award, and the Special Commendation.

FTO SERVICE AWARD



Field Training Officers (FTO) are an integral part of the Columbus Division of Police training process. FTOs assist new officers by enhancing the knowledge gained at the Training Academy and providing on-the-job training and impartial evaluation. FTOs also provide mentorship and ensure every new officer is prepared to perform the functions of a patrol officer and operate as a one-officer unit.

The FTO Service Award is presented to FTOs who have coached 40 or more probationary officers. In 2025, Officer Jason Fischer was presented the award and recognized for his long-standing service as an FTO. Officer Fischer has served as an FTO since 2006, and has coached 47 probationary officers.



DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR



The Criminal Investigations Subdivision Detectives of the Year who were selected for their work in 2024 were honored at the Spring Awards Ceremony in 2025 by their chain of command. These detectives were recognized for their diligence and work ethic, mentorship to new detectives, professionalism, dedication to duty, and leadership within their units.

Detective Timothy Pribe - Homicide Bureau, Homicide Team 6

Detective Brad Slone - Major Crimes Bureau, Robbery Unit

Detective Keith Abel - Property Crimes Bureau, Property Crimes Unit

Detective Joshua Martin - Special Investigations Bureau, Sexual Assault - Adult Victims Unit



AWARDS FROM NATIONAL/STATE ORGANIZATIONS



Crimestoppers Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
Officer Doug McClain



American Legion Award - Don Gentile Post 532
Sergeant Philip Wilson, Officers Arthur Whitworth, Darren Stephens, Cody Jones, and Michael Alexander



Ohio Department of Public Safety
TSA Patriot Award
Chief Elaine R. Bryant



Ohio Department of Public Safety
TSA Patriot Award
Lieutenant Dan Hargus



Columbus Police Basketball Team
Silver Medal - World Police and Fire Games



The Starfish Assignment "Make A Difference" Award
Officer Shawn Lutz

AWARDS FROM NATIONAL/STATE ORGANIZATIONS



Sons of the American Revolution
Law Enforcement Commendation
Officer Erinn Frazer



Columbus Division of Fire
Public Safety Award of Excellence
Officers Kyle Wilson and Jacob Vaughan



MADD Award of Excellence
Officer Chris O'Neall, Officer Cameron Gibbs, Sgt. Alex Stalling
and Officer Frederick Kaufman



Recognition for hosting Midwestern Association of Forensic
Scientists (MAFS) Annual Meeting
FS II Erica Miller, FS III Meredith Sweeney, FSII Lisa Lucas



United States Secret Service "Top 100 Digital Forensic Examiner"
Detective Adam Worthington



Franklin County Sheriff's Office STAR Award
Detective Christopher Journey

FINAL ROLL CALL

	Entered Service	*Retired*	*Deceased*
Chief James G. Jackson	3/16/1958	3/16/2009	1/2/2025
Officer Robert L. Soles	3/16/1970	1/29/1994	1/2/2025
Typist Clerk II Patricia A. (Coey) Six	4/9/1967	7/5/2003	1/24/2025
Officer Howard W. Wingard	4/23/1972	1/18/2003	1/25/2025
Officer James D. Karnes	3/25/1973	4/11/1992	2/1/2025
Officer John W. Teele	2/16/1950	1/1/1979	2/12/2025
Officer Richard A. Blake	5/1/1967	8/31/1991	2/15/2025
Sergeant Jeffrey E. Sharrock	10/21/1979	8/16/2011	2/27/2025
Officer James A. Phillips	11/1/1964	4/3/1989	3/5/2025
Sergeant Mitchell E. Stauffer	7/1/1959	1/24/1987	3/10/2025
Officer James E. Donaldson	5/2/1966	1/16/1993	3/12/2025
Lieutenant George L. Massie	9/25/1961	1/6/1990	4/9/2025
Sergeant Jimmy L. Smith	3/7/1965	3/7/1998	4/7/2025
Officer Shawn O. Cray	12/7/1980	10/1/1994	5/7/2025
Sergeant Lloyd A. Davidson	3/7/1965	5/12/1990	5/9/2025
Officer Robert R. Holycross	3/7/1965	3/31/1990	6/4/2025
Officer Harlan G. Hill	3/14/1971	7/29/1995	7/5/2025
Officer Phillip T. Rutledge	3/16/1970	5/6/1995	7/18/2025
Officer Jack R. Ward	10/31/1966	10/1/1995	7/20/2025
Officer Ronald A. Domijan	12/13/1987	4/3/2004	7/26/2025
Officer Anne M. Novotny	10/4/1987	10/10/2020	8/3/2025
Officer Molly A. Smith-Thompson	10/6/1985	9/10/2005	8/3/2025
Officer Gary L. Yerian	3/16/1970	5/10/1997	8/6/2025
Officer Dale A. Sprout	7/29/1973	1/19/2002	8/9/2025
Officer Donald G. Reeb	2/18/1968	7/13/1996	8/9/2025
Officer Richard S. Zwick	3/25/1973	7/29/1995	8/27/2025
Deputy Chief James L. Rutter	9/25/1961	8/31/1991	9/5/2025
Officer Russell R. Stalnaker	9/18/1977	1/6/2011	9/13/2025
Lieutenant Brian W. Lewie	3/7/1965	3/30/1991	9/28/2025
Sergeant Timothy M. Grimm	12/17/1995	9/2/2025	10/12/2025
Secretary Barbara M. Robinson	11/21/1968	12/31/2000	10/15/2025
Officer Roger F. Pfeiffer	8/26/1963	6/23/1990	10/19/2025
Officer Robert W. Stout	5/30/1966	8/11/1993	10/21/2025
Officer Philip C. Weber	11/14/1971	1/20/2001	10/28/2025
Officer Jerry R. Deskins	3/16/1970	10/2/1999	10/28/2025
Officer Bernard E. Vance	12/16/1960	3/18/1987	11/18/2025
Officer Earl H. Davis, Jr.	11/14/1971	11/1/1987	12/2/2025
Officer Henry E. Hunt	110/19/75	1/28/2006	12/23/2025
Record Tech June A. Moore	3/23/1968	1/8/1978	12/23/2025
Management Analyst II Patti Orders	1/27/1979	1/31/2012	12/31/2025

IN MEMORIAM

Chief James G. Jackson

October 24, 1933 - January 2, 2025



Retired Chief of Police James G. Jackson passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at the age of ninety-one. He was a life-long resident of Columbus and served for three years in the United States Marine Corps with an honorable discharge. Chief Jackson's journey in law enforcement began on March 16, 1958, when he joined the Columbus Division of Police. He was promoted to sergeant in 1967, lieutenant in 1971, captain in 1974, and deputy chief in 1977. As a deputy chief he oversaw the Investigative Subdivision, the Patrol Subdivision, and the Special Operations Subdivision. He was promoted to Chief of Police on June 15, 1990.

He was the first Black Chief of Police in the City of Columbus, and the longest-serving Chief of Police in the history of the Division, which will never be matched due to a change in the City's charter. Chief Jackson dedicated fifty-one years of service to the Division and served as Chief for nineteen of those years.

March 16, 2009 marked Chief Jackson's last day with the Division, and he was recognized for his service to the City and the Division by the dedication and renaming of the Division's Training Academy to the James G. Jackson Columbus Police Academy.

Throughout his career, Chief Jackson was a steadfast advocate for equal opportunities and a vocal opponent of discrimination. In 1996, the Columbus Division of Police was subject to a U.S. Department of Justice investigation, which alleged excessive force, false arrest, improper searches and seizures, and employment discrimination. Chief Jackson ultimately prevailed and proved that the Division did not promote a pattern of violating citizens' constitutional rights. Under his guidance, the Division achieved its first Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) award in July 1999 and the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) award in September 1999. The Division also received the distinction of being the "Best Dressed City - With over 200 Officers" in the annual Best Dressed Police Department Competition in 1991, 1995, and 2002. A motto of Chief Jackson's was "Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly…" and he demonstrated that during his decades-long tenure of leadership. Chief James G. Jackson was a loving husband, son, father, grandfather, friend, and leader and left behind a legacy as a trailblazer, innovator, and dedicated public servant. He will forever be remembered for his embodiment of a quote by the late Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, "Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth."











HONOR GUARD MEMORIAL





National Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week pay special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. The law enforcement community gathers in Washington, D.C., to participate in Police Week activities and the fallen officers of the Columbus Division of Police are also honored here at home as part of the Honor Guard Memorial Ceremony. On May 22, 2025, the fallen officers' names were read and a flower placed in the memorial wreath either by a family member or an Honor Guard member. The names of all active and retired officers who passed away in the last year were also read to honor them. The ceremony was held indoors at the Training Academy rather than at the Memorial in Genoa Park due to inclement weather, but those in attendance were still honored to pay recognition to these officers for their years of service or their ultimate sacrifice.

LIGHT OHIO BLUE





The Light Ohio Blue campaign, celebrating its 10th year in 2025, is a statewide movement to honor law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and show support to law enforcement personnel who protect our communities. The event kicked off at the Training Academy on May 7th with a ceremony honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to Ohio, as well as those who made outstanding contributions in public safety. Following the ceremony a memorial cruiser caravan of law enforcement vehicles followed a route throughout central Ohio, with stops in West Jefferson, Plain City, and Hilliard before heading back to Columbus. Family members of fallen officers killed in the line of duty also participated in the caravan.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Patrolman Cyrus Beebe	*April 27, 1854*
Officer John Manning	*November 17, 1888*
Detective Abe Kleeman	*September 15, 1899*
Patrolman Daniel Davis	*June 7, 1908*
Patrolman Harry E. Campbell	*December 24, 1908*
Patrolman Frank P. Ward	*June 9, 1911*
Patrolman William Sexton	*March 25, 1913*
Patrolman Joseph Lavender	*June 26, 1913*
Patrolman James Ballard	*November 9, 1914*
Patrolman John Laufhutte	*August 22, 1916*
Detective William Rourke	*November 24, 1917*
Patrolman David L. Jenkins	*February 8, 1919*
Patrolman Adolph G. Schneider	*September 23, 1920*
Detective Charles E. Tiller	*October 28, 1920*
Patrolman Jesse Reall	*February 26, 1921*
Patrolman Granston P. Koehler	*November 28, 1922*
Patrolman Troy C. Stewart	*April 22, 1924*
Patrolman Harry E. Shaffer	*March 29, 1925*
Detective Walter O. Womeldorf	*May 29, 1925*
Patrolman William Sweinsberger	*January 7, 1926*
Patrolman Horace D. Elliott	*March 29, 1927*
Patrolman Thomas Day	*July 7, 1931*
Patrolman Leslie Green	*October 4, 1931*
Patrolman Ross Porter	*July 23, 1934*
Patrolman Edward J. Murphy	*May 11, 1935*
Chief Frederick Kundts	*March 22, 1936*
Patrolman John P. Sears	*November 30, 1936*
Detective Robert R. Cline	*February 5, 1938*
Patrolman Campbell K. Jenkins	*January 9, 1939*
Patrolman John M. McCullough	*January 18, 1942*
Patrolman Thomas E. Webb	*August 17, 1956*
Patrolman Richard E. Taylor	*January 19, 1963*
Lieutenant Allen E. Fraley	*November 6, 1964*
Patrolman Robert F. Lisska	*May 26, 1965*
Patrolman Daniel Alfred Redding	*July 27, 1965*
Patrolman William G. Wells	*December 21, 1965*
Auxiliary Officer Lawrence Kipfinger	*October 13, 1969*
Patrolman Curtis L. Staton	*March 22, 1972*
Patrolman Joseph "Andy" Edwards	*August 28, 1972*
Sergeant Dale W. McCann	*June 7, 1974*
Officer Roger L. Brown	*August 11, 1976*
Officer Michael J. Smith	*August 11, 1976*
Officer Martin W. Yawarsky	*September 6, 1980*
Officer Gordon J. Rich	*April 5, 1986*
Officer Richard Fickeisen	*June 1, 1987*
Officer Jane E. Thompson-Bowman	*March 9, 1989*
Officer Robin Nye	*January 4, 1991*
Officer Raymond E. Radel	*April 25, 1991*
Officer Chris E. Clites	*December 10, 1993*
Sergeant Marc Muncy	*April 5, 1995*
Officer Keith L. Evans	*July 9, 1995*
Lieutenant Christopher N. Claypool	*April 29, 2001*
Officer Melissa Foster	*December 4, 2004*
Officer Bryan Hurst	*January 6, 2005*
Officer Thomas R. Hayes	*January 20, 2011*
Officer Steven M. Smith	*April 12, 2016*

RETIREMENTS







Sworn Personnel

Officer Gary Bowman	6/20/1993 - 1/9/2025
Officer David Griffith	10/31/1990 - 1/10/2025
Officer Thomas Burton	9/15/1991 - 1/10/2025
Sergeant Duane Nicholson	11/16/1997 - 1/10/2025
Officer James Tripp	10/4/1987 - 1/17/2025
Officer Martin Jaeger	5/19/1996 - 1/25/2025
Officer William Lang, Jr.	9/24/1995 - 2/1/2025
Officer Michael Paulins	9/26/1993 - 2/5/2025
Officer Jason Vore	12/12/1999 - 2/6/2025
Officer Ernest Rice	5/22/1994 - 2/7/2025
Officer Brian Boesch	11/6/1994 - 2/8/2025
Officer Gregory Stevens	11/10/1991 - 3/1/2025
Sergeant Jeffrey Knight	6/1/1997 - 3/4/2025
Officer Troy Walters	7/7/2002 - 3/5/2025
Officer Aaron Dennis	12/12/1999 - 3/7/2025
Officer Stephen Borghese	6/20/1993 - 3/7/2025
Sergeant Jennifer Mancini	12/12/1999 - 3/12/2025
Officer Troy Palmer	11/10/1991 - 3/12/2025
Sergeant Benjamin Presley	10/28/1990 - 3/14/2025
Officer Shana Gunn	2/28/1993 - 3/28/2025
Sergeant Richard Ketchum, Jr.	12/18/1994 - 3/28/2025
Deputy Chief Kelly Weiner	6/1/1997 - 3/29/2025
Officer James Massie	6/1/1997 - 4/4/2025
Sergeant David Shimberg	6/20/1993 - 4/4/2025
Sergeant Kevin Singleton	7/8/2001 - 4/16/2025
Officer Joseph Gibson	11/3/1996 - 5/2/2025
Officer Kenneth Kirby	9/26/2993 - 5/8/2025
Officer Jeremy Gilbert	9/6/1998 - 5/23/2025
Officer Brian Kelly	7/19/1992 - 6/2/2025
Officer Gerry Thompson	11/16/1997 - 6/6/2025
Commander Melissa McFadden	5/19/1996 - 6/6/2025
Officer Eric Everett *(Disability)*	7/8/2001 - 6/6/2025
Officer Ben Crawford	5/21/1995 - 6/7/2025

RETIREMENTS

Sworn Personnel

Sergeant Billy Church	5/21/1995 - 6/13/2025
Officer Kevin Winchell	6/25/2000 - 6/21/2025
Officer Francis Hetterscheidt	6/25/2000 - 6/25/2025
Officer Vaughn Spencer	11/3/1996 - 6/30/2025
Officer Brian Carter	9/15/1991 - 7/1/2025
Officer Donald Jones	7/19/1992 - 7/1/2025
Officer Jeffrey Mays	6/25/2000 - 7/1/2025
Officer Ronald Grocki	11/16/1997 - 7/1/2025
Officer Brett Laird	6/25/2000 - 7/2/2025
Officer Robby Warnick	5/22/1994 - 7/4/2025
Officer Robert Vass	2/28/1993 - 7/15/2025
Officer Mark Mcmillen	7/16/2007 - 7/16/2025
Officer Peter Vanderbilt	2/28/1993 - 7/31/2025
Lieutenant Van Erwin	9/6/1998 - 8/1/2025
Sergeant John Standley	4/10/1994 - 8/1/2025
Officer David Morgan	6/20/1993 - 8/1/2025
Officer John Holloway	9/15/1991 - 8/2/2025
Officer Nathan Amstutz	12/18/2006 - 8/8/2025
Officer Ryan Morgan	12/8/2002 - 8/29/2025
Sergeant Timothy Grimm	12/17/1995 - 9/2/2025
Officer Kenneth Kerr	11/16/1997 - 9/3/2025
Sergeant Eric Moore	9/3/1989 - 9/19/2025
Officer Linda Gibson	11/3/1996 - 9/26/2025
Officer Jeffrey Gubernath	4/10/1994 - 10/03/2025
Officer Steven Stack	12/29/1996 - 11/5/2025
Officer Timothy Welsh	6/20/1993 - 11/7/2025
Officer John Howard	1/10/2013 - 11/22/2025
Officer Gerald Sullivan	9/24/1995 - 12/1/2025
Officer Michael Stafford	11/22/1992 - 12/5/2025
Officer Kelly Melvin	12/6/2010 - 12/8/2025
Officer Thomas Watkins	11/22/1992 - 12/12/2025
Officer Brian Keefe	12/17/1995 - 12/17/2025
Sergeant Andrew Hawkins *(Disability)*	2/22/2010-12/20/2025





Civilian Personnel

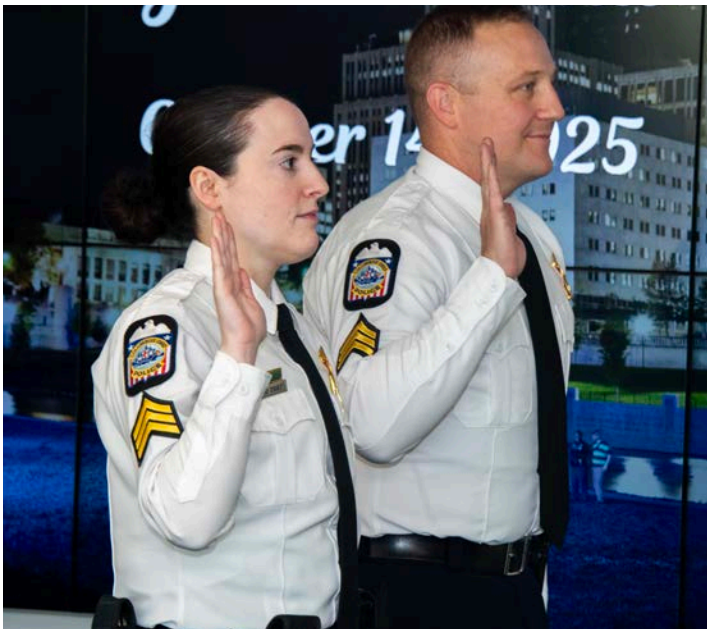
Records Tech Supervisor Gwendolyn Love	11/29/1998 - 3/28/2025
Vehicle Impound Specialist Mark Annen	10/6/1985 - 12/12/2025

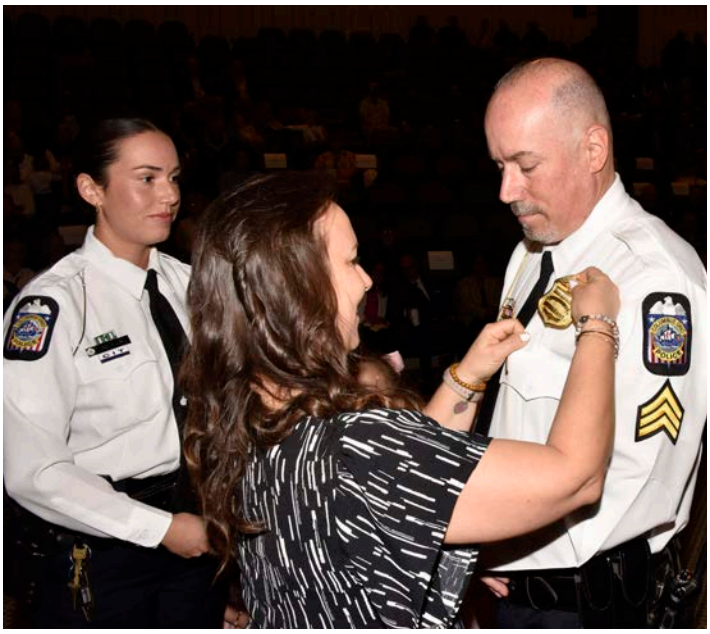
PROMOTIONS



Sworn Personnel

Deputy Chief Justin Coleman	5/9/2025
Commander Heath Gillespie	5/9/2025
Lieutenant Michael Dunlevy	5/9/2025
Lieutenant Chance Knox	5/9/2025
Lieutenant Mark Murray	5/9/2025
Lieutenant Brandon Petry	5/9/2025
Lieutenant Kolin Straub	5/9/2025
Sergeant Alexander Allen	5/9/2025
Sergeant Keaton Anderson	5/9/2025
Sergeant Justin Crites	5/9/2025
Sergeant Michael Daymut	5/9/2025
Sergeant Corey Kleis	5/9/2025
Sergeant Benjamin Kuney	5/9/2025
Sergeant Alexander Mott *(Posthumous)*	5/9/2025
Sergeant Todd Righter	5/9/2025
Sergeant Francis Sclafani	5/9/2025
Sergeant Ashley Vober	5/9/2025
Sergeant Elijah Walls	5/9/2025
Commander Tyler Wells	9/28/2025
Lieutenant James Ruark	10/12/2025
Lieutenant Rolland Donnelly	10/12/2025
Sergeant Jason Bauchmoyer	10/12/2025
Sergeant Michael Beidleman	10/12/2025
Sergeant Brianna Belmonte	10/12/2025
Sergeant Ryan Craig	10/12/2025
Sergeant Shawn Delgado	10/12/2025
Sergeant Amy Detweiler	10/12/2025
Sergeant Jack Duncan	10/12/2025
Sergeant Myisha Fulton	10/12/2025
Sergeant David Heiser	10/12/2025
Sergeant Jeffrey Kracht Jr.	10/12/2025
Sergeant Paige Lisko	10/12/2025
Sergeant Arjun Nagra	10/12/2025
Sergeant Charles Naples	10/12/2025
Sergeant Gerald Tulga	10/12/2025
Sergeant Arthur Whitworth	10/12/2025





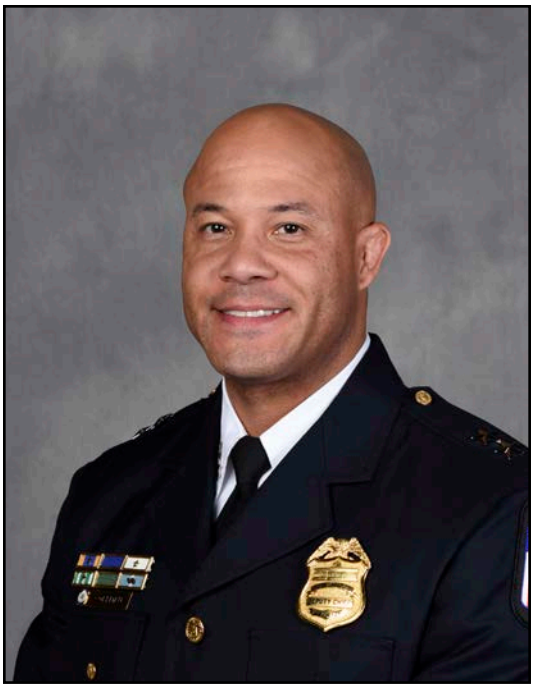
PROMOTIONS

Civilian Personnel

Public Safety Manager Kathryn Hartshorne	2/2/2025	Public Safety Analyst Jacque Tippie	4/9/2025
Management Analyst II Samuel Dolder	3/2/2025	Public Safety Analyst Elizabeth McNinch	4/10/2025
Management Analyst II Clayton Foster	3/2/2025	Public Safety Analyst Yvonne Haskell	4/11/2025
Public Safety Analyst Katrina Shots	4/6/2025	Office Assistant II Ashlei Biehl	4/20/2025
Public Safety Analyst Abigail Cohen	4/7/2025	Police Property Clerk Brhiana Williams	6/1/2025
Public Safety Analyst Susami Seth	4/8/2025		



Deputy Chief



Deputy Chief Justin Coleman

On May 9, 2025, Commander Justin Coleman was promoted to the rank of deputy chief, and assigned to oversee the Criminal Investigations Subdivision.

Deputy Chief Coleman joined the Division on December 20, 2004 as part of the 108th Recruit Class, of which he was Class President. As an officer, he worked on 13 precinct as a bike officer before joining Community Response Teams on Zones 5 and 2. He was promoted to sergeant in 2017, lieutenant in 2021, and commander in 2023 and served as the Special Services Bureau Commander. During his career he has served as a Field Training Officer and an OPOTA-certified instructor, primarily assisting with the Defensive Tactics Unit and Bicycle Coordination Unit. Deputy Chief Coleman has also been a member of the Columbus Police Honor Guard for over 10 years and is an active member of the Peer Assistance Team. Deputy Chief Coleman attended Ohio University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology & Criminology in 2003, and completed his Master of Business Administration at Ashland University in 2022. Deputy Chief Coleman is also a 2025 graduate of The Ohio State University's John Glen College of Public Affairs, Public Safety Leadership Academy.



DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS




COLUMBUS POLICE
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FALLEN HERO


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RECRUIT CLASS GRADUATIONS



The 146th recruit class graduated on March 31, 2025, after completing over 30 weeks of intense academic, physical, and practical training in areas including patrol procedures, law enforcement tactics, firearms training, unarmed defense, vehicle operations, mental health and crisis intervention, emergency medical care, community-oriented public safety, and cultural diversity. The class was composed of 51 total officers: 38 with the Division, and 13 officers representing six outside agencies, including Dublin Police, Genoa Township Police, Hilliard Police, Newark Police, OSU Police, and Reynoldsburg Police.



On July 11, 2025, the 147th recruit class graduated from the Training Academy, a culmination of the countless hours of commitment from both the recruits and the instructors. Following their months-long intense training, these men and women began their career of service to the public. The class of 23 officers swore their oath of service, with 17 serving the Division and six serving outside agencies, including Dublin Police, Newark Police, Reynoldsburg Police, and Upper Arlington Police. For the first time, recruits in this class were permitted to practice their religious beliefs in specially designated areas of the Training Academy during their break time.

RECRUIT CLASS GRADUATIONS



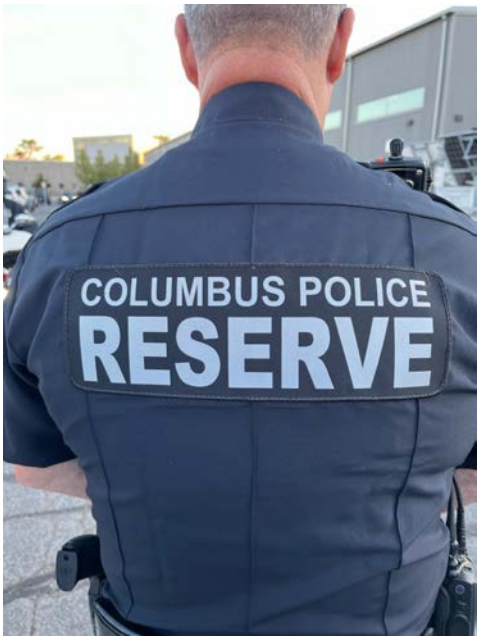
The second Columbus Division of Police Lateral Class graduated on September 5, 2025. This class included six officers who transferred to CPD from various agencies around Ohio, including the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Green Township Police Department, Lima Police Department, New Albany Police Department, and the Whitehall Division of Police. These new officers bring over 50 years of combined law enforcement experience to the Division as well as a variety of past career experiences, including as an emergency dispatcher, K-9 handler, Field Training Officer, and an intern with the U.S. Marshal Service.



The 148th recruit class graduated from the Training Academy on November 14, 2025, after over seven months of demanding and challenging training. This class was composed of 47 officers; 36 who will serve the Division, one Columbus Firefighter, and seven additional officers representing three outside agencies, including Grove City Police, OSU Police, and New Albany Police. Basic Training staff members remarked that the recruits in this class really pulled together as a group and worked very well together during their time at the Training Academy.

RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM





In 2025, the Division reinstituted a volunteer Reserve Officer Program. Reserve officers are unpaid volunteer police officers delegated authority to perform select duties in support of the operational needs of the Division of Police. The Columbus Police Reserve Program will serve the citizens of Columbus by assisting the Division's full-time sworn personnel. The primary work of the Reserve Program may involve traffic control or assistance at special events, and the Reserve Program may also function during times of emergency or provide support to specialty units. Reserve officers will perform law enforcement functions only when engaged in Division-authorized duties. Reserve officers are also required to maintain service hours and attend or complete necessary training as mandated by the Chief of Police. Reserve officers have a specialized uniform with their designation across the back so they are identifiable by the public. Sworn personnel who retire or resign from the Division of Police in good standing may apply for membership as an unpaid volunteer in the Reserve Program within a year to continue to serve the community in this capacity. On August 7, three reserve officers were sworn in by Deputy Chief Robert Sagle and Deputy Director George Speaks. In December, an additional reserve officer joined their ranks.

The Division welcomes as Reserve Officers:

Bill Lang
John Holloway
Svetlana Johnson
John Howard





COLUMBUS POLICE HONOR GUARD





The Columbus Division of Police Honor Guard is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization composed of Columbus police officers whose primary mission is to participate at funeral services for active, retired, and reserve police personnel and to act as representatives of the Division of Police at various police and community events. The Honor Guard is primarily self-funded, and funds are used for ceremonial equipment, scholarships, transportation of Honor Guard members, and upkeep on the Police Memorials at Genoa Park, the Training Academy, and Columbus Police Headquarters.





On September 27, 2025, the Columbus Police Honor Guard held its 13th Annual Memorial Run, known as the "Cops and Cookies 5K," because delicious treats are provided by some of Columbus' favorite bakeries, including MCL Bakery, Resch's Bakery, Cheryl's Cookies, Crumbl Cookies, and Efrain's Famous Cookies. To honor our fallen officers, runners are provided a flag to carry with a fallen hero's name on it as they cross the finish line. This annual event includes a kid's "Fun Run" and the 5K race, as well as the opportunity to visit with personnel from SWAT, the Mounted Unit, Dive Team, K-9 Unit, and Therapy Dog Unit. This year's race honoree was Officer Brett Yates, who was faced with a serious medical issue in 2025. Officer Yates was honored at the 5K for his 20 years of dedicated service to the City of Columbus, and a portion of the race proceeds went to benefit him and his family during this challenging time.

TEEN AND POLICE SERVICE ACADEMY (TAPS)





The Teen and Police Service Academy (TAPS) is a national mentorship program that was adopted by the Columbus Division of Police in 2014, when the Division began connecting youth with law enforcement officer mentors. The program addresses topics such as conflict resolution, understanding the role of police, interactions with law enforcement, securing your first job, and gang and gun violence. By fostering trust and strengthening community bonds, the program aims to reduce crime, build awareness, and create a safer and more understanding community.

In 2025, five Columbus schools participated in the program with 109 successful graduates and an 83% diversity rate. The program also hosted five summer camps at locations, including the Far East Recreation Center, the Marion Franklin Recreation Center, the Glenwood Recreation Center, the Barack Recreation Center, the Driving Park Recreation Center, and Sullivant Gardens, with more than 100 students engaged.



TAPS Partner Schools in 2025

Columbus City Prep School for Boys
Westmoor Middle School
Yorktown Middle School
Starling PreK-8
Buckeye Middle School



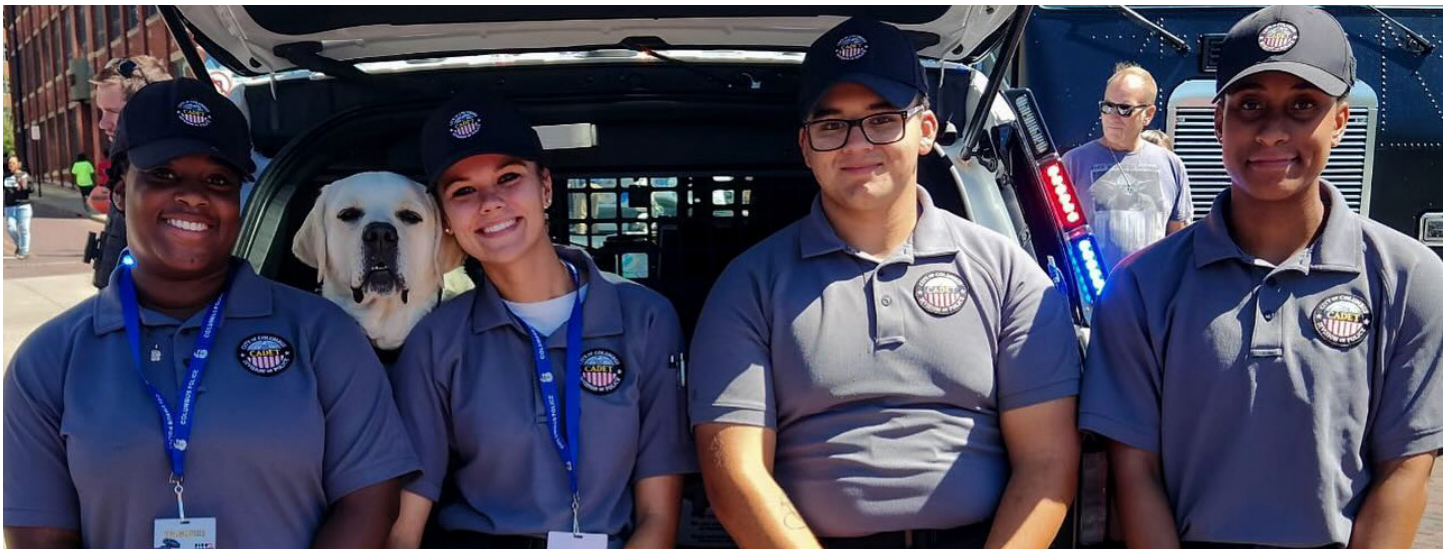
PUBLIC SAFETY CORPS





The Public Safety Corps (PSC) Program provides mentorship designed for young adults ages 14-20 who are interested in a career in Law Enforcement. The PSC Program is led by mentor officers. At the end of 2025, the program had 72 members, with 45 male and 27 female members. The program serves as a vital entrance point to attract diverse individuals into a career in law enforcement and provides a revolving curriculum to ensure the best exposure to law enforcement functions. Because law enforcement is centered on public service, PSC members donated their time by completing over 500 hours of community service in 2025. The PSC Program also represented the Division at the Summer Showdown Public Safety Cadets National Competition in California, as well as the Heart of Ohio Police Exploring Conference and Competition, where they took first place overall.

CADETS



The Cadet Program is a 3-year part-time paid internship program for young adults 18 and older exploring a career in law enforcement. The program begins with an 18-week academy and cadets then transition to job assignments throughout the Division for 3 days a week, with continued education and community engagement 2 days a week. In 2025 the cadets reported over 1,000 hours of community engagement and service via partnerships with the Worthington Food Pantry, Rise Up Columbus, and various community businesses. The cadets also built relationships with students at East Linden Elementary by helping with homework, reading books, and facilitating student development. Cadet Class #7 began in November 2025 and will graduate in the Spring of 2026 after studying subjects ranging from Arrest, Search, and Seizure to subject control and physical fitness.

BEYOND ENFORCEMENT









Beyond Enforcement is a recently developed violence prevention program designed for youth ages 12 to 18 facilitated by the Division and community partners. The purpose of the 10-week program is to help prevent youth from engaging in delinquent behavior by exposing them to the consequences of poor choices and decisions. Beyond Enforcement takes a holistic approach by showing young people the impact of violence on individuals, families, and the community as a whole.

Youth are referred to Beyond Enforcement through community organizations such as ThinkMakeLive Youth and We Are Linden. They can also be referred by teachers, family, and friends. Prior to participation, caregivers must provide consent, as the program includes visits to the hospital, courtroom, coroner's office, and prison. Each session is followed by a debrief with a licensed trauma counselor.

Topics covered during the sessions are choices and consequences, understanding the law, gun violence, drug awareness, doing the right thing, the impact of violence, incarceration, and decisions and death.

The Division is grateful to the following community partners for making this program possible:

- Franklin University
- Franklin County Prosecutor's Office
- Franklin County Juvenile Judges
- Franklin County Coroner's Office
- Grant Hospital
- Evergreen Funeral Home
- London Correctional Institution
- Starks Counseling



NEXTGEN SAFETY INITIATIVE

The NextGen Safety Initiative (NGSI) is another step in the Division's evolution in evidence-based crime prevention and juvenile violence reduction. Launched to address the disproportionate impact of chronic offending and victimization among a small number of at-risk youth, NGSI integrates proven policing strategies with advanced analytics and cross-system collaboration to reduce harm, improve accountability, and strengthen community trust.

NGSI is a data-driven, prevention-focused framework designed to identify individuals and groups at the highest risk of ongoing community harm and violence, and to apply timely, proportionate interventions. The initiative blends problem-oriented policing, intelligence-led policing, focused deterrence, and evidence-based practice into a single operational model that emphasizes outcomes over activity.

NGSI uses objective, transparent risk assessments to guide decision-making. These assessments draw from criminal history, recent behavioral indicators, and social network relationships to better understand how violence spreads through peer and group connections. By focusing on behavior and risk rather than demographics, the initiative enhances fairness, reduces bias, and improves precision in enforcement and prevention efforts. Risk levels are dynamic and decrease as individuals demonstrate sustained periods without criminal involvement, reinforcing accountability while encouraging positive change.

A defining feature of NGSI is its network-based approach to violence reduction. Research consistently shows that crime is concentrated within small social networks, where influence and retaliation can drive repeated harm. NGSI leverages social network analysis to distinguish between high-impact offenders, group influencers, and lower-risk peripheral youth. This approach allows the Division and its partners to focus enforcement resources on the most harmful actors while prioritizing services, mentorship, and supervision for those most likely to benefit from intervention.

Within the Division, it enhances patrol awareness, investigative solvability, and strategic deployment. Externally, NGSI strengthens coordination with juvenile courts, supervision, corrections, schools, and community service providers to ensure that enforcement actions are paired with credible opportunities for intervention, treatment, and support.

Implementation of NGSI follows established principles of implementation science, emphasizing fidelity, sustainability, and continuous improvement. Ongoing evaluation measures short-term outputs, mid-term behavioral changes, and long-term reductions in violence and victimization, ensuring the initiative remains effective, fair, and responsive to community needs.

Through NGSI, the Columbus Division of Police is advancing a modern, balanced public safety model, one that holds chronic offenders accountable, protects victims, and provides a clear pathway away from violence. This initiative positions Columbus as a national leader in data-informed, collaborative approaches to reducing juvenile crime and improving community safety.



DIVISION-WIDE OPERATIONS

OPERATION UNITY

5 OPERATIONS HELD IN 2025

- 468 CITIZEN CONTACTS
- 847 TRAFFIC STOPS
- 25 FIREARMS RECOVERED
- 140 TOTAL FELONY ARRESTS
- 110 TOTAL MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS

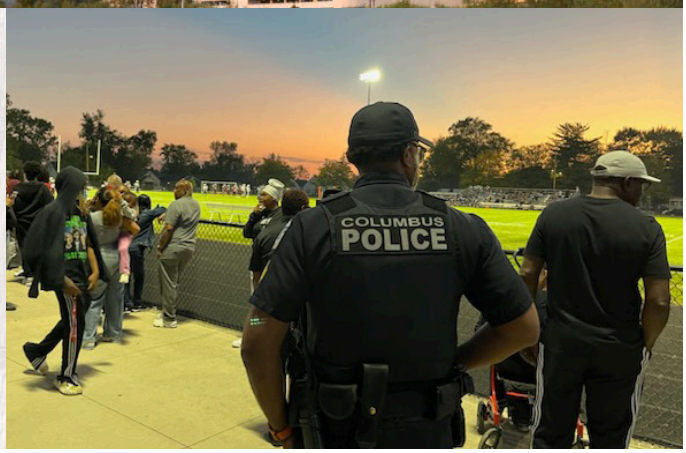


Operation Unity continued in 2025 as a targeted, multi-faceted crime reduction initiative conducted in partnership between local law enforcement and social service agencies to address violent crime, illegal narcotics, and community complaints in specific, high-crime neighborhoods. Patrol personnel on Zones 2, 3, and 6 partnered with SWAT, In/TAC, PACT, and Gang Enforcement personnel to execute warrants; focus on areas with crime patterns; and disrupt violent crimes, prostitution, and narcotics trafficking.

OPERATION MOONLIGHT

MAY - DECEMBER 2025

- 34,640 CITIZEN CONTACTS
- 2,393 CALLS FOR SERVICE
- 6 FIREARMS RECOVERED
- 3 STOLEN VEHICLES RECOVERED
- 18 TOTAL FELONY ARRESTS
- 51 TOTAL MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS



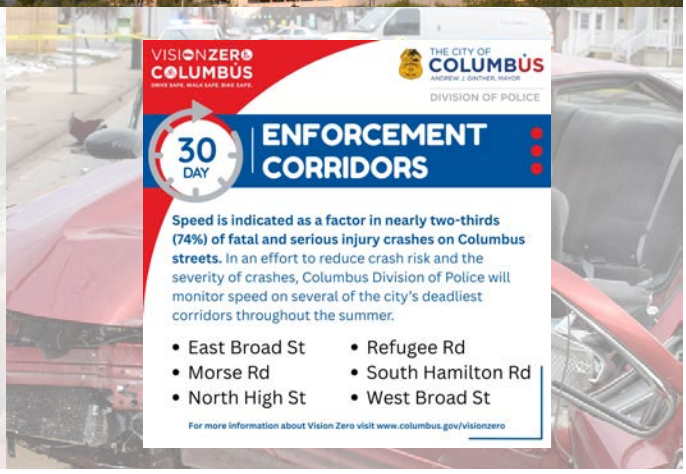
From May to December in 2025, the Division continued Operation Moonlight, increasing police presence in parks and other designated areas such as Easton Town Center, as well as festivals and events. This increased visibility of officers is critical to maintaining public safety and helps foster trust with the community, as officers engage with citizens and address neighborhood challenges and crime.

DIVISION-WIDE OPERATIONS

VISION ZERO

AUGUST - OCTOBER 2025

- 21 CORRIDORS ENFORCED FOR SPEED
- SPEEDS CLOCKED AS HIGH AS 78MPH
- AVERAGE ABOVE THE SPEED LIMIT: 26MPH
- NEARLY 150 CITATIONS ISSUED
- 51 WARNINGS ISSUED



In the summer of 2025, as part of an effort to eliminate crash-related deaths on city streets, the Division began focused enforcement on the corridors listed above. The Vision Zero partnership is an effort to reduce excessive speed on dangerous city roadway corridors immediately while long-term infrastructure solutions are developed to help reduce drivers' unsafe speeds, and it is aimed at achieving zero crash deaths on city streets by 2035.

SAFE STREETS

JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2025

- 340 COMMUNITY EVENTS
- 45,478 CITIZEN CONTACTS
- 313 TOTAL FELONY ARRESTS
- 140 TOTAL MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS
- 1,246 TRAFFIC STOPS
- 111 FIREARMS RECOVERED
- 33 STOLEN VEHICLES RECOVERED



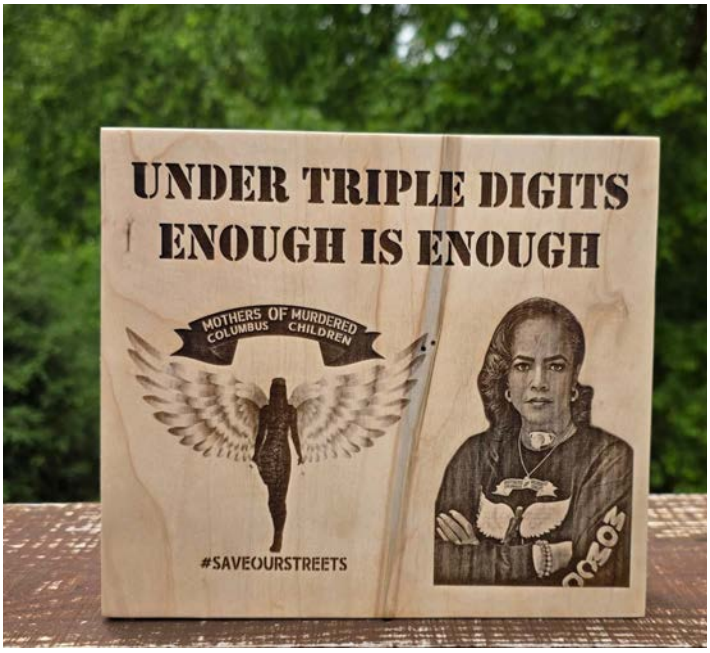
The 2025 Safe Streets initiative built on past successes to continue a proactive public safety effort designed to increase high visibility patrols throughout the city to reduce crime and enhance community engagement. Officers conducted daily patrols via cruiser, bicycle, or on foot and attended many events. Each zone had a tailored approach based on the needs of the community during this 17-week program.

OPERATION UNDER TRIPLE DIGITS



Operation Under Triple Digits is a citywide collaborative initiative started by Mothers of Murdered Columbus Children (MOMCC), a non-profit organization made up of mothers who have lost a child to violence and use their voice to reimagine the safety of the city. The initiative uses data to drive decision making and the responses of community organizations, elected officials, law enforcement, and other stakeholders with a goal of reducing crime and creating a safer Columbus. In response to the 149 homicides that occurred in the city in 2023, MOMCC began the operation in 2024 with a goal of reducing the annual number of homicides to under 100. They created a pledge for members of the community to sign, demonstrating their commitment of reducing violence, and met regularly with Division personnel to discuss law enforcement strategies. In 2024, there were 126 homicides in the city, and MOMCC continued their partnership with community and faith leaders, elected officials, and the Division as a united effort to address gun violence and promote safety.

By mid-December there were 81 recorded homicides across the city, and 2025 was on track to be the first year with a number under triple digits since 2015. Members of MOMCC gathered to reflect on the milestone and the progress made. Malissa Thomas St. Clair, founder and CEO of MOMCC, stated to the media, “It’s a humbling experience, because it’s twofold. You have 81 souls, 81 families, 81 people that are lost. You want to honor that. Put their pain to purpose," she said. "But also you want to celebrate the momentum and give the community motivation to continue the work. Let us be clear, this is not a celebration. This is hope. This is evidence that intentional collaboration saved lives.” The year ended with 84 recorded homicides. Organizers say over 500 people have signed the pledge so far, and the work continues as the collective promise to the safety of the community remains a top priority.



BODY-WORN CAMERAS FOR SPECIAL DUTY





As of March 2025, all officers are now required to wear a body-worn camera (BWC) while performing a uniformed special duty assignment. This policy development is intended to provide greater transparency and accountability and ensure an objective record is created of any encounters or incident that might occur during a special duty shift. The Division now has a cache of BWCs specifically designated for special duty work, so that in the event an officer does not have enough battery life on his or her assigned BWC following a regular shift, the officer can sign out a special duty BWC. All sworn officers within the Division are currently assigned a personal BWC and can wear their assigned BWC or a special duty BWC while working a special duty assignment. BWCs are not required when performing special duty work out of uniform, but may be used as outlined in the policy.

RAVEN DRONE PROGRAM







In November 2025, the Rapid Aerial Visual Enforcement Network, or RAVEN drone pilot program commenced. This program is designed to assist in police operations, with the ability to deploy drones to calls in progress such as burglaries or missing persons. After nearly a decade of research and planning, the program was initiated with 14 pilots, who are all FAA-certified and who completed the inaugural Small Unmanned Aerial System (sUAS) training. In 2025, the drones were used for situational awareness during calls for service, providing crucial information to the Columbus Division of Fire on large-scale fires, and recovering a body in a reservoir. The drone can be used to provide exact coordinates to assist with a response, and it also provides real-time video to supervisors that may not be on scene. As of the program launch, four drones are now available for deployment.

VIRTUAL REALITY TRAINING





In 2025, officers in the Advanced Training Unit had the opportunity to experience new virtual reality training developed by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA). Currently, this OPOTA training is not interactive, but still provides a new view for officers when it comes to training and the real-life scenarios they may face every day on the job. Taking a step beyond training videos, VR training immerses the officer into the training scenario itself, where they can observe a call for service in 360 degrees. Following the training scenario, the officers can then debrief the incident—discussing the actions of the role players, and the legal, ethical, and wellness considerations. The possibilities with this new training format allow for expansion and continuous education in this demanding profession. Advanced Training staff saw the potential of this 360-degree experience that will allow officers to "be at the scene" and felt that, in conjunction with traditional teaching methods, it will give officers a more well-rounded training experience.

In the fall, Advanced Training brought the VR training to a wider audience, implementing the OPOTA training scenarios with all sworn personnel. Even Therapy Dog Bodhi got in on the fun! The training provided personnel with insight into a variety of calls for service and range of responses from the role player officers on scene. Sworn personnel were immersed into the scene as an observer watching the role player officers handling a call for service, and after viewing each video they were able to debrief as a class what worked well in the response or how they would have approached it differently. Training staff see this new technology as something they can continue to incorporate as a training tool and will contribute to the mission of consistently improving and expanding the training provided to Division personnel.



CPD RUN CLUB





In August of 2025, several officers from Zone 5 bought matching t-shirts and ran in the Grandview Yard Purple Heart 5k. This strong turnout and curiosity from other runners served as a catalyst for Officers Kelsey Reese and Madison Hilleary to formalize a running group for the Division, and the CPD Run Club was born.

The initial goal was to promote overall physical and mental well-being, cardiovascular health, and camaraderie. Membership is free for all active and retired law enforcement personnel and their families.

Since its formation, the club has grown to over 120 members and is now an independent non-profit charity with sworn and civilian first responder agency members from all over central Ohio who believe in the motto “stronger together one mile at a time.” CPD Run Club members participate while off-duty, running as a group as well as in organized races and charity events, with communication and mile tracking completed via social apps.

Officer Hilleary serves as president and runs the social media accounts for the group. Lieutenants Rolland Donnelly and Kenneth Kropp, along with Industrial Hygienist Iris Velasco, also serve on the club’s board.

The overall goal of the club is “to unite as one of the top law enforcement and first responder running clubs in the Midwest, dedicated to improving our fitness, mental well-being, and collective spirit." They also dedicate two runs per month to a fallen first responder. A website for the club is coming soon, and new members are always welcome.

The CPD Run Club Mission Statement is as follows:
“To facilitate the general wellness and physical and mental health of active and retired first responders, their families, and sponsored members through training for and participation in public, private, and club running and athletic events, and education in and the promotion of healthier lifestyle in pursuit of these goals. To build connections with other run clubs and first responder groups, and to conduct community outreach and engagement through races, athletic events, and charity events, strengthening the bonds between law enforcement and communities."

LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Assistant Chief Nick Konves
FBI National Academy



Deputy Chief Elrico Alli
FBI National Academy



Commander Erik Babcock
Certified Law Enforcement Executive
(CLEE)



Commander Erik Babcock
Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)
Senior Management Institute for Police



Lieutenant April Redick
Police Executive Leadership College



Commander Joseph Curmode III
Police Executive Leadership College



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Policing Leadership Academy
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Deputy Chief Justin Coleman (left) and Lieutenant James Cummings (right)
The Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Affairs
Public Safety Leadership Academy

EXECUTIVE STAFF RETREAT





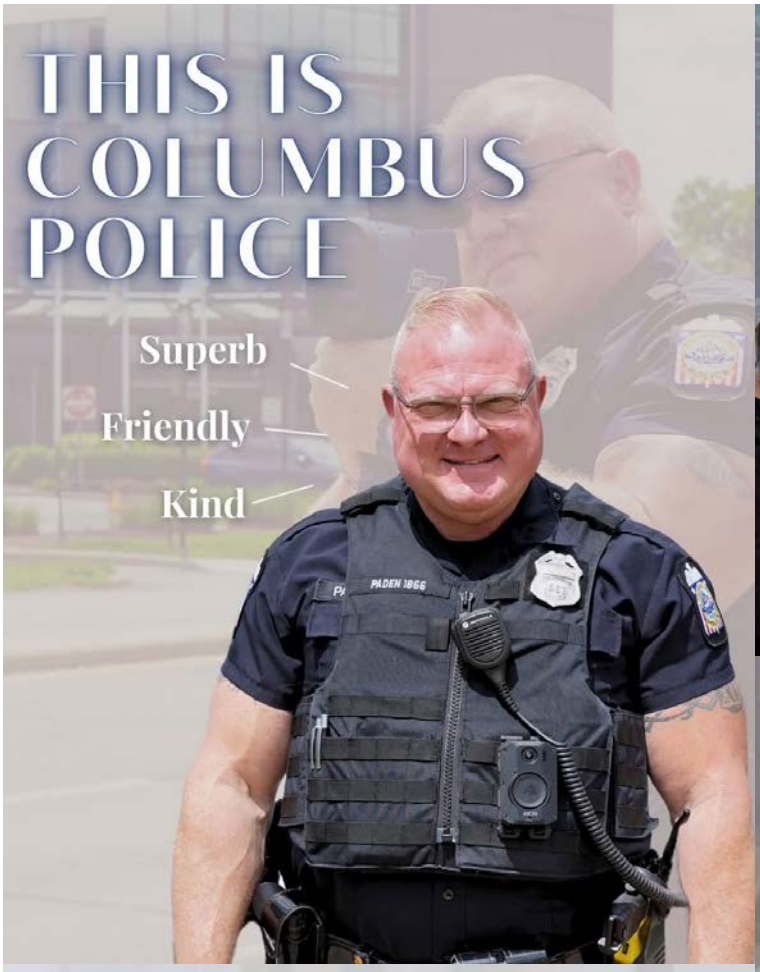


The Division's Executive Staff Retreat was held March 18 to 20, 2025, at the Huntington Bank Data Processing Center, bringing together Division leadership and invited members from across the Division to discuss organizational priorities, ongoing initiatives, and future opportunities. The retreat provided a collaborative environment for leaders to review current challenges, identify opportunities for improvement, and align future initiatives with the Division's strategic goals.

The retreat opened with remarks from Chief Elaine R. Bryant and Public Safety Director Kate Pishotti, followed by a facilitated discussion led by Jason Daniels, business consultant. Over the first two days, bureau commanders and supervisors from across the Division presented updates on their operations, highlighting accomplishments, emerging challenges, staffing needs, ongoing initiatives, and opportunities for growth. These presentations provided executive staff with a comprehensive understanding of Division-wide operations while fostering collaboration and sharing of best practices. Team-building activities and breakout sessions were incorporated to further encourage communication and problem-solving among leaders.

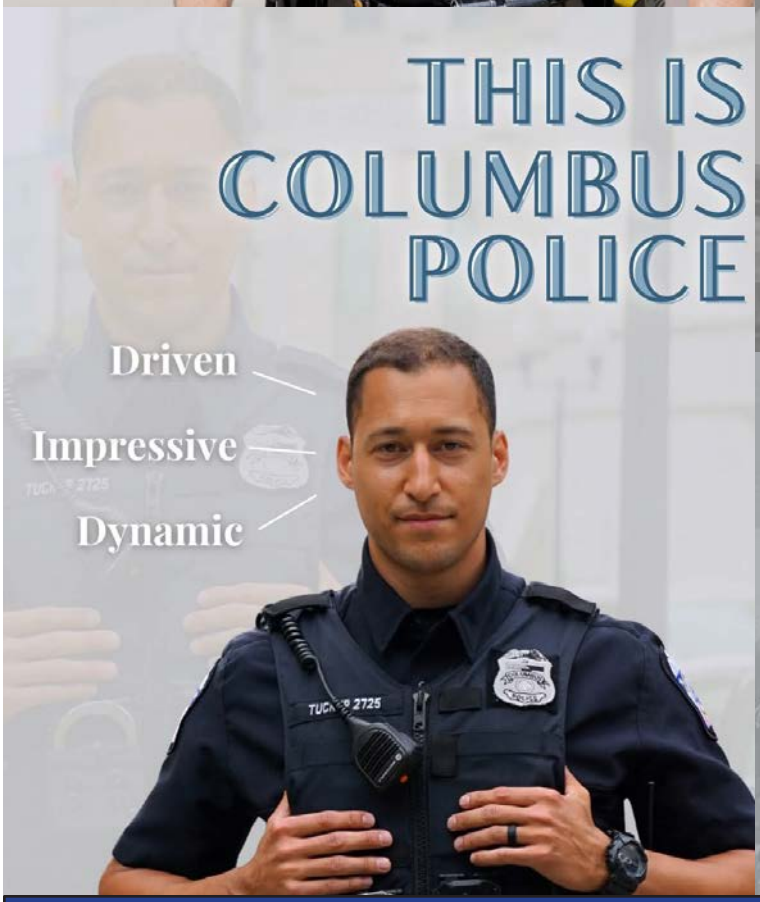
The final day focused on executive-level discussions regarding organizational structure, resource allocation, and long-term strategic planning. Executive staff reviewed information presented throughout the retreat and considered organizational changes designed to better align resources with operational needs. The retreat resulted in significant organizational decisions, including the realignment of Headquarters Operations to the Patrol Subdivision, the establishment of the Accident Investigations Unit as an independent section, and the realignment of several task forces to better support operational objectives. Additional changes included the development of the Crime Gun Intelligence Section, the creation of an Entrepreneurial Training Section, and the creation of a Public Records Bureau separate from the Records Management Bureau. The retreat also served as a catalyst for new operational initiatives, including the development of the Traffic Response Car Pilot Program and other strategic concepts that continued to influence planning and decision-making throughout 2025.

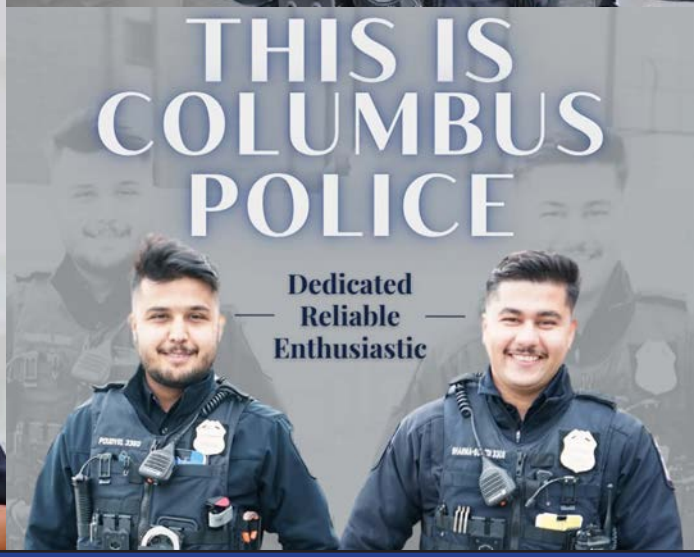
The 2025 Executive Staff Retreat reinforced the Division's commitment to innovation, collaboration, accountability, and continuous improvement while laying the groundwork for several organizational changes that strengthened operations and service to the Columbus community.



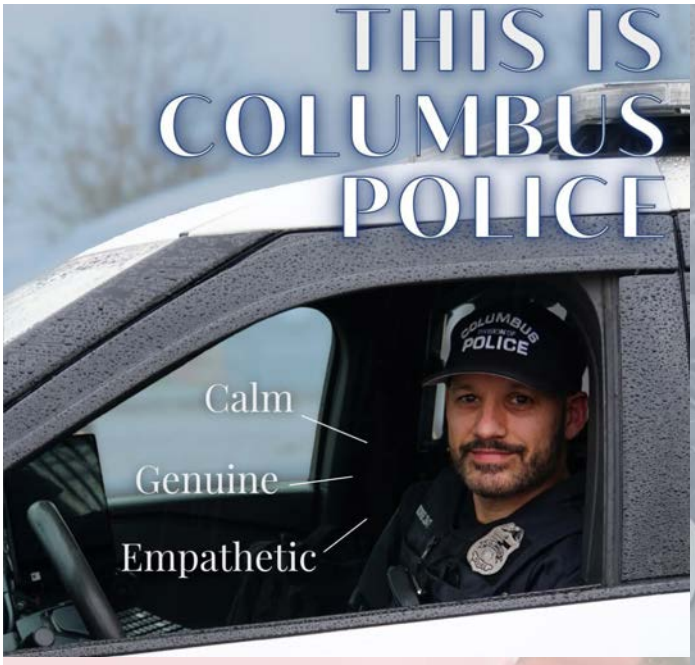








"THIS IS COLUMBUS POLICE" was a series featured on the Division's social media in 2025 highlighting compliments from the community. The Public Information Office designed this campaign to recognize officers and humanize the badge.











Photos of personnel were shared along with three words describing the officers taken directly from the community member's compliment, with the full text of the compliment featured in the caption.



SUBDIVISION HIGHLIGHTS



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE











The Division's three assistant chiefs report directly to the Chief of Police. In addition, the Chief of Staff, Watch Commander, and the Public Information Unit report directly to the Chief of Police.

1st Assistant Chief LaShanna Potts oversees the Special Services Branch, which includes the Special Operations Subdivision, the Community & Wellness Subdivision, and the Public Corruption Task Force.

Assistant Chief Gregory Bodker oversees the Operations Branch, which includes the Criminal Investigations Subdivision and the Patrol Subdivision.

Assistant Chief Nick Konves oversees the Support Branch, which includes the Public Accountability Subdivision and the Support Services Subdivision.

Commander Amber Rich serves as the Chief of Staff, managing the daily administrative and executive operations of the Office of the Chief. She coordinates meetings, correspondence, engagements, and provides command-level reviews. The Chief of Staff also oversees the Organizational Accountability Aide.

The Organizational Accountability Aide, Lieutenant Devin Reiser, ensures accountability across the Division, tracks progress toward strategic goals, serves as a liaison by facilitating coordination between internal and external entities, and oversees the Executive and Mayor's Protection Units and the Crime Stoppers Coordinator.

Commander Paul Szabo serves as the Watch Commander, and acts as a direct extension of the Office of the Chief and provides command-level leadership and oversight of Division operations during non-business hours.

The Public Information Unit is responsible for providing information to the public and media. The unit consists of two Public Relations Specialists, Nicole Jaros and Caitlyn McIntosh, and two sergeants, Sergeants James Fuqua and Joe Albert. These positions are designed to assist the Chief of Police in addressing the media and also represent the Division on social media and through marketing materials and press releases.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU

The Community Liaison Section engages with the community and collaborates with the public to address quality of life issues in the City of Columbus. In 2025, the Community Liaison Section participated in an estimated 625 community engagements, helping to foster a positive relationship with citizens. These engagements included safety presentations, career day presentations, walk to school events, Shop with a Cop, National Night Out, and many other community events such as block parties. Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) also attended or participated in 459 block watch and civic group meetings. The CLOs also partnered with organizations such as Feed the Kids, Rock City Church, Samaritan's Feet, and Special Olympics to get involved with schools and other communities across the City. Along with personnel from the Columbus Division of Fire, CLOs also hosted a joint summer camp where children learn about public safety.



In 2025, the Recruiting Unit continued to innovate ways to attract qualified individuals to serve the community and saw the highest number of applicants since 2018. The two largest Academy classes since the pandemic were recruited, with the 149th class starting with 77 CPD recruits, and the 150th class starting with 67 CPD recruits. Both of those classes began with female recruits making up 23% of the class. The Recruiting Unit attended over 150 recruiting and community events over the course of the year.





Within the Recruiting Unit, the Diversity and Inclusion Liaison Officers established Beyond Enforcement (a 10-week teen mentorship program), helped host back-to-school events where over 700 students were provided school essentials, and co-hosted the Toys for Tots toy drive where thousands of toys were collected for children in central Ohio. The Diversity and Inclusion Officers also hosted Multicultural Family Night for police applicants and their families and Family Movie Night for officers to enjoy with their families.



In 2025, the Traffic Operations Section continued maintaining traffic safety in Columbus, and adapting its efforts to support Vision Zero. The Freeway Unit patrolled approximately 880 miles of freeway within the city and conducted traffic enforcement issuing 6,342 total citations, with 242 OVI arrests and 273 other arrests made, and also assisted 2,322 stranded motorists. The Commercial Enforcement Unit and Freeway Units also successfully managed a major long-term lane restriction on I-270, with a number of commercial citations written, only one oversized load requiring extraction, and zero accidents occurring. The Motorcycle Unit issued a total of 8,221 citations and executed 276 escorts for dignitary motorcades, processions, and funerals.

WELLNESS BUREAU

In 2025, the Trauma/Recovery/Addiction/Crisis Team (TRACT) Section Lieutenant conducted five CIT classes for Franklin County Sheriff Deputies and Division personnel. A total of 144 first responders were trained in the 40-hour course. CPD also hosted an 8-hour Advanced CIT Training Day —"Behind the Badge: Navigating Trauma and Building Resiliency."

In 2025, the Therapy Dog Unit, consisting of Maverick and Bodhi and their handlers, Officers Dave Miller and Michael Secrest, had a total of 26,141 citizen contacts, visited 24 roll calls, had 508 visits across the Division, were used 9 times in courtrooms and in 6 detective interviews, and responded to 22 patrol callouts.



Therapy Dog Simon retired in 2025 with his handler Officer Michael Paulins, who returned to the Division as a trainer for the unit. Therapy Dog Bodhi attended the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Therapy Dog Class and graduated with his First Response K9 Certification. Bodhi also received his Canine Good Citizen, Urban Canine Good Citizen, and AKC Community Canine Certifications through American Kennel Club.



Since 2020, the TDU has documented 3,372 deployments without any reported bites, scratches, or any other problem behaviors from the dogs, thanks to their comprehensive and ongoing training. In 2025 alone, the TDU completed 333 training hours.



The Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) Unit responds to individuals in mental health or substance abuse crisis to provide assistance utilizing de-escalation and linkage to appropriate resources. This unit consists of five Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trained officers paired with Columbus Public Health (CPH) clinician co-responders. In 2025, 3,863 mental-health related calls for service were dispatched to MCR units, and 585 transports were completed.

The Rapid Response Emergency Addiction Crisis Team (RREACT) is a multi-disciplinary approach in partnership with the Columbus Division of Fire to battle the opioid epidemic in Franklin County. In 2025, RREACT completed 5,732 outreach attempts on 3,202 opioid overdose survivors, which included 2,559 home visits. RREACT also participated in 109 community outreach events and connected with 3,499 individuals.

The Court Liaison Section coordinates between prosecutors and officers who need to respond in some capacity for criminal and traffic cases. The section processed 26,457 subpoena call-ins, 83 preliminary hearings, and 154 arraignments in 2025. They also responded to courtrooms 362 times, responded with courthouse security 133 times, and made 261 arrests.

The Internal Wellness Section, whose mission is to enhance and improve the quality of life for Division employees, continued to facilitate support groups including Recovery & Addiction, Anxiety Support, Grief Support, Cancer Support, and Spiritual Wellness. This section also oversees the Chaplain Program, welcomes guest lecturers to the Division, coordinates the Peer Assistance Team, and provides wellness trainings.

HOMICIDE BUREAU



In 2025, there were 84 homicides in the City of Columbus, a 33.3 % decrease from 2024. The Homicide Units solved 73 of the homicides, for an in-year solve rate of 86.9%. 30 additional cases from prior years were also solved. This year the Homicide Case Review Unit also added a full time Investigative Genetic Genealogist, Amanda Reno. Several complex cases from the past were solved in 2025 with the help of genetic genealogy.

The Crime Scene Search Unit had 1,090 total calls for service in 2025. These calls for service resulted in 54,176 total photos taken, 6,892 items of evidence collected, 2,017 latent prints collected and submitted, 1,370 swabs for DNA, 1,333 Leica scans completed, and 365 firearms recovered.



In 2025, the Digital Forensics Unit processed 2,350 devices. Detective Adam Worthington again received the “Top 100 Digital Forensic Examiner” award from the United States Secret Service. The Accident Investigation Unit investigated 171 Major Cases in 2025, including fatal traffic crashes and crashes with serious physical harm, an increase from 158 in 2024.

MAJOR CRIMES BUREAU

The Felony Assault Section had an overall solve rate of 59.3% (which includes the prior years' cases) with a 2025 case load of 1,298 cases and 1,294 total victims. The Non-Fatal Shooting Team pilot project became permanent in the fall of 2025 with the establishment of Team 1, composed of eight detectives and one sergeant. This concept mirrors the Division's current Homicide Team model and was created to improve the solvability rate of non-fatal shootings.

In 2025, the Robbery Section investigated 1,212 robbery reports, with a 32.5% solve rate. One high-profile case included a serial robber — a male suspect who robbed his victims in several ways, including stalking female victims as they walked to or from their car, and also arranging for the sale of an item on Facebook Marketplace and then taking the item by force.



The Covert Support Unit assists other investigative units in covert surveillance and works closely with Patrol officers to coordinate taking wanted persons into custody and assisting other investigative units in identifying and locating uncharged suspects, witnesses, and victims of crime. In 2025, the unit assisted with several high-profile cases, including a murder-for-hire plot involving a teacher who attempted to pay a student to kill her ex-husband.

The Gun Crimes Unit conducts investigations of incidents involving the possession of narcotics, firearms, and dangerous ordnances that are not immediately connected to other felony offenses. In 2025, the Gun Crimes Unit investigated 1,349 weapons offenses and submitted 3,054 firearms to the Property Control Unit. The unit also processed 341 stolen firearms.

PROPERTY CRIMES BUREAU

Property Crimes Bureau detectives saw a decrease in motor vehicle thefts of 12% in 2025 as compared to totals reported in 2024. Other vehicle-related crimes, such as thefts from motor vehicles, theft of license plates, and unauthorized use of motor vehicles were also down from the previous year. Reports of burglaries decreased by 17% in 2025 as compared to 2024, and thefts of firearms decreased by 26%.

The Property Crimes Section Generalist Units conduct specialized investigations of felony property crimes. In 2025, this included a Theft From Auto Workgroup, which collaborated with the NextGen Safety Initiative. For juveniles charged with numerous counts, the detectives worked to build extensive cases to ensure the suspects would be bound-over and tried as adults and monitored upon release, allowing for easier tracking in order to link them to additional cases.

In April 2025, the FORCE Act was enacted in Ohio and expanded theft of mail to include theft of any letter, card, or parcel regardless of value or carrier, rather than just USPS. As a result, reported incidents of theft of mail increased to 1,388 in 2025 as compared to 201 in 2024. The majority of these incidents had previously been classified as misdemeanor thefts.



The Property Crimes Bureau also includes the Investigative Support Section, composed of the Zone Investigations Unit, which investigates misdemeanor crimes and works to identify problem areas on the zones and find reasonable solutions, as well as the Evidence Recovery Unit, which is staffed by Evidence Technicians who process evidence from crime scenes.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

Endangered missing person reports and interference with custody reports are investigated by the Missing Persons Unit, which also conducts and coordinates the search for missing individuals. In 2025, the unit completed 3,849 missing persons reports and 777 interference with custody reports. Missing Persons Sergeant Gerald Ehrsam was also a lead participant in the Governor's Missing Persons Task Force.



The Sexual Assault Section investigates sexual offenses involving children and adults. In 2025, there were a total of 948 youth victim investigations and a total of 1,260 adult victim investigations.

The Physical Abuse Unit reviews all child abuse reports and investigates reports of abuse involving adults with disabilities and the elderly. The unit investigated 559 abuse/neglect cases in 2025, and received 4,226 total referrals.

The Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) investigates all felony domestic violence incidents, violation of protection orders, menacing by stalking cases, and other felony crimes. In 2025, the unit had a total of 787 cases, with DVU investigating 469 felony strangulation cases and the STOP Team officers investigating 273 felony strangulation cases.



ZONE 1

Zone 1 is considered the "northeast side" of the City of Columbus and is composed of 1, 6, and 18 Precincts. 1 Precinct covers the area surrounding the Polaris Fashion Place Mall. 6 Precinct serves the residences and businesses surrounding Easton Town Center and the Hamilton Road and Morse Road area and portions of the Hoover Reservoir waterways annexed in 2025. 18 Precinct serves the Morse Road area, with culturally diverse businesses and neighborhoods. Zone 1 had 140 sworn personnel working in 2025.







The Zone 1 Safe Streets Team coordinated with personnel assigned to the NextGen project to combat juvenile crime on the zone, serving warrants, conducting surveillance, and prioritizing criminal enforcement. The Safe Streets team also coordinated enforcement efforts with the Abatement Unit in the area along State Route 161 and Morse Road, which contains several problematic hotels. In addition, the Safe Streets Team conducted directed patrols on hotspot locations identified by criminal analysts and assisted with weekly responses at Easton Town Center.

Community Response Team (CRT) 1 made several felony arrests on warrants for Domestic Violence - Strangulation; recovered 10 stolen vehicles; provided security and traffic operations for the annual Good Guys Auto Show; and provided community engagement by riding in Pelotonia and with bike officer presence on the Ohio Erie Trail, at Easton Town Center, and at Polaris Fashion Place. CRT1 members also worked every Ohio State Football home game, ComFest, and the Arnold Sports Festival.

During the holiday season of 2025, Zone 1 officers conducted Operation Sleigh Crime. The Easton Town Center area welcomes an increased number of visitors during the holidays, and the large number of consumers increases the likelihood of opportunistic crime. Additional patrols were deployed to the area in order to address the historic uptick in crime during this period. Due to the proactive approach of the highly motivated officers, the operation was a huge success. Overall, there was a 25% decrease in crime from the previous year for the operational period. The month of November had the greatest outcome, with a decrease in crime of 40% from the previous year.



Zone 1 personnel also participated in the National Night Out festivities across the zone. Officer Samantha Van Atta even got in on the fun with neighborhood children in the bubble machine.

ZONE 2

Zone 2 is composed of 9, 14, and 20 Precincts, which contain a diverse mixture of cultures and economic conditions, and continued to be one of the busiest zones across the city. 9 Precinct serves the Berwick area on the east side of the city. 14 Precinct serves the far-east side and the area surrounding Mount Carmel East Hospital, along with areas surrounding Blacklick Metro Park. 20 Precinct serves the businesses and residences in and around the Brice Road area. Zone 2 reported 144 sworn personnel working in 2025.







In January of 2025, Operation Unity was conducted on Zone 2, which included collaboration with other law enforcement entities to address violent crime trends, 311 calls for service, narcotics complaints, nuisance complaints, and traffic complaints. Many partners came together to complete a safe and successful joint operation, resulting in 24 felony arrests, 25 misdemeanor arrests, 4 firearms recovered, 147 grams of narcotics recovered, and 308 traffic stops made.

The Zone 2 Safe Streets Team addressed hotspot areas on the zone 40 times, resulting in 588 traffic stops, 22 firearms recovered, 21 on-view felony arrests, 13 stolen vehicles recovered, and 2 search warrants served. The team also built community relationships by attending several community events and meetings.



Community Response Team (CRT) 2 collaborated with the Organized Crime Bureau and the Criminal Investigations Subdivision leading to the arrests of numerous felony suspects and the recovery of weapons and narcotics. Throughout the year, the team executed 28 search warrants. CRT2 also provided support for large-scale events throughout the city and attended numerous community events in 2025.



Officers on Zone 2 attended many community events, including Nafzger Park Block Party, Fairmoor Resource Fair and Fun Day, Eastland Block Party, Coffee with a Cop, and National Night Out. Officers also participated in the Books and Badges program and partnered with CLOs, JC Penney, CME Federal Credit Union, and the Department of Neighborhoods to provide 350 turkey dinners to members of the community at the holidays.

ZONE 3

Zone 3, covering the "west side," has historical significance to the city and deep pride among the residents and is composed of 8, 10, 15, and 19 Precincts. 8 Precinct serves the historic Franklinton area. 10 Precinct serves the neighborhoods on the west side around the Big Run River. 15 Precinct serves the far west side of Columbus, including numerous residential neighborhoods and businesses. 19 Precinct serves the Hilltop area and is also home to the Hollywood Casino. In 2025, Zone 3 was assigned 207 sworn personnel.







Zone 3 had the greatest number of calls for service in the City of Columbus with a total of 83,289. The Zone 3 Safe Streets team utilized bike officers to help reduce violent crime and completed 250 business checks, 2,600 citizen contacts, the execution of 25 search warrants, 60 felony arrests, 90 misdemeanor arrests, over 100 traffic citations, the recovery of 9 firearms, and the seizure of over 1,800 grams of narcotics.



Community Response Team (CRT) 3 logged over 550 hours on bicycles, increasing visibility in the community, and attended 27 community events. The team made 40 felony and 60 misdemeanor arrests, and recovered 6 firearms and 56 stolen vehicles. A Zone 3 directed patrol team also worked to arrest several violent offenders, remove narcotics from the community, and enforce abatements for nuisance properties.

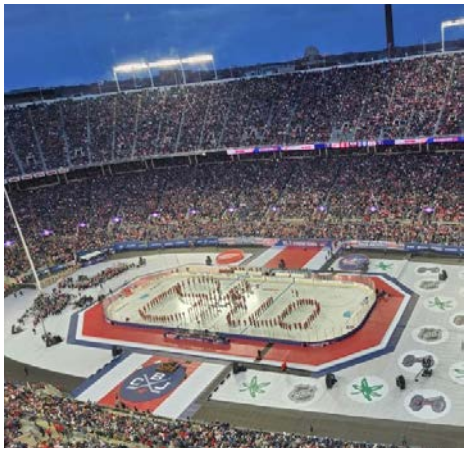
In September, the city broke ground on a new substation on Sullivant Avenue. The 13,500-square-foot facility will serve the Hilltop area and is slated to open in November 2026. The $13.9 million substation will be nearly seven times larger than the existing facility and will feature a 1,500-square-foot community room, expanded parking and office spaces, and work by local artists. It also will serve as the area’s emergency storm shelter.



ZONE 4

Zone 4 is composed of 3, 4, and 17 Precincts, with a mixture of neighborhoods with distinct identities. 3 Precinct serves Clintonville, an area rich in history with residential neighborhoods and numerous small businesses. 4 Precinct serves The Ohio State University off-campus area as well as the Short North area, a diverse business and residential community. 17 Precinct serves the northwest, the most populous area in Columbus, with a large business area surrounding the Mall at Tuttle Crossing. Zone 4 had 141 sworn personnel working in 2025.







The Zone 4 Safe Streets program included the Clean and Safe Corridor Initiative, which focused on North High Street between Nationwide Boulevard and King Avenue. Increased officer presence along this corridor emphasized proactive enforcement and visibility. The initiative included a directed patrol component, focusing on criminal and traffic enforcement and addressing the rise in “car meet ups,” which are often without notice and can escalate quickly.

Community Response Team (CRT) 4 supported numerous high-priority investigations by drafting search warrants,and working closely with university police, regional agencies, and SWAT to conduct surveillance operations, coordinate enforcement actions, and safely apprehend suspects.

The Columbus Division of Police and The Ohio State University continued to expand joint patrol and crime interdiction programs, which include aspects such as cameras, license plate readers, permanent lighting off-campus, and four cruisers. In 2026, the OSU Police Department will unveil a new police substation located on 11th Avenue, which will serve as a hub for both OSU PD and CPD personnel working the University District area.

Officers on Zone 4 also supported many notable events hosted in the Short North area in 2025. The Short North Alliance opened up the Gallery Hop with a full street closure for several events in January, May, September, October, and December. In June, Stonewall of Columbus hosted the 44th annual PRIDE march. These events were highly attended and positively received by the community.





ZONE 5

Zone 5 spans from central Columbus to the far south end and includes 11, 12, 13, and 16 Precincts. 11 Precinct serves German Village, Merion Village, Hungarian Village, and south of downtown. 12 Precinct serves the near east side, including Olde Towne East, Franklin Park, the Livingston Avenue corridor, Old Oaks, and Millbrook. 13 Precinct serves the south end, including Southern Pines and Southfield. 16 Precinct serves the downtown area, the Arena District, and parts of historic Franklinton. In 2025, Zone 5 was assigned 203 sworn personnel.







This year, the Zone 5 Safe Streets initiative ran as a hybrid Safe Streets/CRT team, conducting operations and supporting various events. One notable event was the Nighttime Economy Project, an initiative to address homicides related to the nighttime economy surrounding the downtown area, as 11 homicides had occurred there in 2024. Officers conducted extra patrols at downtown bars and after-hours areas, and as a result zero homicides were reported in those areas from July to December 2025.



Zone 5 personnel also conducted a directed patrol with the mission to disrupt violent criminal activity, focusing on areas with high ShotSpotter alerts, narcotics activity, and violent crime. The directed patrol team made 121 arrests, recovered 84 illegal firearms, seized 411 grams of cocaine, 538 grams of crack, served 111 felony warrants, and seized $22,687 in cash.

Beginning in 2023 as a response to community concerns about homeless encampments, Project Clean Sweep launched as a commitment to compassionate accountability to address environmental issues, offer services, and lower violent crime associated with individuals living in the camps who are often facing mental health or addiction crises. In 2025, Zone 5 personnel again participated in this initiative, remediating several camps that were environmental and safety concerns and resolving 57,311 complaints related to homelessness. The involved personnel also made 7 felony arrests, attended 20 community events, and addressed 43 placarded houses.

Overall, thanks to collaborations with area commissions, special improvement districts, Downtown, Inc., hospitals, universities, and businesses and the tireless efforts of Zone 5 personnel using community-led and data-informed response, the year ended with an overall 23% reduction in crime on the Zone, including a 62% reduction in homicides.

ZONE 6

Zone 6 is composed of 2, 5, and 7 Precincts, which includes varied economic groups as well as areas rich in Columbus history and culture. 2 Precinct serves the North Linden area. 5 Precinct serves South Linden, a historic area with community leaders dedicated to revitalizing their neighborhood. 7 Precinct serves the neighborhoods and small businesses in the King-Lincoln district, the Milo-Grogan area, and the neighborhoods around the John Glenn International Airport. In 2025, Zone 6 had 144 sworn personnel working in the area.







In March and June of 2025, Operation Unity enforcement initiatives were conducted on Zone 6 to address violent crime trends and other complaints. In March, the operation resulted in 12 felony arrests, 3 misdemeanor arrests, 8 firearms recovered, and large amounts of narcotics and cash seized. The June operation resulted in 35 felony arrests (including 5 individuals with murder warrants), 19 misdemeanor arrests, 9 domestic violence-related warrant arrests, 3 firearms recovered, and narcotics and cash seizures.

Zone 6 also ran several directed patrols, addressing issues such as thefts, robberies, and domestic violence. The Theft from Auto directed patrol resulted in 23 felony arrests, 24 misdemeanor arrests, 18 firearms recovered, and 38 stolen vehicles recovered. In November of 2025, Zone 6 implemented the expansion of Advocacy Crisis Team for Domestic Violence (ACT-DV) responses for domestic violence victims. The domestic violence directed patrol resulted in 217 reports reviewed, 7 arrests on felony warrants, 18 arrests on misdemeanor warrants, and 10 ACT-DV advocacy responses. The robbery response directed patrol resulted in 31 traffic stops in areas known for armed robberies and 6 felony arrests, 15 firearms recovered, 1 stolen vehicle recovered, and large amounts of narcotics and cash seized.





Overall, there was a decrease in offenses of violence on Zone 6 from the previous year, including a 24% decrease in discharge into habitation incidents, 29% decrease in felony assault shootings, and 35% decrease in homicides. Zone 6 personnel also implemented the Safe Passage Program at Linden McKinley STEM High School to prevent after school fights through collaboration with the Office of Violence Prevention, Columbus Urban League, Linden Anti-Violence Group, and We are Linden group. Personnel on Zone 6 also participated in National Night Out, connecting with the community at well-attended events across the zone.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU



The Accreditation Unit traveled to Little Rock, Arkansas, to represent the Division at a hearing before the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) to determine whether the Division would receive its ninth Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation Award. The Division was awarded re-accreditation following a multi-year self-assessment process and a comprehensive, site-based evaluation examining community engagement, policies, procedures, equipment, and facilities. This achievement demonstrates the Division's continued commitment to international best practices in public safety by meeting professionally recognized standards.

During the holiday season, the Research & Development Unit once again coordinated the bureau's annual giving initiative. Strengthened through a partnership with the Training Bureau, the overall impact of the drive was expanded. Members of both bureaus provided a substantial donation to the Veteran's Care Network, including gift cards, food items, and cold-weather apparel. Donations were also made to Nationwide Children's Hospital, including a variety of toys, books, and games selected to support hospitalized children.



INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

The conducting of thorough, complete, and impartial investigations into alleged police misconduct is a cornerstone of trust and police legitimacy in the community. The Internal Affairs Bureau continues to assist in such investigations and act as the liaison to the Department of Inspector General (DIG).

In 2025, IAB conducted 53 internal investigations of sworn personnel. Of these, five met the definition of a citizen complaint but were initially reviewed by the IAB for potential criminality. Once it was determined that there was no criminality, or if the case was not reasonably prosecutable, cases were then forwarded to the DIG for investigation.

IAB also processed 29 citizen complaints involving sworn personnel. While the DIG conducts most citizen complaint investigations, some are deferred to IAB due to complexity. IAB also conducted four citizen complaint investigations of non-sworn Division personnel.

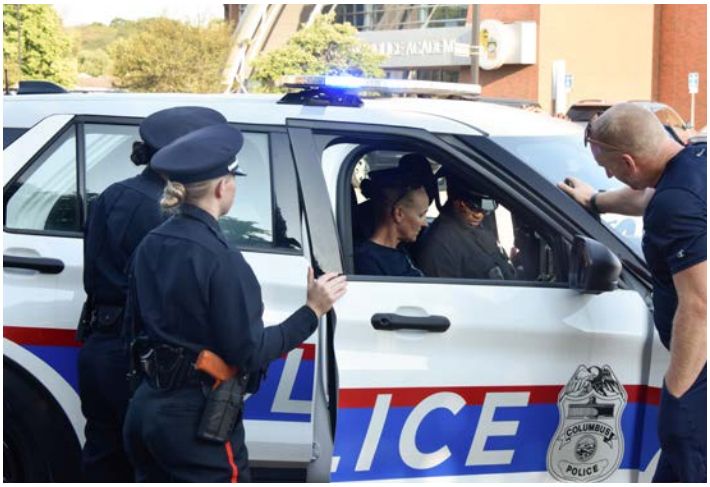
2025 marked the first full year under a Division policy change to make IAB responsible for conducting most internal investigations of non-sworn personnel, and IAB conducted 63 such investigations.

All IAB sergeants who had not yet received the training also attended the Basic Criminal Investigation Course in 2025 to improve their criminal investigative skills.

Moving forward, the bureau strives to continue to improve data collection processes and policy and evaluate new record and case management systems. The bureau also plans to reinstitute the practice of attending Patrol roll-calls.



TRAINING BUREAU





CLASS	Start Date	Graduation Date	# of Graduates
146	August 19, 2024	March 21, 2025	51
147	December 9, 2024	July 11, 2025	23
Lateral	August 4, 2025	September 5, 2025	6
148	April 14, 2025	November 14, 2025	47
149	August 18, 2025	*Projected 3/20/26*	*Starting number: 80*
150	December 8, 2025	*Projected 7/10/26*	*Starting number: 78*

The Basic Training Section contains the Recruit Training, Field Training, and Probationary Training Units. The Advanced Training Section oversees In-Service Training, as well as the Defensive Tactics, and Ordnance Units which provide training for all sworn personnel.

In 2025, the Training Bureau hosted or sponsored a variety of community programs, including the Citizens Police Academy, Community Immersion Projects, and Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE). The Training Academy held graduation events, leadership events, tours for schools and students, and the Light Ohio Blue event. Eighteen individuals graduated from the Citizens Police Academy in 2025.

The Entrepreneurial Training Section hosted 56 elective training courses, covering topics ranging from Major Case Search Warrants and Death Investigations to Crisis/Hostage Negotiations and Tactical Threat Recognition.

The Basic Training Section conducted three Peace Officer Basic Training courses and graduated 106 sworn police officers for the Division and 21 sworn police officers for outside agencies from the James G. Jackson Training Academy. The Section also conducted two Field Training Officer (FTO) Courses, certifying 49 new FTOs for the Division and 33 FTOs for outside agencies.



In August 2025, the Advanced Training Section conducted a 5-week Lateral Transfer class, composed of six officers coming to CPD from agencies around Ohio. The section also facilitated 24 hours of Continued Professional Training as required by the state for every sworn officer, introduced virtual reality training, offered defensive tactics training such as Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Law Enforcement Combatives, and provided firearms and weapons safety training. Management and leadership training was offered for supervisors, including early warning intervention and protest response for sergeants, and leadership training for lieutenants and commanders.

SPECIAL SERVICES BUREAU









The Special Services Bureau saw innovation in virtually every section in 2025. The Reserve Unit became active on June 1, 2025, after having been previously disbanded on October 31, 2017. In August of 2025, the City of Columbus annexed the area around the Hoover Reservoir, and the Marine Park Unit planned for an appropriate response to this additional area it is now responsible for patrolling.

On November 20, 2025, the Division's RAVEN drone program commenced. Countless individuals worked together for years to make the drone program possible and add it as a resource for personnel. In December of 2025, two new Bell Helicopters the Division purchased were finally delivered. The new helicopters will drastically improve the effectiveness of the Aviation Unit and substantially increase the number of hours the unit is available to assist when called upon.

The Homeland Security Section investigated 85 school threats, 29 bomb threats, and 17 "swatting" incidents,and conducted 47 Joint Hazard Assessment Team operations, including seven OSU home football games.

SWAT continued to focus on updating equipment and training. The unit completed 76 search warrant services, managed 33 hostage or barricade situations, and responded to 641 total requests for service. The unit had a total of 201 felony arrests and 59 misdemeanor warrants served.

In 2025, following the retirement of Officer Brian Carter and his partner Odja, one new handler and two new canines joined the Canine Unit. Officer Martin Kestner got a new partner in K-9 Ygor, and Officer Michael Slivanya joined the unit with K-9 Tornado.

The Aviation Section handled 4,048 total calls for service and contributed to 159 arrests, 136 of which were felonies. Officers flew 1,994.2 hours in support of patrol and assisted in the recovery of 22 missing persons.

The Mounted Unit spent 691 hours in training,and 422 hours patrolling city neighborhoods. Three Mounted Unit officers and their horses were also trained in equine therapy so they can assist officers and members of the community with highly emotional events or crises.

ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU

The Investigative Tactical (IN/TAC) Section, tasked with safely executing narcotics search warrants and responding to patrol and citizen complaints of narcotics trafficking, completed 419 missions in 2025, making 219 arrests and serving 198 search warrants. IN/TAC personnel seized over $467,000, 344 firearms, and large amounts of narcotics.



The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force, comprised of Division personnel and officers from partner agencies, is tasked with the interdiction of shipped narcotics and bulk cash drug proceeds. In 2025, HIDTA seized over $192,000 and contraband valued at 6 million dollars, as well as 42 weapons. It also made 21 arrests and served 419 search warrants.



The Gang Investigations and Enforcement Units continued to address gang-related activity. The Gang Investigations Unit completed 239 intelligence reports, documented 55 gang members, and arrested 53 gang members. The Gang Enforcement Unit made 134 felony arrests, and 95 gang member arrests. Both units seized weapons and large amounts of cash and narcotics.

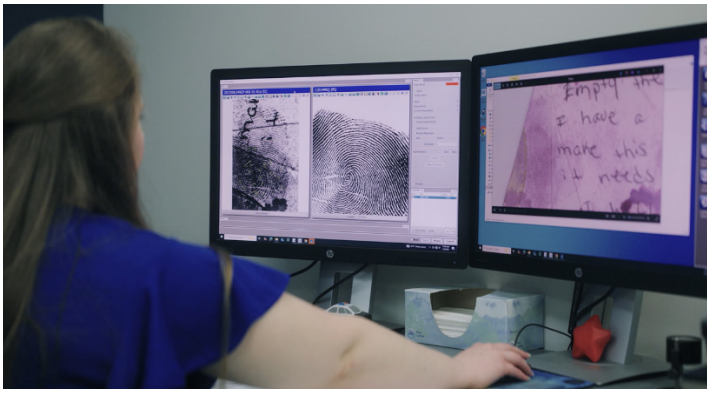
The Investigations Section made 20 arrests and served 27 search warrants, seizing 37 firearms and large quantities of narcotics and cash. The DEA Task Force conducted a street interdiction seizure of $100,000, as well as several search warrants resulting in the seizure of firearms, narcotics, and cash. The ATF Task Force continues to be dedicated full time to the Central Ohio Crime Gun Intelligence Center. The Economic Crime Unit investigated financial exploitation and theft from the elderly, as well as a rent-skimming scheme where a property manager sub-let vacant apartments to undocumented residents and pocketed the funds.



The PACT (Police and Community Together) Unit focused on assisting women trying to get away from a life of prostitution and reducing recruitment. The unit made 45 felony arrests and also served 33 search warrants and 43 abatement orders. The Exploited Children Unit investigated 220 total cases, received 43,347 cyber tips, and made 29 arrests. The Human Trafficking Task Force rescued 352 victims, completed 11 arrests or summons, and investigated 250 tips, and enforcement efforts resulted in 11 indictments and 26 convictions of suspects.



FORENSIC SERVICES BUREAU



The Columbus Police Crime Laboratory remains committed to providing forensic science services to law enforcement agencies in a manner that demonstrates the highest level of quality, impartiality, integrity, and professionalism.

ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) conducted an off-site surveillance document review in 2025 and found the laboratory demonstrated competence to operate a management system that fulfills all applicable accreditation requirements.

The Columbus Police Crime Laboratory also served as the host agency for the 54th Annual Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists (MAFS) Meeting and Conference in August—a six day conference of professional development, networking, workshops, and presentations. Division personnel assisted in planning the conference, served on various committees, and hosted presentations on topics including investigative genetic genealogy, quality assurance in regards to drug chemistry, and laboratory drug trends. The conference was regarded as a major success, featuring 31 scientific workshops and nearly 400 registered attendees.



RECORDS MANAGEMENT BUREAU



The Records Management Bureau includes the Identification Section, composed of the Records and Records Support Units, the AFIS/MORPHO Unit, the Telephone Reporting Unit, and the Identification Unit.

In 2025, the bureau registered and indexed records, streamlined the process of sending requests to LexisNexis, offered advanced training to personnel on Marsy's Law, restructured LEADS training and testing, and streamlined the accident report process by adding kiosks to the lobby of police headquarters for citizens to file reports. Various audits were completed in 2025, including those by LEADS and BCI, and the Division was found to be in compliance.

In 2025, the Telephone Reporting Unit completed a backlog of pending reports thanks to the assistance of officers in the Headquarters Operations Section, and the unit became fully staffed. The unit received a total of 34,927 incident and crash reports.

The Records Unit completed 14,208 teletype entries, processed 9,072 LexisNexis reports and 30,860 emails requests, and sent 4,968 LEADS hits. The Validations Unit is comprised of 6 senior Police Records Technicians who verify the accuracy, completeness, and current status of all records entered by the Division.

The Identification Units took 8,315 prints and completed 8,395 mugshots to identify suspects and individuals potentially involved in criminal activity. Overall, the bureau made notable progress in strengthening records governance, improving access to information, and supporting organizational accountability. The bureau remains committed to continuous improvement and alignment with best practices in records and information management.

PUBLIC RECORDS BUREAU

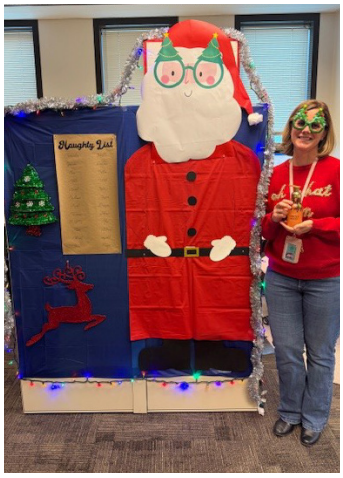
The Public Records Section was elevated to a bureau in 2025. This change resulted in the promotion of Kathryn Hartshorne to Bureau Manager, and Samuel Dolder and Clayton Foster to Management Analyst IIs to oversee the units. All Management Analyst Is were promoted to Public Safety Analysts, and four new PSAs were also added to the team. The General Office Assistant I position was reclassified to an Office Assistant II, and an additional Police Property Clerk was added to the Records Warehouse.

A change in law regarding charging requesters for video resulted in changes to Division policy, and the bureau was able to close out hundreds of requests due to non-payment. A new Smartsheet workspace was created for the bureau to use as a request management system, and a priority matrix was also created to allow personnel to move through easier requests at a quicker rate.

The bureau assigned 8,606 public records requests in 2025. This is an increase of over 2,000 from 2024. Personnel completed more than 830 requests that were not formally assigned a public records request number, generally from other agencies or requests from the City Attorney's Office for litigation purposes. Personnel also produced 600 records responsive to subpoenas and prosecutorial requests. Over 10,000 internal requests were processed.

During the holiday season, PSA Jacque Tippie facilitated a cubicle decorating contest. She provided guidelines and created prizes for the most creative as well as the top two winners that were judged based on creativity and originality, use of theme, and overall visual impact.





SUPPORT OPERATIONS BUREAU



The Facilities and Fleet Section assisted with several projects, including completing a large-scale paving project at the Impound lot, ongoing replacement of the HVAC system and boilers at headquarters, installation of bullet-resistant glass and ballistic panels around the Information Desk, and repairs to the Training Academy swimming pool system. The Division released approximately 152 new marked cruisers into service during 2025, replacing several vehicles lost in collisions and older, very high-mileage cruisers.

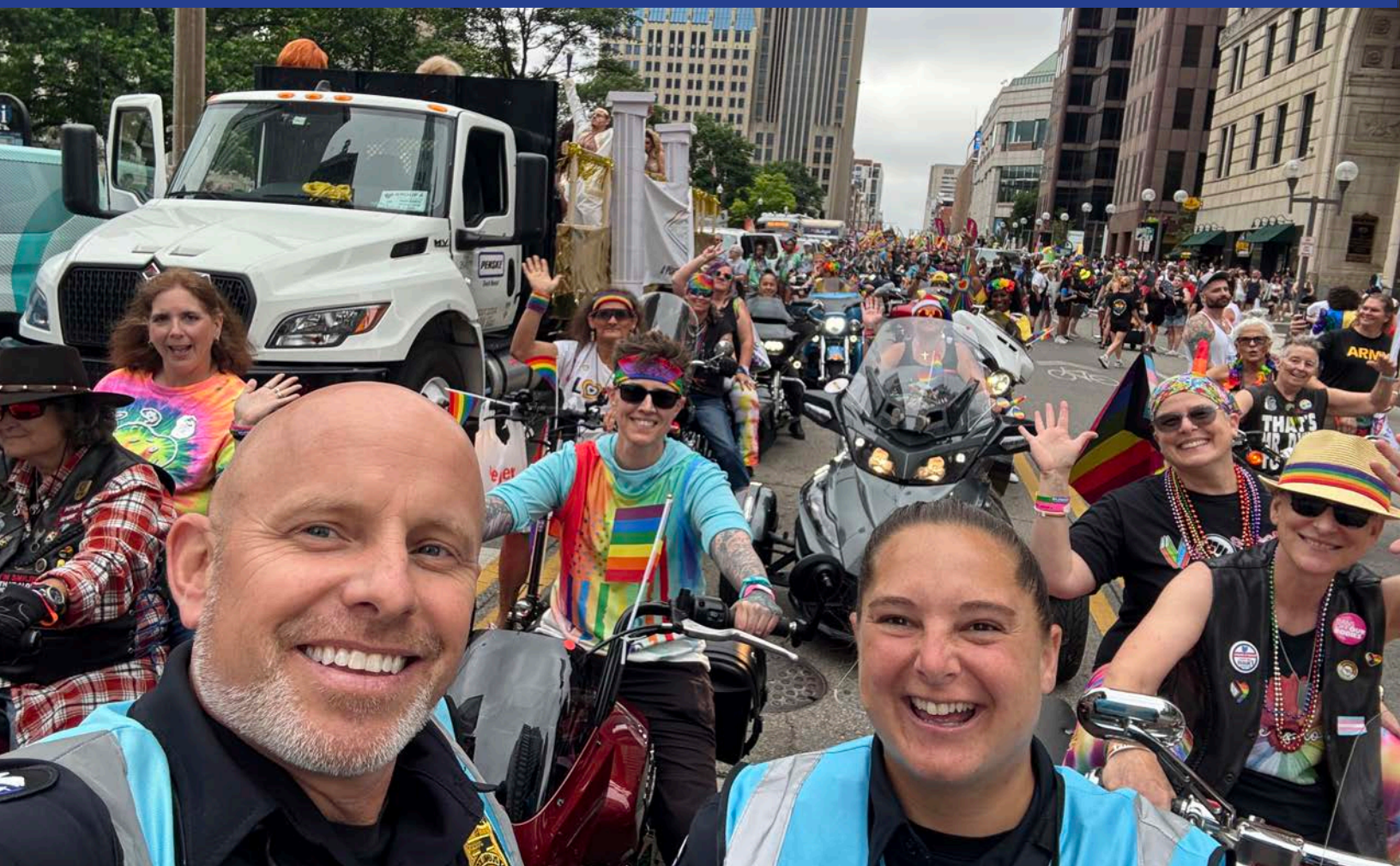
The Photo Lab Unit processed 1,752 crime scenes, provided photographic services at 36 events, submitted 289 videos for archiving, and provided 255 photo proof sheets for homicides. In 2025, the Print Shop Unit produced 1,832,463 copies based on 636 requests for copies and 488 requests for graphics. The Print Shop Unit also purchased two laser engravers to be used for items such as awards and recognition in the future.

The Impounding Unit processed 19,440 towed vehicles, sold 859 vehicles at auction, and junked 3,777 vehicles. The Property Control Unit oversaw the destruction of more than 14,000 pounds of narcotics, 1,800 firearms, and more than 41,500 miscellaneous pieces of evidence no longer necessary for judicial purposes.

In 2025, the Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) added more employees and utilized restricted duty personnel to extend hours of operation. The RTCC recorded 1,729 supported incidents during the year.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Division hosted many community events throughout the year, including the Seniors Valentine's Day Dance, the Rich Street Roar, Trunk or Treat on Marconi Boulevard where families were encouraged to come in costume and collect candy for some Halloween fun, the annual Turkey giveaway for families in need at Thanksgiving, and the Shop with a Cop and Cram-A-Cruiser toy drive events during the holiday season. The Division also "brewed trust" at Coffee with a Cop events, raised awareness during Domestic Violence Awareness Month and National Cold Case Month and Chief Bryant and Sgt. Fuqua participated in an ice bucket challenge for mental health awareness. The Divisions of Police and Fire once again joined forces to host summer camp, and the TAPS program hosted the annual TAPS Summit Day. In addition, Division personnel also participated in a vast number of other state and nationwide events like National Police Week, National Night Out, and Light Ohio Blue.

Division personnel also joined community and non-profit organizations, schools, and recreation centers for events this year. Positive contacts were made with citizens by Community Liaison Officers and Dialogue Officers, as well as during Division-wide operations. Officers assisted with block parties and festivals and supported events like the Special Olympics State Games, the Rock City Church shoe drive, Feed the Kids Columbus, and so many more. Division personnel also gave back to the community with countless hours of volunteer service.




















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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Division continued its strong partnership with the Starfish Assignment, an all-volunteer charity devoted to fostering trust and connection between police and citizens. Officers who interact with citizens during their tour of duty and recognize they may be in need utilize the Starfish Assignment to help them with things ranging from groceries to temporary housing. The Starfish Assignment also hosts and participates in events designed to help members of the community and bridge the gap between citizens and law enforcement.

Summer block parties and events with the Department of Recreation and Parks ensure officers can engage in some fun with community members, both big and small. In the fall, a book bag distribution event provided children with supplies they needed to start the school year strong. During Thanksgiving, thanks to a partnership with KEMBA Financial Credit Union, Kroger gift cards were handed out by officers to deserving citizens. Officers also participated in the 8th annual Coat Drive in partnership with AEP and Macy's, distributing brand new coats to children in need. Since its inception in 2018, over 5,000 coats have been distributed to children in the community. The Starfish Assignment also helps officers connect with students through Books & Badges, a program where officers read stories to elementary school children, and each child receives a copy of the book.



















Division personnel once again took the Polar Plunge, participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run to support Special Olympics, and ran in various races to raise awareness for worthy causes. The Division supported Think Make Live Youth, an organization dedicated to empowering young people through mentorship and community engagement. Recruits participated in the Community Immersion Program, learning about community resources and volunteering Operation Santa's Sleigh and Operation Thin Blue Line were once again held during the holiday season, and Division personnel participated in an effort to brighten the lives of those who are experiencing illness, trauma, or tragedy. All throughout the year, Division personnel embodied the mission of service to the community.





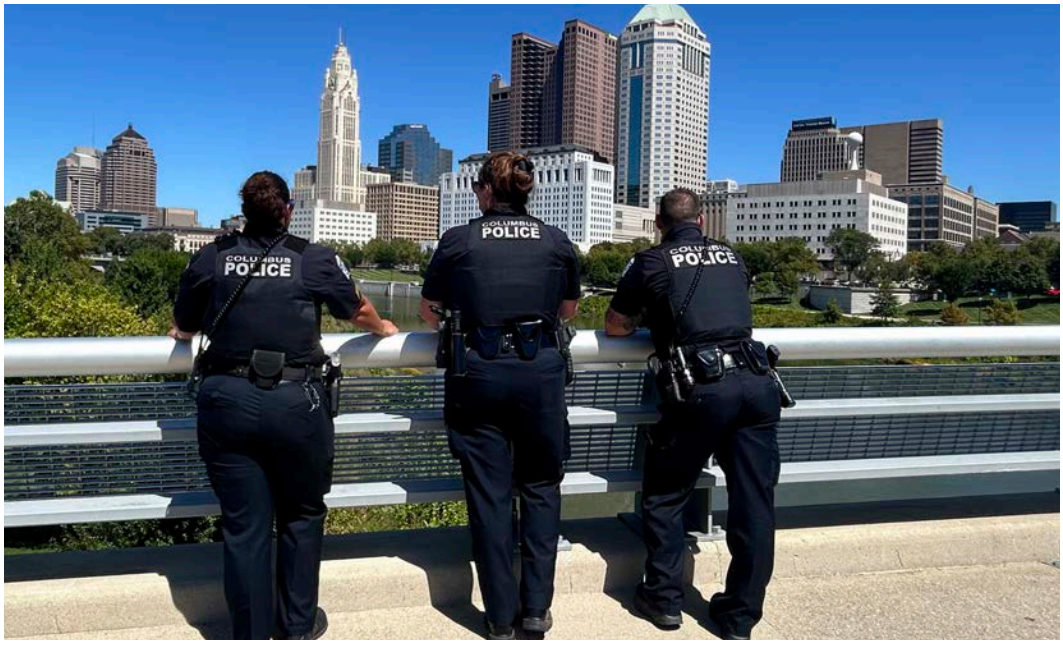









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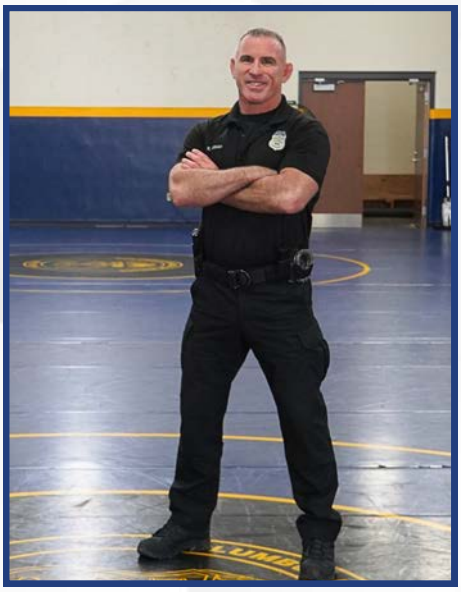



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