



Gahanna PD Community Bulletin: August 2022

We are hiring!

The Gahanna Division of Police is actively seeking candidates for Police Officer and Communication Technician positions. Like many other communities, however, the City is struggling to attract and hire qualified, diverse candidates for public safety jobs. Despite these challenges, we remain optimistic that we will hire more exceptional members of our team.

We have implemented out-of-the-box approaches to recruiting, hiring and training candidates. These have led to us making great strides in diversifying our applicant pool and attracting vibrant and talented individuals to our agency. In fact, many of our most successful police officers never considered a career in law enforcement as they set out in the world. We have a former teacher, a minister, military veterans, a former professional soccer player and many college athletes among our ranks. All bring the diversity we seek, but there is still room to grow.

We are blessed to have the support of our elected leaders, City employees and the larger community we serve. We have the best equipment, first-class training and exceptional technology that serves to keep our officers and the public safe. Still, we need your help in urging those that may have never thought about a career in law enforcement to, at the very least, contact us for more information. After all, today's police recruit could be tomorrow's Chief of Police.

For more information on becoming a member of our team, please visit our website at <http://www.gahanna.gov/join-our-team/> or email us at police.recruiting@gahanna.gov.

-JEFFREY B. SPENCE

Chief of Police, Gahanna Division of Police

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Summary of Division Activity for July

5866

2022 Year-to-Date
Total 911 Calls

5559

2021 Year-to-Date
Total 911 Calls

5.52%

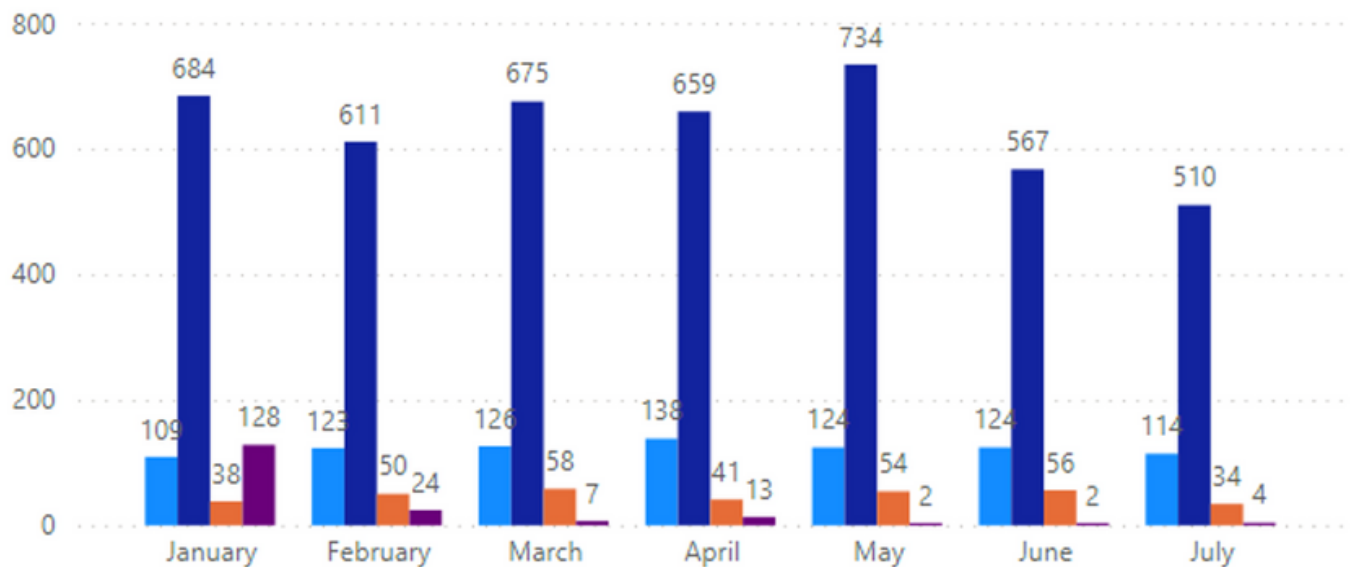
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911 Calls

Gahanna 911 System Data

Month	911 Total	911 Wireless	911 Wireline	911 VoIP	No ANI/ALI	Average Answer Delay (Seconds)	Abandoned Calls	Rollover Calls	Non- Emergency Lines	Text to 911
January	959	684	38	109	128	4.00	28	0	1948	0
February	811	611	50	123	24	3.00	32	0	2085	0
March	866	675	58	126	7	3.00	27	0	1709	0
April	863	659	41	138	13	2.00	35	0	1644	1
May	926	734	54	124	2	2.00	24	0	2021	2
June	750	567	56	124	2	2.00	22	0	2008	1
July	691	510	34	114	4	2.00	11	0	1892	2
Total	5866	4440	331	858	180	2.57	179	0	13307	6

Total 911 Calls by Month & Type

● 911 VoIP ● 911 Wireless ● 911 Wireline ● No ANI/ALI



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Field Services: July 2022

--The Division generated 332 offense and arrest reports. The following is a listing of incidents by type:

- Robbery - 1
- Thefts from vehicles - 16
- Stolen vehicles (nearly all involving Kia or Hyundai models) - 12
- Criminal damaging - 21, including 9 that involved the removal of catalytic converters during overnight hours.
- Burglaries - 3 (1 warrant issued)
- Breaking & entering - 2
- Assaults (not domestic-related):
 - Aggravated assault - 1
 - Simple assaults - 4 (2 arrests)
- Domestic-related responses:
 - Documented disputes that did not involve a criminal offense - 10
 - Domestic violence arrests - 1
 - Arrest warrants issued - 1
 - Offense reports forwarded for investigation or further prosecutorial review - 3
- Drug offenses:
 - Drug/Narcotics violations - Offense reports - 2; Arrests - 4
 - Drug equipment violations - Offense reports - 2; Arrests - 5
 - Overdose responses that involved opioid-based substances - 3 (no fatalities)

Field Services: July 2022

- Arrest warrant entries - 24
- Field interviews conducted that resulted in reports - 3
- Self-initiated traffic stops - 597
 - 271 citations issued.
 - 23 arrests made.
- The Division responded to 41 motor vehicle crashes with a further breakdown as follows:
 - Traffic fatalities - 0
 - Crash classified as serious injury suspected - 1 or 2.4% of responses.
 - Crashes classified as minor injury suspected - 3 or 7.3% of crash responses.
 - Crashes classified as injury possible - 2 or 4.8% of responses.
 - Crashes classified as Property Damage Only (PDO) - 35 or 85.3% of responses.
 - Crashes that occurred on I-270 - 10 or 24.3% of responses.
 - Crashes that involved alcohol and/or drug impairment - 2 or 4.8% of responses.
 - Commercial vehicle-involved crashes - 2 or 4.8% of crash responses.
 - Crashes that involved reported distractions - 13 or 31% of crash responses.
- Patrol officers made 18 arrests for impaired driving (OVI).
 - Nine arrestees refused to submit to chemical testing. One refusal resulted in the issuance of a search warrant for the driver's blood, which was subsequently sent to a lab for testing.
 - The average blood alcohol content for the other nine arrestees that submitted to breath testing was .20, which is over two times the presumptive legal limit of intoxication in Ohio (.08).
 - The period between Friday evening into Sunday morning resulted in the highest number of arrests.
 - Officers of the Division have made 92 impaired driving arrests so far this year.

Investigative Services



- The Division's detectives were assigned 110 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action.
- Detectives obtained 12 investigative subpoenas and executed three search warrants.

Five New Officers Join the Gahanna Division of Police



Officers Matthew Eader, Michael Collins, Paul Michel, and Jacob Rigsby



Officer Joshua McMaster

The Gahanna Division of Police welcomed five new officers in July. Officer Joshua McMaster graduated from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy on July 15, while Officers Matthew Eader, Michael Collins, Paul Michel and Jacob Rigsby graduated from the Columbus Police Training Academy on July 29. They are now participating in an extensive six-month field training program with senior officers before they assume solo patrol duties in the community.

Man Who Robbed Mail Carriers Sentenced in Federal Case

Earlier this month, 21-year-old Brandon J. Campbell of Columbus was sentenced to 78 months in federal prison after he admitted to robbing two mail carriers while brandishing a handgun. On September 8, 2021, Campbell approached a U.S. Postal Service mail carrier working in Gahanna, brandished a handgun and demanded the carrier's mailbox keys. An investigation by Gahanna Police and the U.S. Postal Service led to the execution of a search warrant of Campbell's home. Inside the residence, detectives found numerous firearms, narcotics, and the mask he wore during the robbery. Additional evidence was retrieved following a warrant-authorized search of data contained on his cellular phone. The second robbery committed by Campbell occurred in Columbus.

<https://www.nbc4i.com/news/local-news/columbus/columbus-man-gets-prison-time-for-robbing-mail-carriers-with-glock-style-handgun/>



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Grocery Store Thefts Continue

A high number of grocery store thefts continue to occur, including several “push-outs” of large amounts of merchandise. Recent incidents captured on in-store surveillance cameras include the following:



On July 10, 2022, the male suspect in this photo stole several bottles of alcoholic beverages.



On July 24, 2022, the suspect in this photo stole two cases of Monster Energy. The suspect attempted to steal more items, but he was stopped by a store employee.

Incidents of retail theft impact everyone in our community. Anyone with information that may lead to the identity of these suspects is encouraged to contact the Division's detectives at (614) 342 - 4240. Callers may remain anonymous.

Thank you!

GAHANNA DIVISION OF POLICE
"To Serve and Protect"



"The Mission of the Gahanna Division of Police is to serve and protect our diverse community by building partnerships in order to provide professional law enforcement services that safeguard the lives, rights, and property of all."