



Gahanna PD Community Bulletin: July 2022

On behalf of the members of the Gahanna Division of Police, we want to welcome all students back to school and remind drivers that pedestrian, vehicle and bus traffic will soon increase around our many schools. The first few weeks of every school year can be hectic as we work with staff and parents to establish the best possible traffic patterns. This year will be especially challenging for the area around Lincoln High School, where construction will begin on the new high school facility. Changing traffic patterns, lane restrictions, congestion and delays can be expected there over the next few years.

To aid in addressing the challenges of construction, our School Resource Officer (SRO) program will be instrumental in providing a safe environment for children to learn. Three of the Division's officers serve in the SRO role, where they will engage with students in our schools. They will also monitor traffic and pedestrian routes to and from school facilities throughout Gahanna. These dedicated officers are just one part of our agency's commitment to protecting the students, teachers, staff and parents in our places of learning. Rest assured, every member of the Division of Police will do everything possible, without hesitation, to address any threat to our children and to keep our schools out of harm's way.

Lastly, as we begin the 2022-2023 school year, the Division of Police welcomes Dr. Tracey Deagle as Gahanna-Jefferson School District's new Superintendent. We look forward to working with her on the many successes that are sure to come for our children and community.

Thank you all for your continued investment in Gahanna.

-JEFFREY B. SPENCE

Chief of Police, Gahanna Division of Police

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Summary of Division Activity for June



Support Services – Communications Center:

-Communications Technicians handled 750 911 calls throughout the month. 911 calls received by the Communications Center were answered in an average of 2.6 seconds. One Text-to-911 message was received.

-Of all 911 calls received by the communications center, 76% originated from cellular phones while 14% were received from VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone lines/systems.

-An additional 2,008 calls were received through the Division's non-emergency lines.

-Year-to-date call volume has increased 11% over 2021.

-In total, 2,828 calls for service were dispatched during the month.

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2022 Year-to-Date
Total 9-1-1 Calls

4658

2021 Year-to-Date
Total 9-1-1 Calls

11.10%

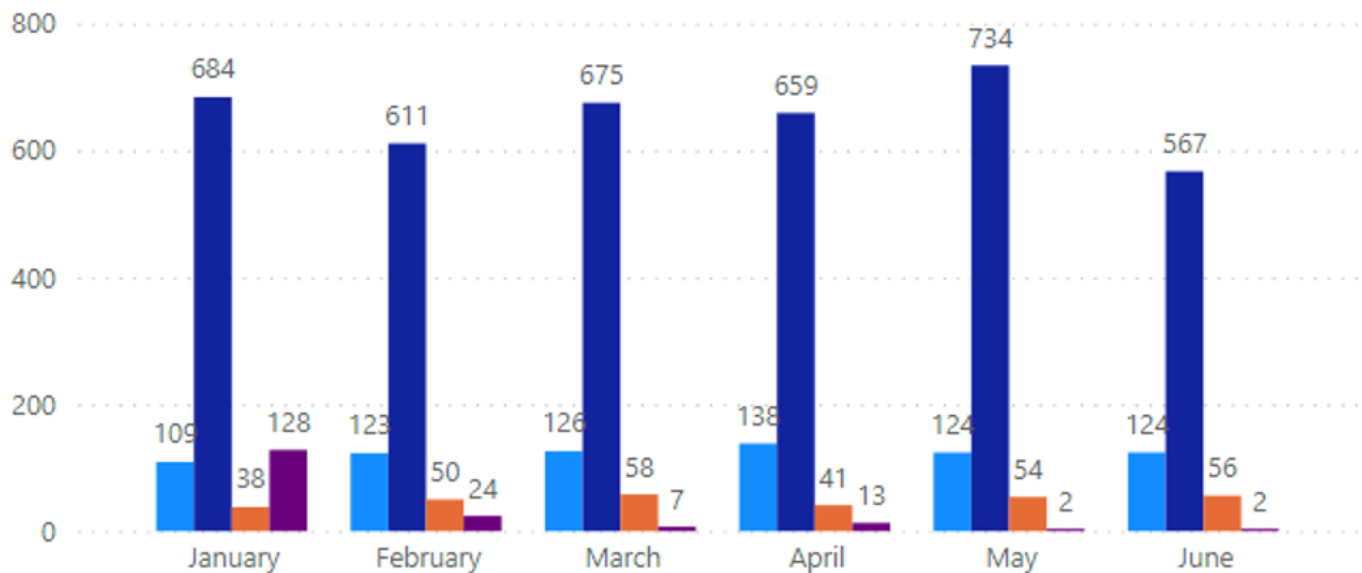
% Change
Year-to-Date Total
9-1-1 Calls

Gahanna 9-1-1 System Data

Month	9-1-1 Total	9-1-1 Wireless	9-1-1 Wireline	9-1-1 VoIP	No ANI/ALI	Average Answer Delay (Seconds)	Abandoned Calls	Rollover Calls	Non- Emergency Lines	Text to 9-1-1
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
Total	5175	3930	297	744	176	2.67	168	0	11415	4

Total 9-1-1 Calls by Month & Type

● 9-1-1 VoIP ● 9-1-1 Wireless ● 9-1-1 Wireline ● No ANI/ALI



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Field Services: June 2022

--The Division generated 341 offense and arrest reports. The following is a listing of incidents by type:

- One robbery occurred resulting from an in-progress theft of a motor vehicle incident.
- Five thefts from vehicles were reported.
- There were 19 incidents of criminal damaging reported, with many involving the thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles.
- Four burglaries were reported. Two juvenile suspects were arrested in one incident.
- One breaking and entering offense was reported.
- A total of 15 vehicles were reported stolen.
- Incidents of assaults (no domestic nexus) are as follows:
 - No aggravated assaults were reported.
 - Eight simple assaults; three arrests; one warrant issued.
- Domestic-related responses include:
 - 16 documented disputes that did not involve a criminal offense.
 - Three arrests for domestic violence.
 - Two offense reports forwarded for investigation or further prosecutorial review.
- Drug offenses for the month include:
 - Drug/Narcotics violations – Six offense reports; three arrests.
 - Drug equipment violations – None reported.
 - Four overdose responses occurred, none of which resulted in fatalities.
 - Fentanyl, opioid prescription medications and cocaine were involved in the reported overdoses.

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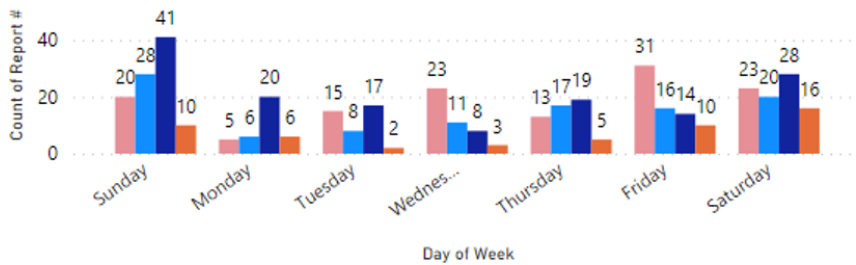
- During the month, 37 arrest warrant entries were made.
- Two field interviews were conducted resulting in reports.
- Officers conducted 594 self-initiated traffic stops with 227 traffic violators issued citations. From those stops, seven arrests were made.
- The Division responded to 40 motor vehicle crashes with a further breakdown as follows:
 - No traffic fatalities occurred during the month.
 - Two crashes were classified as serious injury suspected - 5% of responses.
 - Three crashes were classified as minor injury suspected - 7.5% of responses.
 - Six incidents were classified as injury possible - 15% of responses.
 - The remaining 29 crashes were classified as Property Damage Only (PDO) - 72.5% of responses.
 - On I-270, seven crashes occurred - 17.5% of responses.
 - None of the reported crash responses involved alcohol and/or drug impairment.
 - Three crashes involving commercial vehicles occurred during the month - 7.5% of responses.
 - Distractions were reported in 10 of the 40 crashes - 25% involved some form of reported driver distraction.
- Patrol officers made five arrests for impaired driving (OVI).
 - Four arrestees refused to submit to chemical testing.
 - The blood alcohol content for the one arrestee that submitted to breath testing was .10, just above the legal limit of intoxication in Ohio (.08).
 - The highest number of arrests (5) occurred between Friday evenings and Sunday mornings.
 - Officers of the Division have made 74 impaired driving arrests year-to-date.

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OVI Report

Arrests by Day of Week

Year ● 2019 ● 2020 ● 2021 ● 2022

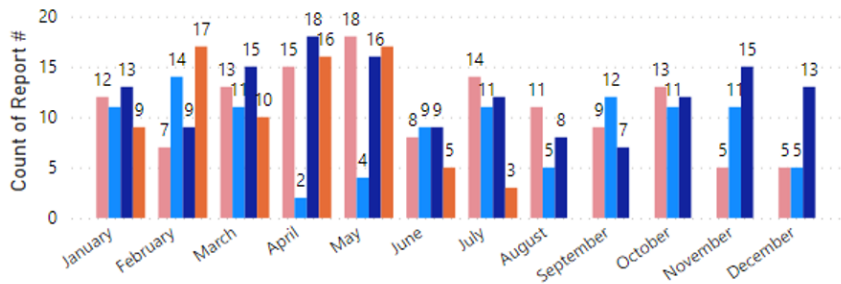


Average BAC



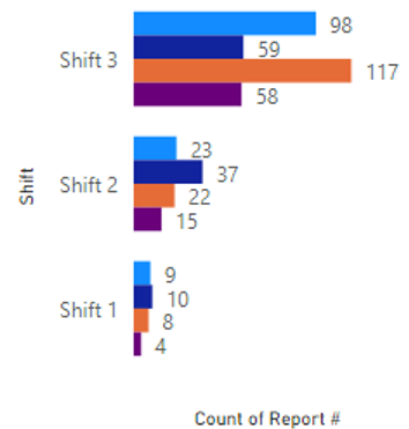
Arrests by Month

Year ● 2019 ● 2020 ● 2021 ● 2022

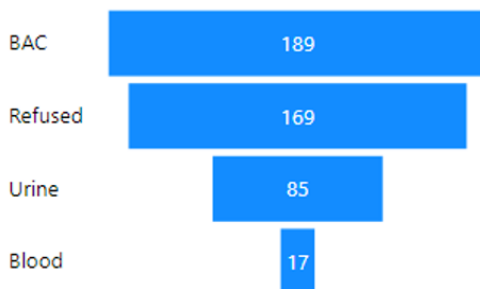


OVI by Year and Shift

Year ● 2019 ● 2020 ● 2021 ● 2022



Testing Type Total

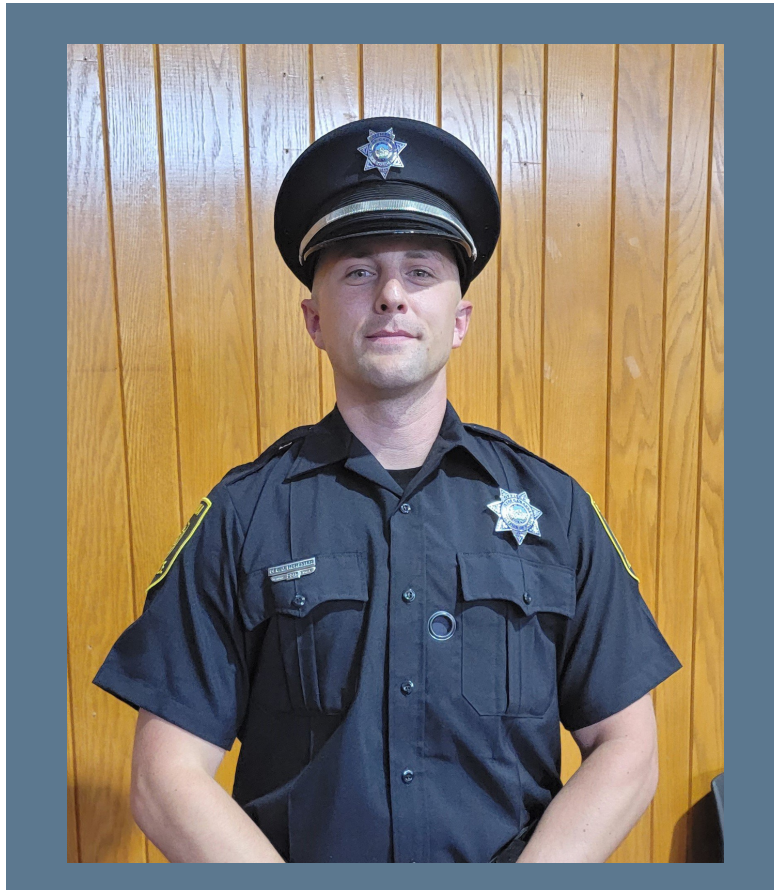


Investigative Services



- The Division's detectives were assigned 102 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow up or other administrative action.
- Detectives obtained 19 investigative subpoenas and executed three search warrants during the month.

Officer Joshua McMaster



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Earlier this month, Gahanna Police Officer Joshua McMaster graduated from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Basic Peace Officer Academy #146. Officer McMaster was selected by his peers to serve as class speaker. He comes to Gahanna following one year of experience with the West Virginia University Police Department and five years of experience with the Charleston Police Department, also in West Virginia. Officer McMaster will soon begin an extensive field training program with senior Gahanna officers before he assumes solo patrol duties. Welcome aboard Joshua!

Traffic Crash Leads to Drug Seizure



Robert L. Bruce II

On June 27, 2022, Robert L. Bruce II, of Columbus, was indicted by a Franklin County grand jury on felony counts of trafficking in drugs, possession of drugs, and tampering with evidence. Bruce was involved in an injury accident near the intersection of Hamilton Road and Granville Street, in May 2021. He fled the area on foot and attempted to conceal over 1.5 pounds of methamphetamine, estimated to have a street value of nearly \$27,000, in the restroom of a local gas station. Responding officers were able to locate Bruce and seize the methamphetamine as evidence.

Help Needed to Identify



In-store surveillance image

On May 27, 2022, the female suspect captured in the surveillance image to the left attempted to steal over \$200 worth of merchandise from a local grocery store. The suspect fled the store in a white sedan of unknown make and model.



Hotel surveillance system image

On May 28, 2022, the male suspect captured in the surveillance image to the left stole a laptop from a local hotel. The suspect was observed parking in the adjacent car wash parking lot prior to entering the hotel. He was later observed on the car wash's surveillance system leaving the area in a red/maroon four-door Chevrolet Cruze.

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Surveillance image

On June 26, 2022, the vehicle in the surveillance image to the left, believed to be a silver or beige older model Chevrolet truck, was involved in the theft of a catalytic converter from a vehicle.



On July 2, 2022, the female suspect captured in the surveillance image to the left stole several grocery items from a local grocery store. No vehicle description or other identifiers are known at this time.

**In-store surveillance image
(Left)**

Incidents of 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.

Motor Vehicle Thefts Continue Throughout the Region

The central Ohio area continues to experience a substantial increase in motor vehicle thefts. A large majority of the vehicles involved are Kia or Hyundai models, due to an online tutorial that describes how to easily steal them. Juveniles seem to be the primary suspects. They steal a car, joyride until it is low on gas, and then steal another. The surveillance images below show a recent theft in Gahanna. Five juveniles arrived on scene in a stolen white Kia. Three male juveniles exited the vehicle and approached the white Kia SUV. One male broke the front window, jumped inside the SUV and began the process of “hotwiring” it. The two other male suspects got into the car followed by two female suspects. Once the vehicle was running, they drove away leaving the initial stolen vehicle with the doors open.



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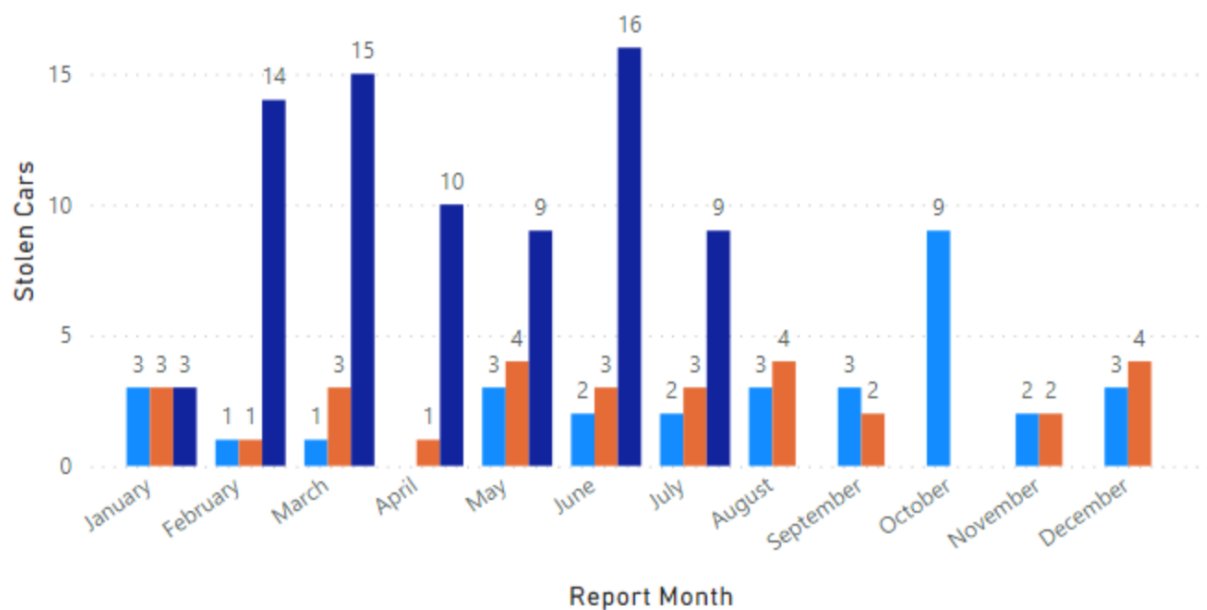
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Stolen Cars by Month and Year

Year ● 2020 ● 2021 ● 2022



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National Night Out



Please join us Tuesday August 2, 2022, for National Night Out!

The Gahanna Division of Police will be at Sunpoint Park
(670 McCutcheon Road) from 5:30 - 8 p.m.

There will be hot dogs, snacks, police vehicles,
a SWAT van, displays and activities for kids of all ages.

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Thank you!

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"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."