



Gahanna PD Community Bulletin: September 2022

Happy Fall! The Gahanna Division of Police hopes you had a safe and enjoyable summer.

As we near the end of the year, you will notice our monthly bulletins taking on a different look. Our goal is to provide you with a clear and detailed analysis of crime in our community and the work our officers do daily. We also want to introduce you to those men and women who work to ensure your safety, so beginning this month, you will see a new section called "Division Spotlight." In addition to that, we will continue to keep you apprised of any upcoming events, such as National Coffee with a Cop Day and the next self-defense course taught by Lt. Matt Kissel.

We recognize that there may be some elements of these bulletins you like and some perhaps you would prefer changed. We urge you to share your thoughts with us, so we can make these as informative as possible for everyone.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Division or me with any questions or concerns, and be on the lookout for the Division's annual report for 2021. It will soon be published with detailed crime data and other information on our agency's operations throughout last year.

-JEFFREY B. SPENCE

Chief of Police, Gahanna Division of Police

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"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."

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Summary of Division Activity for August

- 911 calls - Communications Technicians handled 712 calls which were answered in an average of 2.5 seconds.
- Two Text-to-911 messages were received.
- The Division received 1,939 calls through non-emergency lines.

6578
2022 Year-to-Date
Total 911 Calls

6412
2021 Year-to-Date
Total 911 Calls

2.59%
% Change
Year-to-Date Total
911 Calls

Field Services:

- Offense and arrest reports generated - 310
 - Robbery - 1
 - Thefts from vehicles - 14, with two arrests in one incident.
 - Stolen vehicles - 12
 - Criminal damaging - 18, several of which involved the thefts of catalytic converters.
 - Burglary - 1
 - Breaking & Entering - 1
 - Assaults - 11
 - Domestic-related responses - 16
 - Overdose responses - 1 (nonfatal)
- Traffic stops - 544
 - 221 citations issued.
 - 8 arrests made.
- Traffic Crashes - 47
 - 1 fatality.
 - 1 serious injury.
 - 359 traffic crashes year-to-date.
- Impaired Driving Arrests - 19
 - 111 impaired driving arrests year-to-date.

Investigative Services:

- The Division's detectives were assigned 114 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action.

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Division Updates

New Recruit Begins Training at Columbus Police Academy



On September 15, Interim Public Safety Director Matt Roth administered the oath of office to Brayden Beardsley, the newest member of the Gahanna Division of Police. Mayor Laurie Jadwin, Chief Jeffrey Spence, Beardsley's family, and patrol officers attended the brief ceremony. Beardsley has begun his recruit training at the Columbus Police Academy. He is expected to graduate next year. Welcome aboard Brayden!

Division Spotlight - Gary Lawrence



Officer Gary Lawrence has been with the Division for a little more than nine years. He currently serves as a School Resource Officer, and his favorite part of the job is working with his fellow

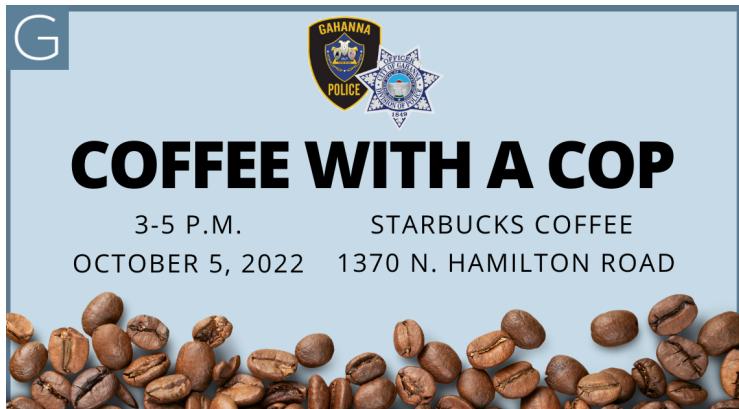
officers to solve problems for residents and neighbors. Officer Lawrence spends his free time with his family and close friends, going to sporting events, enjoying the outdoors, hunting, and completing projects at his home. He enjoys running heavy equipment and pouring concrete with his son and close friends. He also loves to laugh and have fun four-wheeling with his family. Be sure to say hello when you see Officer Lawrence around the City!

Upcoming Events



SELF DEFENSE CLASS Hosted by Lt. Matt Kissel
Saturday, October 1, 9-11 a.m. at the Senior Center
Ages: 18+
Cost: Free

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Crime Updates

Columbus Man Convicted for Multiple Murders and Gahanna Robbery



Trevor Scott Sands

On May 27, 2017, Trevor Scott Sands, 27, and two other suspects were arrested by patrol officers following an armed robbery at a Gahanna store. Evidence collected, including one of the firearms used in the robbery, was found to have been involved in several homicides that had occurred in the City of Columbus.

Sands was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison for a number of armed robberies, including the one from 2017 in Gahanna. Earlier this month, he was found guilty of five counts of murder and two counts of weapons under disability. For those offenses, he faces a minimum sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole after 26 years.

Suspect in Child Pornography Case Indicted

In November 2021, Jean Nickolay Pacheco-Puma, 19, of Whitehall brought his cell phone to a Gahanna business to have the screen repaired. While repairing the phone, an employee discovered multiple nude images of juveniles on the device. The employee contacted police, and an investigation was conducted into the images recovered from Pacheco-Puma's phone and linked accounts.

Earlier this month, Pacheco-Puma was indicted on 10 counts of pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor.



Jean Pacheco-Puma

Crime Information

Help Needed to Identify Credit Card Theft Suspects

While shopping at a Gahanna grocery store, a victim had their wallet stolen after they walked away from their shopping cart. The suspects in the photos below used the victim's information to fraudulently cash checks at various locations in Columbus.



Surveillance images

Damage to Area Construction Site

In the overnight hours of August 15, 2022, the two suspects in the photos to the right attempted to break into a Gahanna-area construction site, in the 1400 block of Blatt Boulevard, and caused a significant amount of costly damage.



Surveillance images

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