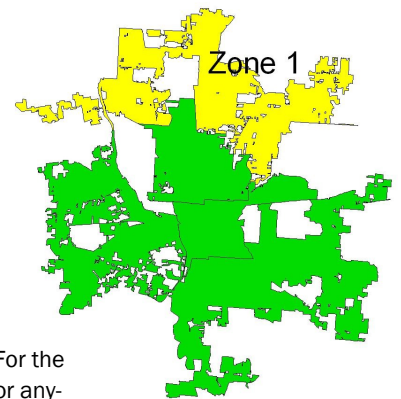


Columbus Division of Police—Zone 1 News



June 1, 2017

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Commander Cameron's Observations

I am very excited for the grand opening of the Columbus IKEA store on June 7th. I guess this means Columbus is a BIG CITY now! We will have more than 40 special duty and on-duty officers working the area through Sunday, June 11th. The Division is working closely with IKEA, and we have a traffic plan to ease roadway congestion. We may limit the number of vehicles exiting onto Gemini Place from I-71 northbound, and may do the same at Polaris Parkway if gridlock occurs. I strongly recommend that residents take the "back way" home for a few days.

Night-time burglaries are a continuing problem, especially business burglaries. Most of the residential burglaries are from an open patio door or window left open on the 1st floor. The suspects range from adolescents taking advantage of an open door or chronic thieves who are stealing to support themselves. They are looking for anything that can easily convert to cash: credit cards, cell phones, and even metal objects that can be taken to a scrap yard.

The business burglaries are more of the professional thief variety. There are suspects who travel about the city

in the early morning hours. For the most part, they are looking for anything they can grab through a broken window such as cartons of cigarettes, clothes, etc. They are also looking for where you've hidden the cash drawer or safe. Along with several suburban police departments, we've made numerous arrests over the past few months but the reports keep coming in. In April, the number of business burglaries on 1 and 17 Precincts were double the norm. An inexpensive alarm system is worth the investment, and often gives our officers the head start at catching the suspects.

On 18 Precinct, we are aware of the ongoing burglaries and robberies associated with a group of juveniles living in the Ironwood Court area. We've asked detectives to investigate them as a 'criminal gang' under the Ohio Revised Code. So far, Patrol Officers have done a great job of keeping the group in disarray and have arrested the worst offenders. We continue to make home visits to ensure that the parents or guardians fully understand what is going on.

Lastly, we continue to talk about crime on Tamarack Boulevard just north of Morse Road. The City Attorney's Office is helping us work with apartment owners and the carry-out nearby. If they fail to make the necessary changes, we will likely pursue a nuisance action against them.



Zone 1 Commander
Gary Cameron
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Useful Community Links (CTRL & Click)

LexisNexis Community Crime Map

<https://communitycrimemap.com/>

City of Columbus Website

<https://www.columbus.gov/>

Franklin County Municipal Clerk of Courts

<http://www.fcmcclerk.com/>

Franklin County Common Pleas Clerk of Courts

<https://clerk.franklincountyohio.gov/index.cfm>

Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services

<http://mha.ohio.gov/>

Columbus Police Online Crime Report

<https://www.columbus.gov/police-offensetypes/>

Franklin County Sheriff Sex Offender Search

<http://www.icrimewatch.net/index.php?AgencyID=55213&disc>

Franklin County Animal Care & Control

<http://dogs.franklincountyohio.gov/services/field-services.cfm>

Columbus City Attorney Prosecutor Division

<http://www.columbuscityattorney.org/prosecution.aspx>

Franklin County Prosecutor

<http://prosecutor.franklincountyohio.gov/>

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1 Precinct

This month I would just like to hit a couple of topics: Schools will be letting out, meaning kids will be outside playing and enjoying their break. Please be mindful of this. We as parents teach our kids not to go into the street after a ball, another toy, or riding their bike. We teach them to look both ways if they do and not to ride out in front of traffic. Unfortunately they do not always remember, so we need to be aware, to slow down, and to drive safely.

My next advice covers your vehicle: Leave nothing in your cars! Anything in your vehicle that looks like it may contain something of value will be a target for your car to be broken into. There is an old adage: "Out of sight out of mind," meaning if they don't see something they won't want it. Same with your car—if there is nothing to be seen there is nothing to be had. Have a great summer, and there will be more tips next month.

Officer Larry Geis



614-645-1401

6 Precinct

In this month's newsletter, I would like to recognize a couple of new Blockwatch groups, Cumberland Ridge and Asherton Grove, that have joined the 6 Precinct community. Both groups have been putting in a lot of time and effort to get their groups up and running. The Cumberland Ridge Blockwatch covers the general area of Agler Rd and N Cassady Ave. Asherton Grove Blockwatch covers the area of Central College Rd and Ulry Rd.

With the hard work and dedication of these new groups, they will both become great assets to CPD, and in the long run, their neighborhoods will gain the greatest benefit by being safe.

Also, I would like to advise that as the weather in the city continues to warm up, more attempts of crime and various incidents tend to take place. Please be mindful of your surroundings whether you're at home or out as part of your daily routine. Make sure that you are keeping your properties and cars locked up whether home or away.

If you or anyone one that you know are victimized, make sure CPD is called and a report is filed.

Officer Joseph Townsend



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**Community
Liaison Officers
respond to 311
calls, attend
community
meetings, and
are often the
"face" of the
Columbus
Police.**

17 Precinct

Distracted driving is a very serious situation. Kids will be out of school very soon and we will have younger motorists on the roadways more often. But adults of all ages are driving distracted as well. Each day in the United States, over 8 people are killed and there are over 1,161 injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver.

With all of the tempting social media outlets available to all, such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat to mention a few, our phones makes safety extremely difficult. It's the job of every innocent driver

on the road to try to avoid accidents caused by distracted drivers.

Parents, please talk with your children and advise them of the seriousness of distracted driving. I'm sure you can pull a video, pictures or articles off the internet to help them see (and remind yourself) that a text or Snapchat can wait till they make it to where they are going. Parents, please practice what you preach, and be safe.

Officer David Morgan



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18 Precinct

The Salem Elementary School contacted me and told me they planned to participate in National Bike to School Day. They requested that I do a bicycle safety presentation to the kids that had permission slips signed to bike to school.

On May 8 2017, I taught the students about the Columbus City ordinance that requires anyone under the age of 18 riding a bicycle to have a properly approved bicycle helmet. I also spoke of having a operational bicycle and other safety equipment. I then covered the different aspects of riding on the

sidewalk to riding in the street and included hand and arm signals for turning and stopping.

On May 10th 2017, 18 Precinct 1st Shift Sergeant Duane Mabry and I met the kids at the corner of Hillary Rd and Roche Dr. With news cameras from Channels 4 and 6 in tow, we led the students ¾ of a mile on a street ride in a column of twos. The kids had a great time and one stated "I felt like I was in a parade."

Officer Scott Clinger



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Inside the Opioid Epidemic

Commander Cameron

What is Naloxone?

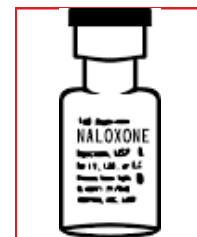
Naloxone (also known as Narcan) is a medication that can reverse an overdose caused by an opioid drug such as Heroin or prescription pain medication. When administered properly, it can restore breathing and produce withdrawal symptoms. Sudden withdrawal symptoms can cause

irritability but are not life-threatening. Naloxone does not reverse overdoses caused by other drugs such as Xanax, Valium or Klonopin.



Naloxone must be administered by a third-party because the overdose victim is typically unconscious or incapable of administering it to themselves. Under Ohio law, a pharmacy can dispense naloxone to family members, friends and others without a prescription. Further, Ohio law protects those administering life-saving naloxone, but you ALSO have to call 911 to request an emergency response.

The Division of Police is currently working on a plan to equip officers assigned to Zone 1 with Naloxone. We are often the first emergency responders to arrive at an overdose scene, and those precious few minutes can be the difference in saving a life.



From the Lieutenant

As Lt. Wagner mentioned last month, we respond to a wide variety of calls for service each day. Likewise, there are a variety of ways we can address crime trends and patterns ranging from taking reports to using crime mapping software to pinpoint hotspots. From there, we can assign our Community Response Team, directed patrol units or ask specialized units such as Narcotics, Traffic or "gang" unit to help. Below I've provided a few examples of how this works.

Late 2015, our crime analyst observed a pattern of residential burglary reports in the neighborhoods along Sancus Blvd. The suspect(s) were entering through sliding glass doors. One of the reports listed a suspicious car parked nearby and using registration information we were able to match the suspects to the listed owner. Directed patrol officers from Zone 1 3rd Shift began surveillance of the suspects and connected the criminal activity to burglaries in Hilliard and Gahanna. Our officers along with suburban agencies arrested the primary suspect in the act of burglarizing a home. He was charged with 11 residential burglaries on Zone 1, has pled guilty to the indictment and is awaiting sentencing on June 22nd.

During the summer of 2016, officers noticed an increase in thefts from automobiles across the Zone from Sawmill Road to Polaris to the 161 corridor heading out to Little Turtle. Officers from 1st and 3rd shifts pulled together

information pointing to a pair of known suspects and they were arrested in possession of stolen property. The pair were responsible for thefts across the Zone and the New Albany area. The female suspect was charged with felony theft, receiving stolen property and possessing a weapon and is now serving a 15 month sentence. The male has refused to cooperate and is awaiting trial on four counts of felony theft.

Last fall, we had a series of armed robberies in the Tamarack Circle area with several of the victims sustaining gunshot wounds. I assigned several patrol officers to investigate the crime pattern and to conduct surveillance. One of the officers knew of a suspect and associates who loosely matched the descriptions from the robberies. During surveillance, the officers followed the suspects to a carryout on Tamarack Circle and observed the business owner fleeing from the store. The suspects along with a get-away car and driver nearby were all arrested at the scene of this newest robbery. Three suspects were charged, and are awaiting trial on multiple counts of Aggravated Robbery, Felonious Assault, Kidnapping, and Attempted Murder. The Division recently awarded these officers with the Medal of Merit for their great police work!

All of these great cases have one thing in common, a resident provided us with a small piece of information that helped the officers make the arrest. Thank you for all you do in helping us keep your neighborhoods safe.

Lt. Smith Weir



Zone 1 Lieutenants
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Protect Yourself and Your Property

This month I would like to take a moment and tell you about the duties of Community Liaison Officers (CLOs). Many think the duties of CLOs are limited to organizing and speaking with block watch associations, civic associations and school children. However, their duties encompass many other aspects of community service.

CLOs have the resources and training to communicate with many units within the Division to address neighborhood concerns. CLOs routinely attend patrol roll calls and speak directly to the patrol officers regarding crime patterns and issues related to their precincts. Additionally, CLOs help arrange "touch-a-truck" events, and will contact units such as SWAT, the Mounted Horse Unit and K-9 to attend larger events so the public can inter-

act with and learn about their duties. Furthermore, CLOs are directly involved in Nuisance Abatements and have been key to shutting down problem hotels which are known to foster criminal activity. CLOs help mediate issues in neighborhoods and businesses and work directly with you every step of the way.

CLOs wear many hats and must be very organized to accomplish the tasks they are given. That said, if you have an event that you would like us to attend or would like a security assessment of your house or business, please feel free to contact me at (614) 645-4140, or call your CLO directly. We will always do our best to honor your requests!

Sgt. Bruce Whittaker



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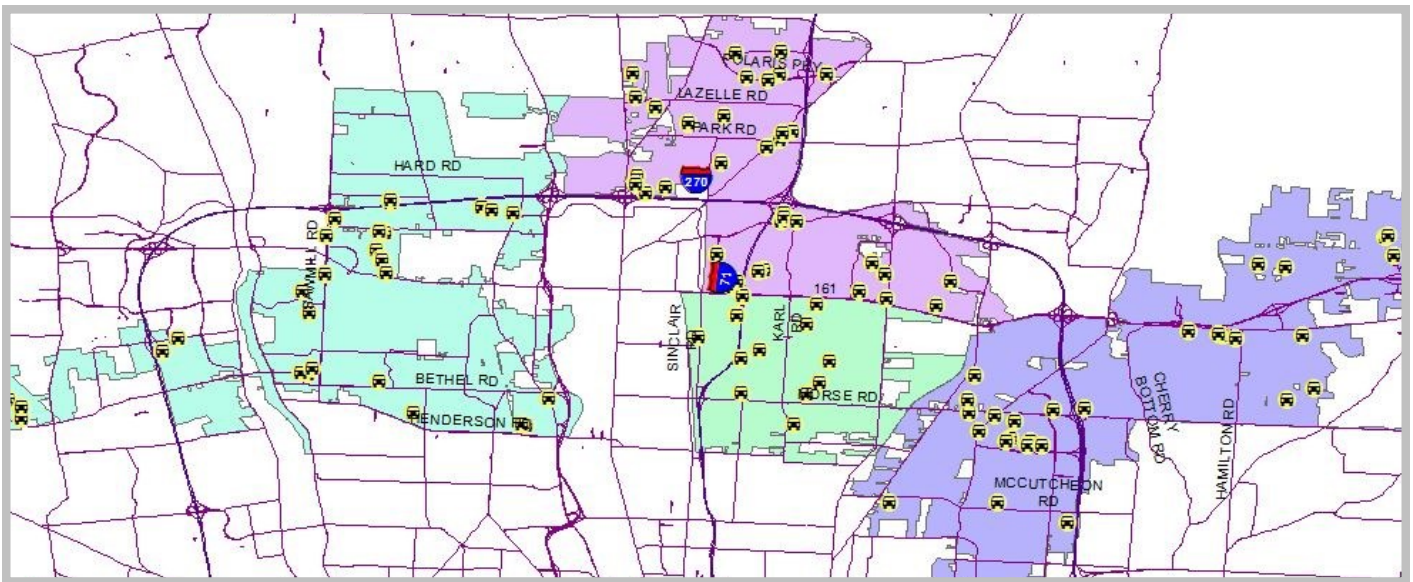
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United in the spirit of teamwork, the Columbus Division of Police will be a trustworthy, diverse, progressive and community-minded organization devoted to providing excellent public service. We will be unyielding in purpose and dedicated to live by our Core Values, which reflect our genuine desire to care for the safety and well-being of our community and our employees.

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<https://www.columbus.gov/police/>

Zone 1 Crime Trends and Patterns



On Zone 1, Thefts from Auto, in which someone either enters an unlocked vehicle, or breaks into it, continue to be an issue. Out of 133 incidents in May 2017, 121 of them occurred in parking lots. If you look at the map, you will see clusters at the major shopping malls (Polaris and Easton), and shopping/entertainment corridors (Sawmill Road, High Street at Crosswoods), and in apartment complexes. The good news is that on Zone 1 neighborhoods of single family homes are relatively safe.

So, how can you protect your vehicle and belongings? First, take your valuables with you! Hiding purses, laptop bags, and wallets in your car is useless if you are unlucky and someone breaks in. Once thieves have your credit cards, they will go straight to the nearest big box store and start charging things. Leave important documents like green cards, Social Security cards, birth certificates and the like at home. As inconvenient as it may be, carry your valuables with you.

Second, report any car break-ins immediately. Don't worry about "bothering" us: These are considered non-emergency reports, but they are still extremely important in fighting crime! We use the information you submit to allocate cruisers, unmarked cars, and personnel in problem areas. You can do it online at the Columbus Police website: <https://www.columbus.gov/police-offensetypes/> (CTRL+click to access from here.) Or call the non-emergency police number, 614-645-4545, and you will be directed to a telephone reporting system.