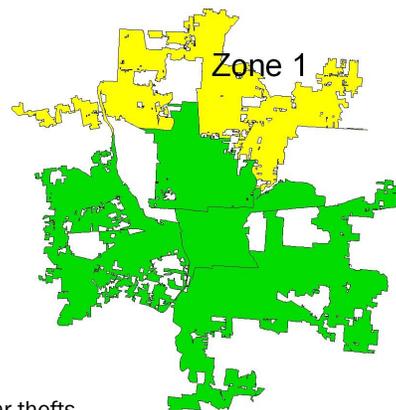


# Columbus Division of Police—Zone 1 News



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## Commander Cameron's Observations

Like most crime patterns that develop on Zone 1, the officers have caught the culprits rather quickly. In this most recent instance, we had a robbery pattern where a suspect robbed several department stores on Zone 1, in Dublin, Westerville and Gahanna. Through video surveillance, we were able to tie all of the events to one suspect. Our Zone 1 Crime Analyst published a Crime Pattern Advisory on Monday September 17<sup>th</sup> identifying the locations, etc.

Wednesday night, officers from Dublin PD observed the suspect enter a department store at Polaris and abruptly leave in a vehicle. Working together, Columbus officers managed to stop the vehicle on I-270 thinking they would find the suspect inside. After a few nervous seconds wondering if they had the right car, the suspect was found hiding in the trunk. He was taken into custody and transported to the Columbus Robbery Squad for processing.

On Zone 1, we are very fortunate to have great working partnerships with suburban police agencies.

Elsewhere on Zone 1, we have a few crime "areas" worth noting. In particular, the neighborhoods west of Stelzer and south of McCutcheon. Over the past month there have been numerous burglaries, thefts from

autos and a couple of car thefts. I've instructed the precinct sergeants to develop a plan along with asking our Community Response Team for help.

We continue to see robberies along Morse Road and there is a mix of business robberies and individuals. This is likely a continuation of past trends and associated with the apartments along Walford Street. I've asked the Community Liaison Officer to step up our efforts to seek abatement actions.



Zone 1 Commander  
Gary Cameron  
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And on 17 Precinct, we mostly see thefts from autos around the commercial districts: Tuttle, Bethel and Sawmill Rds. Please do not leave valuables inside your car in plain sight.



## 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.asp>

Franklin County Prosecutor

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

# Community Liaison

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

## 1 Precinct

I am not sure where our summer went so quickly, but hopefully it will be a seasonable fall. Kids are back in school and Halloween is around the corner. I am reminding everyone to drive a little slower in the neighborhoods and put their cell phones down! You are not going to miss anything important that cannot wait until you find a safe place to pull over and deal with what you need too. It is not just the younger generation. I have seen young professionals, business men and women, and others that are older, such as me. They are driving along with the phone planted firmly in front of their face or texting and driving with their knees. Here is a reminder of what distracted driving is:

## 6 Precinct

Month after month, car break-ins lead the list in crime categories on 6 Precinct. I urge you not to leave any valuables in your vehicle. If you have a garage try to park there and keep the overhead door secured. If you must park on the street or in a parking lot, double check that your car doors are locked. Most of our break-ins involve unlocked doors.

City Council recently enacted a new Ordinance designed to cut down the number of folks engaged in the dangerous activity of begging money from and around the roadways of Columbus. Section 2333.01 of the Columbus City Code prohibits people from exchanging physical items (money, food etc...) with drivers/

## 17 Precinct

As we continue to plug through the 2018-2019 school year for all of the kids throughout the city, there is a certain issue that needs to be addressed to keep all of our kids safe. The number one thing first and foremost is to make sure children going to and from school make it to their destination in a safe manner.

Since school started, I've received a high number of speeding complaints all around 17 Precinct. Several of the complaints were complaints of speeding up and down Hard Rd. As everyone knows there are a couple of school zones along Hard Rd. I would like to take this moment to remind people to be extra careful while traveling through any school zone especially on Hard

## 18 Precinct

In September someone thought it was a great idea to tag several buildings in red paint “161 SNP Blood”. I was asked numerous times if this was “gang graffiti”. I spoke with the gang unit who tracks gangs and gang related graffiti and we concluded that this was NOT related to a gang. When we break this down the “SNP” stands for the Short North Posse, which was an outlaw gang that associated with the “Crips”. The “Crips” colors are blue and NOT red and they are arch enemies of the “Bloods”.

Several of the tags were located at Woodward Park on the baseball dugouts, and the concession stand. I have received many complaints about suspicious activity at Woodward Park, especially after dark. I asked the For-

## Officer Larry Geis



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Columbus City Code 2131.44

(b) No person shall operate a vehicle while using a mobile communication device to:

- (1) Compose, send or read a text message; or
- (2) Send, read, create, play or interact with internet-based content.

In the City of Columbus this is a primary offense and you can be pulled over and cited for the violation. Accidents happen and cars can be replaced or fixed, but you cannot replace a life.

## Officer Eric Jones



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occupants of vehicles that are in the right of way. This section also prohibits drivers/occupants of vehicles from engaging in the activities as well. So both the pedestrian and the driver/occupant can be charged with this section.

Halloween is coming up at the end of this month. Please use extra caution when driving in your neighborhood to keep the young Trick or Treaters safe. Parents please help keep your kids safe by having them wear costumes that incorporate reflective materials that are more visible to drivers. Have a safe month!

## Officer Joseph Townsend



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Rd. where a child was recently struck in the crosswalk. Please make sure that the word is passed on through community and blockwatch meetings for people to drive the speed limit when they are out and about. CPD Motorcycle Unit, as well as 17 Precinct officers will continue to enforce these issues to keep these areas and neighborhoods safe.

Feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns involving at (614) 645-1417 or [jtownsend@columbuspolice.org](mailto:jtownsend@columbuspolice.org).

## Officer Scott Clinger



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est Park Civic, Blockwatch and the Karmel Woodward Park Civic to weigh in on whether they would support a change in the park hours to keep it open from dawn to dusk. The current hours that parks are open from are 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM as per Columbus Code 919.05. The Forest Park Civic, Blockwatch and the Karmel Woodward Park Civic voted overwhelmingly to support the change in hours. I will keep you updated on any changes if and when they are made.



## Inside the Opioid Epidemic

While away at training this past week, I watched a few body-worn camera videos of officers responding to medical emergencies. One in particular took me by surprise. Officers on the west side responded to find a man passed out behind the wheel of his vehicle. Before their arrival, bystanders had shut the car off and removed the keys to prevent the driver from leaving. The officers found the driver completely incoherent, barely breathing and holding a syringe in his hand. In the past, we would have likely pulled the driver out of the car and arrested him, along with a trip to the emergency room.

Instead, the video showed the officers talking with one another about the driver's condition.

One officer stood at the door trying to revive the driver as the second officer retrieved his Division-issued Narcan. Both officers verbally coached the driver along while delivering the Narcan. Within seconds, the driver was able to speak and the officers safely transferred him to the arriving CFD medic. A much better result than dragging him out of the car and placing handcuffs on him.

As a Columbus Police Officer, the terrible things we respond to and the equally horrible persons we must arrest make it easy to lose one's compassion for others. But this is exactly the type of thing that sets us apart—our officers can get the job done while showing compassion for the truly unfortunate.

***“Both the officers verbally coached the driver, while delivering the Narcan.”***



Sergeant James Sheehan & Officer Jamie Ingles met Aaliyah Butler before her first day of 1st grade at Forrest Park Elementary. She wanted to meet a police officer because she wants to be one when she grows up. She couldn't be any cuter! Wishing Aaliyah & all at Columbus City Schools students a safe & super year!

## From the Lieutenant

I would like to start out by thanking the community, the officers, and fellow supervisors for welcoming me to Zone 1! On July 13, 2018, I was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned to Zone 1, “B” Company (2<sup>nd</sup> shift). As I have begun this new journey, everyone has been extremely welcoming, and it is appreciated.

I will take a few moments to quickly introduce myself. Prior to working for the Columbus Division of Police, I worked for the Mason Police Department, which is a suburb of Cincinnati. I moved back to Columbus and I am currently in my 13<sup>th</sup> year with the Columbus Division of Police. During my time here in Columbus, I have worked almost my entire patrol career on Zone 3, also known as the west side of Columbus. Besides patrol, I have been a Field Training Officer, a member of the Honor Guard, and a de-

fensive tactics instructor, and I am a current member of the Peer Assistance Team.

When I am not at work, I spend time with my family. I am married and blessed to have 3 healthy and beautiful daughters. I met my wife while both of us were attending Capital University. While at Capital University, I graduated with a degree in Criminology. I was also fortunate enough to play basketball for the Crusaders during my time there.

I am glad I had this opportunity to introduce myself. I am looking forward to the opportunity to get to know everyone a little better. I am also looking forward to being a part of Zone 1 and working with the community. If I can ever be of any assistance, please contact me and let me know. Thanks!

## Lt. Mark Denner



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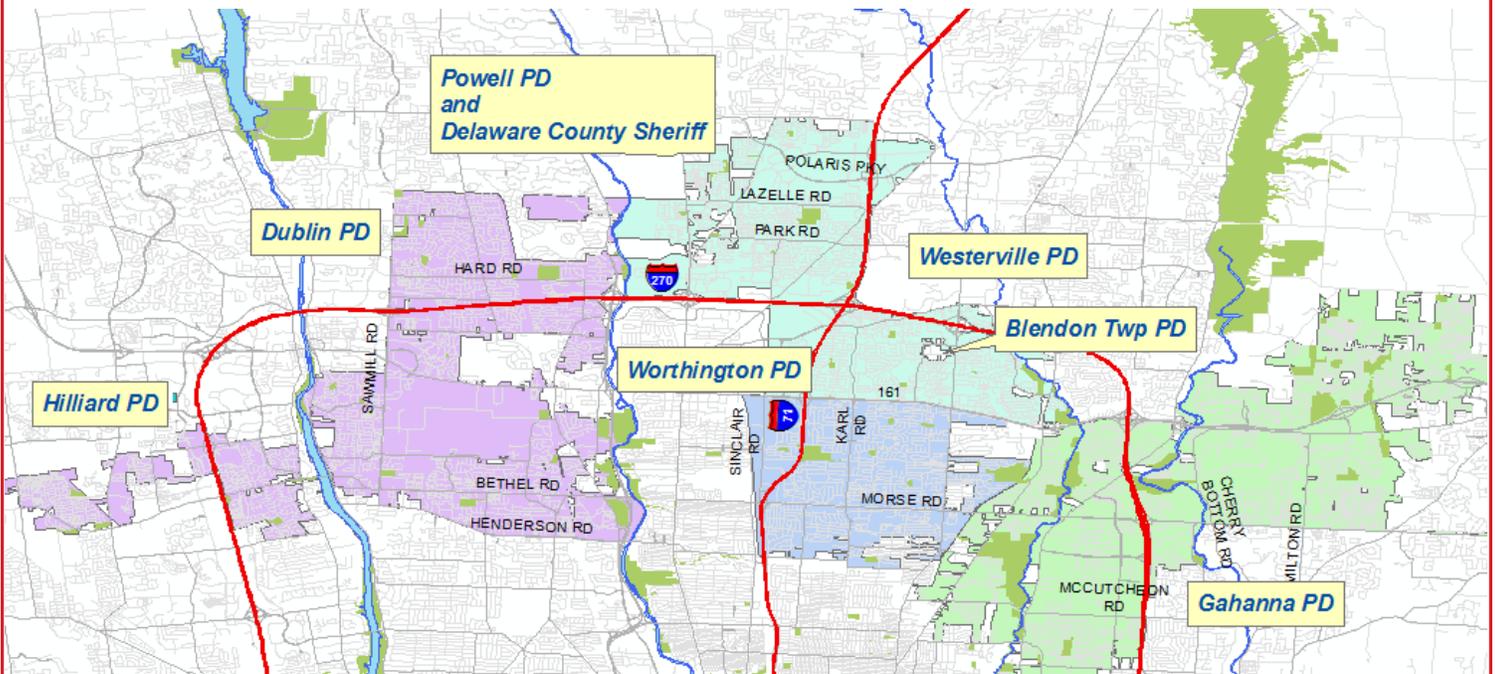
**VISION STATEMENT**

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.

**Find us online (CTRL & Click):**

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

**Zone 1 Crime Trends and Patterns**



As you can see from the map above, Zone 1 covers a LOT of area! One of the ways we multiply our forces is through strong and constant communication between our officers and analyst and those of the jurisdictions that surround or are surrounded by us. Among these are the Police Departments indicated on the map.

We recently identified a Crime Pattern on Zone 1, Gahanna, and Dublin, that consisted of business robberies by a single male suspect wearing a distinctive styled hoodie. Because we regularly communicate with each other, one jurisdiction identified a possible suspect through surveillance video from a store on another jurisdiction. Once we had an idea of who the suspect was and how he operated, and we all were looking for him, we worked together when we saw him committing yet another robbery, and we caught him and his accomplice.

“Bad guys” operate all over the central Ohio area. You can be sure that Zone 1 policing is strengthened and deepened through good relationships and open communication with the jurisdictions whose boundaries meet our own !