



Greenhills Police Department

Monthly Update



To: The Mayor, Members of Council, Municipal Manager, Personnel, and our Community ★ August – September 2020

Theft at Local Business Investigated, Cleared by Arrest

On August 25th, a middle-aged male went into the Village Keg on Enfield Street and stole a half-gallon of whiskey valued at \$48.99 and concealed it in his clothing, leaving the store without paying for the item. Officers worked the case with a description of the perpetrator and his vehicle until they were able to develop a suspect in the incident. **Corporal Mike Mathis**, and **Officers Eric Tricase** and **Phillip Means** worked to solve the crime, resulting in the arrest of a 52-year-old Forest Park resident, who was charged with Theft. The officers did an excellent job using investigative leads to track down the suspect.



Talking With Greenhills: Around the Police Department

Police Officer Cody Ritchie and **Chief Neil Ferdelman** appeared on Waycross Community Media's September *Talking With Greenhills* segment, hosted by **Dana Gagnon**. Our recent ballistic vest grant, Pay It Forward award, and the 2020 census were all discussed. To see the program, click [here](#).

Department Dons Mourning Ribbons for Slain Cleveland Officer

For the second time this year, Greenhills Police Department officers were ordered into a period of mourning on September 4th in response to an Ohio line of duty death. Cleveland Police Detective James Skernivitz, 53, a 25-year veteran officer, was shot and killed during a narcotics operation. His assailant was arrested and taken into custody a few days later. This death was followed by the ambush of two Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies who were shot in the head while seated in their patrol unit, and the shooting of a St. Louis police officer. We pray for peace and healing in this troubled time.



Community Policing Alive and Well in Greenhills . . .



Story 1: On August 28th at 12:45 PM while patrolling a parking lot, **Officer Cody Ritchie** (shown at left) noted: "While on patrol, I observed two people practicing for the driver license test. They were using clothes to mark the spots. I grabbed some cones and asked if they would like to use them to practice for a few. I also offered the driver some tips that had helped me when I took my driving test."

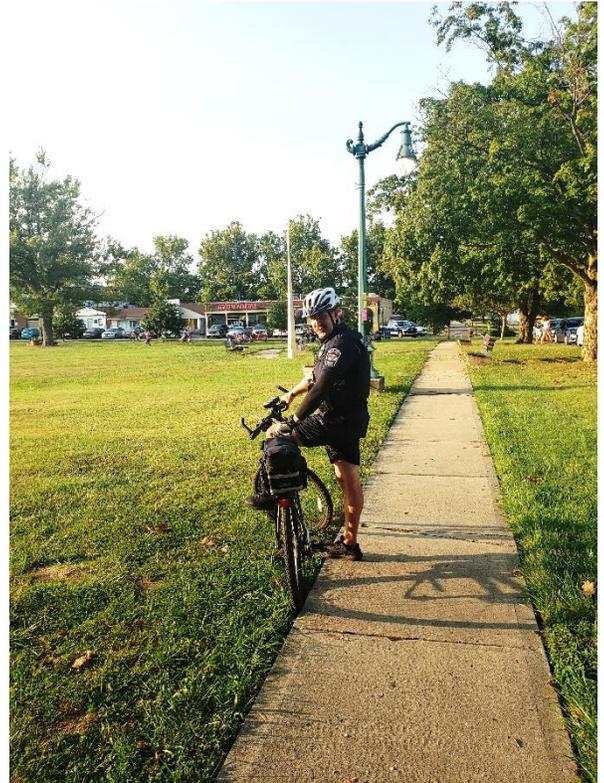
Story 2: On September 1st at 4:28 PM, **Corporal Michael Mathis** (below right) wrote, "While on patrol I found a 12 year old laying on the sidewalk after wrecking his bicycle. He seemed to be OK other than minor facial injuries. He seemed shook up so I walked him home to his house on Ingram and his parents took over."



Story 3: On September 16th, at 10:29 PM, **Officer Rob Lenhoff** (below left) reported that he "Assisted a motorist by changing a tire at the fire house." His supervisor, Corporal Mike Mathis, wrote the following to him: "You went over and above in assisting those two young men tonight whose car had tire problems. You got them to the PD and used tools at your availability there to change their tire for them. This simple act showed service, compassion, and commitment to your fellow man. Thank you for making us all look good."



Concert On the Commons Resumes in September!



If there was ever a year in which we needed a little music, 2020 immediately comes to mind. Finally, the resumption of **Jim Miller's Concert on the Commons** series was approved by the Department of Health, and kicked off belatedly on Wednesday, September 9th with some restrictions. Jim is shown seated at the gazebo (top left). Another concert was held on September 16th. Greenhills residents were certainly ready for some good tunes, and they were well received by the crowds on both evenings. The weather was perfect, and residents turned out

in force to enjoy and relax. The Greenhills Services crew painted socially distanced circles on the lawn (*shown below left*) so residents could wear masks and socially distance to safely listen to the evening's entertainment. **Officer Zzach Clark** is shown above right keeping a watchful eye on the event.



Crime, Traffic, and Activity By the Numbers

During the month of August, the department responded to 213 incidents, including an aggravated menacing, five thefts, eight domestic disputes, and 26 mutual aid runs. We made ten criminal arrests, which included two for domestic violence, one for OVI, one for menacing, two for drug offenses, and four for other infractions. Officers issued 18 traffic citations, 29 warnings, assisted four motorists, and investigated three traffic crashes. Details of these activities follow.

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By The Numbers: August 2020

<u>INCIDENTS:</u>	213
Aggravated Menacing	1
Alarm	1
Animal Call	2
Animal complaint	2
Assist Motorist	3
Attempt to locate	1
Auto Accident	1
BOLO	1
Bar Check	2
CO Alarm	1
Check on Well Being	2
Criminal Damaging/Endangering	2
Damage Report	1
Disabled Vehicle/Assist Motorist	4
Disorderly Conduct	1
Domestic Dispute	1
Domestic Dispute/Child Custody Issue	1
Domestic Trouble	2
Domestic Violence	2
Domestic-Verbal	1
DUI - Alcohol and/or Drugs	1
Escort	1
Extra Patrol Request	1
Failure to Comply with Order of P.O.	1
Fire	3
Fire Run	1
Fire Run/Check for Gas Leak	2
Follow-Up	3
Found	1
Found Property	2
Harassment/threat	2
Having Weapons While Under Disability	1
Identity Fraud	1
Intrusion Alarm	8
Illegal Use/Possession of Drug Paraph.	1
Information Detail	3
Information Incident	2
Trouble Brewing	2
Injured Animal	1
Juvenile Problem	1

<u>INCIDENTS: (Continued)</u>	
Lockout	2
Menacing	2
Menacing by Stalking	1
Missing Person	1
Motorist Assist	7
Mutual Aid	26
Neighbor Complaint	2
Neighbor Trouble	1
Neighbor/Noise Complaint	1
Noise Complaint	1
PFO	3
Parking Complaint	17
Parking Violation - Follow- up	2
Place Found Open	1
Possessing Drug Abuse Instruments	1
Possession of Drugs	3
Property Damage	1
Psychiatric Emergency	1
Psych run/Suicidal Person	2
Public Relations	1
Public Service Notification	1
Recreational vehicle parking Complaint	1
Repossession of a Vehicle	1
Runaway	1
See Complainant	1
Squad Run	28
Suspicious Behavior	3
Suspicious Circumstances	6
Suspicious Vehicle	5
Theft	6
Traffic Complaint	2
Traffic Complaint/Public Relations	2
Traffic Stop	1
Trash Violation	1
Unknown Circumstances	1
Unknown Trouble	2
Utility Workers	1
Vehicle off Roadway	1
Verbal Domestic	1
Warrant Service	3

<u>ARRESTS/CITATIONS:</u>	10
Domestic Violence	2
DUI - Alcohol and/or Drugs	1
Menacing	1
Possessing Drug Abuse Instruments	1
Possession of Drugs	1
Other	4
<u>TRAFFIC:</u>	
Citations	18
Crashes	3
Warnings	29
Field Investigation Report	7
Misc. Citizen Contacts	108
<u>DAILY ACTIVITIES:</u>	
Administrative	22
Bank Run	11
Bar Check	4
Beat Information	4
Building Check	78
Car Wash	4
Court	1
Directed Patrol	22
Extra Patrol Request	3
Fleet Maintenance	13
Fleet Maintenance	15
Foot Patrol	5
Fuel	66
Information for In-House	2
Mutual Aid	4
Off Duty	113
On Duty	110
Payout/Money Received	4
Preventive Patrol	89
Public Relations	7
Recite	3
Repo	1
Station Maintenance	1
Traffic Control	9
Training	5

<u>INVOLVEMENT – SUSPECT:</u>	
Aggravated Menacing	1
Criminal Damaging/Endangering	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
Domestic Violence	3
DUI - Alcohol and/or Drugs	1
Failure to Comply with Order of P.O.	2
Having Weapons While Under Disability	1
Menacing by Stalking	1
Possessing Drug Abuse Instruments	1
Possession of Drugs	1
Runaway	1
Theft	3
<u>INVOLVEMENT – WITNESS:</u>	
Criminal Damaging/Endangering	2
Menacing	1
Theft	1
<u>INVOLVEMENT – VICTIM:</u>	
Aggravated Menacing	2
Criminal Damaging/Endangering	2
Disorderly Conduct	3
Domestic Violence	3
DUI - Alcohol and/or Drugs	1
Failure to Comply with Order of P.O.	1
Having Weapons While Under Disability	1
Illegal Use of Drug Paraphernalia	1
Menacing	2
Menacing by Stalking	1
Possessing Drug Abuse Instruments	1
Possession of Drugs	2
Runaway	1
Telecommunications Fraud	1
Theft	5
TOTAL FOR MONTH:	1,037

Monthly Crime Analysis Report - August 2020

<i>Offense/ Report #</i>	<i>Geographic factors</i>	<i>Temporal factor (reported)</i>	<i>Victim/Target descriptors</i>	<i>Suspect descriptors</i>	<i>Suspect vehicle descriptors</i>	<i>MO Factor</i>	<i>Physical evidence</i>
Burglary							
None							
B&E							
None							
Thefts							
2020-701	Single family yard "D" section	Tuesday 1608	M/W-25	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown subject(s) stole Trump sign from yard.	No
2020-718	Single family home "J" section	Friday 1344	M/W-54	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown subject(s) stole \$500 from vehicle, victim left rear hatch open by accident	No
2020-822	Single family yard "D" section	Tuesday 1955	F/W-69	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown subject(s) stole Trump sign from yard.	No
2020-882	Single family home "H" section	Tuesday 1419	M/W-68	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown subject(s) stole package from front porch	No
2020-883	Retail store "E" section	Tuesday 1427	Village Keg	M/W Arrested	Gray Mazda	Suspect stole a ½ gallon of Jack Daniels	Yes
2020-950	Single family "J" section	Monday 1105	W/F-35	Unknown	Unknown	Stolen bike from side year	No
Vandalism							
None							
Assaults							
None							
Dom. Violence							
2020-702	Single family home "F" section	Tuesday 1924	F/B-35	M/B-35 Arrested	None	Victim was punched in the face by the arrested	Yes
2020-874	Single family home "H" section	Monday 1545	F/W-49	M/B-37 Arrested	None	Victim was choked and knocked out by the sus- pect	Yes
Homicide							
None							
Robbery							
None							
Arson							
None							
Sex Offenses							
None							