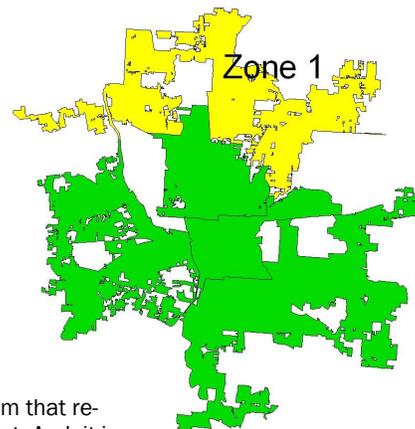


Columbus Division of Police—Zone 1 News



Commander Cameron's Observations

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Happy New Year!

Despite our best efforts to prevent violent crime, the City of Columbus has realized a new record-high number of homicides in 2017. Several of the homicides occurring on Zone 1, including the last two, were the result of domestic disputes. Over the past month, we've lost a dad who was trying to kick an unwanted boyfriend out of the house and a post office co-worker as a result of workplace violence.

Beyond the tragic loss of life, homicides are a significant drain on our available police resources. Hundreds of hours are spent responding to the crime scene, interviewing witnesses, collecting evidence and guarding victims/prisoners at local hospitals. A homicide investigation can take months to prepare for court presentation. As the number of homicides increase, the Division of Police is forced to dedicate additional resources and overtime dollars toward investigations. This directly impacts neighborhood safety as it reduces the amount of time and resources we spend patrolling.

For now, I am thankful that we've reached another new year. The media focus on the "record" will fade and we can begin talking about solutions to violent crime. As Chief Jacobs stated in her 12/10/17 news conference, this is not just a "police

problem" but a problem that requires community effort. And, it is much more than a call for peace; we will need you, your family, coworkers and friends to reject the culture which glorifies gun violence.

Our children have been led to accept gun violence as an option to fix that which offends them, as a response to their hurt feelings or an extension of their anger. Life is not fair, you will not get everything you want and somewhere in this



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world, someone will offend you with their words or may not like you. Unlike video games, there are no extra lives and resorting to gun violence does not make you a hero. A hero is someone who can make positive decisions and resist violence despite the anger or despair their feeling. Not hurting others will always be the right thing to do. Chances are that whatever you are angry about today, you will have completely forgotten 6 months from now.

The good news! Of the 143 homicides in 2017, 11 occurred on Zone 1. With five patrol zones, we are far below the average and our total is less than half that of any other zone.

My New Year's promise to you is that all of the officers and supervisors on Zone 1 are committed to keeping you and your family safe.

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.fcmclerk.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/>

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

1 Precinct

I would just like to take a short moment and thank everyone for all their participation in their neighborhoods. Always remember that you are the eyes and ears for your individual neighborhoods and your information and involvement helps keep your neighborhood safe for you, your family, and neighbors. I enjoy working with all of you and look forward to the New Year. So with this said please be a good neighbor, watch out for each other and anyone can contact me at any time for assistance.

6 Precinct

Happy New Year to all of the people on 6 pct! Here is a question I like to ask at meetings: If your wallet or purse was lost or stolen, and a police officer was taking a report, would you remember everything that was in the missing wallet or purse? My memory is not that good. I suggest making a list of everything in your wallet or purse and then storing the list with your important papers. Examples include Driver's Licenses, Credit Cards (include account numbers and phone number to cancel the card(s), library cards, Social Security cards, gift cards, and anything else of value that will need cancelled/and or replaced. I

17 Precinct

I would like to recognize a new potential blockwatch group that started the process to become a blockwatch on 17 Precinct. I was contacted by Becky Obester, of the Hayden Run Civic Association, who stated that her group was very eager and interested in adding a blockwatch. The first meeting was very well attended and it appeared the group will be a great fit to the Hayden Run area. I look forward to working with Becky and everyone associated with her group to get the blockwatch up and running over the next couple of meetings.

I would like to express what an honor it was to be a part of the annual Helpers and Heroes shopping event at Target. I would like to thank Riverside

18 Precinct

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and the New Year will bring prosperity for all. Just before Christmas our Blockwatch and Civic leaders met for an informal Christmas dinner at the Hunan House. These community volunteers help keep the area safe and clean. Without their dedication, the Northland area would not thrive as it does today. I want to personally thank everyone who had put the time and effort into volunteering to make this community great.

I would like to cover another topic that is important in the Northland area, placing signs/advertisement in the right of way, which is covered by Columbus City Code 902.02. Generally

Officer Larry Geis



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As I am writing this we just completed one of my favorite events of the year, it is called Helpers and Heroes. It is in collaboration with Target and others. We have collected enough funds to take 20 children from all over the City who may be at a rough point in their life and we take them shopping. Seeing a smile on their face makes my day

Have a great New Year!!

Officer Eric Jones



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call this little exercise "What's in your wallet?" (My apologies to Capital One) Hopefully, your wallet or purse will not be stolen or lost, but if misfortune were to strike, you will be able to cancel and replace your missing items and have some peace of mind. It's a great way to stay organized!

I look forward to getting out to the Block Watch and Civic Association meetings as we begin 2018. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding 6 pct. My email is: EJones@columbuspolice.org

Officer Joseph Townsend



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Elementary, Winterset Elementary, and Gables Elementary for their participation in nominating a student from each of their schools. It was a joy to see the smiles and excitement on the faces of the children. This event was a huge success and I am already looking forward to doing it again next year.

As we head into the coldest months of the winter season, When you are warming yours cars up, please do not leave them unattended. This will give thieves the opportunity to steal your vehicle.

I wish everyone all the best in 2018. Happy New Year!

Officer Scott Clinger



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speaking the right of way is anywhere between the sidewalk and the street. If you have seen these signs around the roadway then it is easy to understand why they are against the law. Section 902.02 covers a number of other violations in addition to the right of way. A violation of 902.02 is a misdemeanor in the third degree.

Until next month keep warm, keep safe, and report any suspicious activity!

Inside the Opioid Epidemic

As statistics continue to roll in, we know that Ohio leads the nation in drug overdose deaths and in 2017 the our numbers will increase. While the death toll can be closely related to Fentanyl mixed with opioids, other drugs continue to plague our communities. Please keep in mind that Fentanyl is another opioid but we can see a shift in the drug trafficking activity. We now see more Fentanyl mixed with Cocaine, Methamphetamine and other illegal synthetic drugs. I'm left wondering if improving awareness on the dangers of opioids has left our younger people confused. That somehow Fentanyl is not like Heroin or pain pills. In fact, Fentanyl is exactly the same as Heroin or pain pills for the purposes

of this discussion and mixing it with other drugs such as Cocaine, Meth, etc. does not make it any less addictive or lessen the potential for death.

For those of you who need help confronting a loved one's addiction, there are professionals around the community who specialize in such things. If you know of a professional who has helped you in the past, please pass along their website and I will post it as information.

Here is an intervention specialist that I recently met; www.alliaddictionservices.com. (CTRL + click to open link.)



From the Lieutenant

Many of the officers and supervisors on Zone 1 are also members of the Division's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). The CIT program is not new, but not everyone is aware of CIT and what they do.

In 1988, the CIT concept was developed in Memphis, Tennessee. The program was designed to help officers better interact with persons suffering from a mental illness, emotional distress, and to minimize police uses of force when encountering mental health consumers.

More than 300 CPD Officers have volunteered for this training. All newly hired officers receive the foundation of CIT training and will receive certification after they attain a level of experience. CIT trained officers improve our ability to respond to you and the community when someone is experiencing a mental health crisis. Typically, CIT officers will respond to situations where family or friends have indicated that someone is in extreme emotional distress or has a mental health diagnoses from a professional. These incidents are quite chaotic, emotions are very high and advanced CIT de-escalation techniques are needed. Often times, family members can be a great resource for us and provide much needed assistance.

Much of the time, we just don't know beforehand of an individual's mental health status. As with any police call for service, officers must first ensure the safety of all. When confronted with both, someone in extreme emotional crisis and displaying weapons, our first goal will always be to remove the threat of physical harm before advanced CIT mental health assessment can begin. CIT officers are trained to recognize more common mental health disorders, the signs of emotional distress and substance abuse. CIT officers receive training on stabilizing an individual's erratic behavior so that we can refer them or transport them to a treatment facility.

When calling for an officer to respond, I encourage you to provide as much information as possible and including any past mental health issues. This information will trigger a response from CIT officers if available.

In closing, CIT is an excellent resource available to the citizens of Columbus. These officers are highly trained and dedicated to identifying and assisting persons who may be experiencing a mental health crisis. CIT members where a pin on their uniform, below their name plate that makes them easy to identify.

Lt. Scott Wagner



Zone 1 Lieutenants
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Officer Spotlight

Sergeant Aaron Ward #5215, has been with CPD for 16 years. 14 years he worked patrol in the South Linden neighborhood, before transferring to Zone 1 where he works as the third shift relief sergeant. He had served as a Field Training Officer for 11 years, the Police Honor Guard, worked multiple Summer Safety Initiatives, and is a certified OPOTA instructor. He is also a member of the Crisis Intervention Team and the Pear Assistance Team.

He served 21 years in the U.S. Navy, assigned to several commands including U.S.S. Trenton as a search and rescue swimmer, Naval Special Warfare's SEAL Teams 1, 2, 8, and 18 as an Anti-Terrorism Specialist, and as the Senior Enlisted Leader for NATO's Combat Advisory Team-Afghanistan.

He loves spending time with his best friend and wife,

Adrienne of 22 years. Together they homeschool their 2 kids and enjoy everything to do with the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. Aaron and Adrienne also love serving God together in family ministry.

"Although I have enjoyed every assignment I have had with the Division of Police, I have never worked with a better group of officers than the ones on Zone 1. These men and women have tremendous police knowledge and show empathy toward the community they serve. Working with them brings out the best in me. I am humbled and honored to serve this city with them. The best crime reduction advice I can give anyone is to know your neighbors and your community. As we start a new year, make a resolution to meet at least five new neighbors. Make plans to have a community BBQ this summer and do not forget to invite us!!! Be blessed."

Sgt. Aaron Ward





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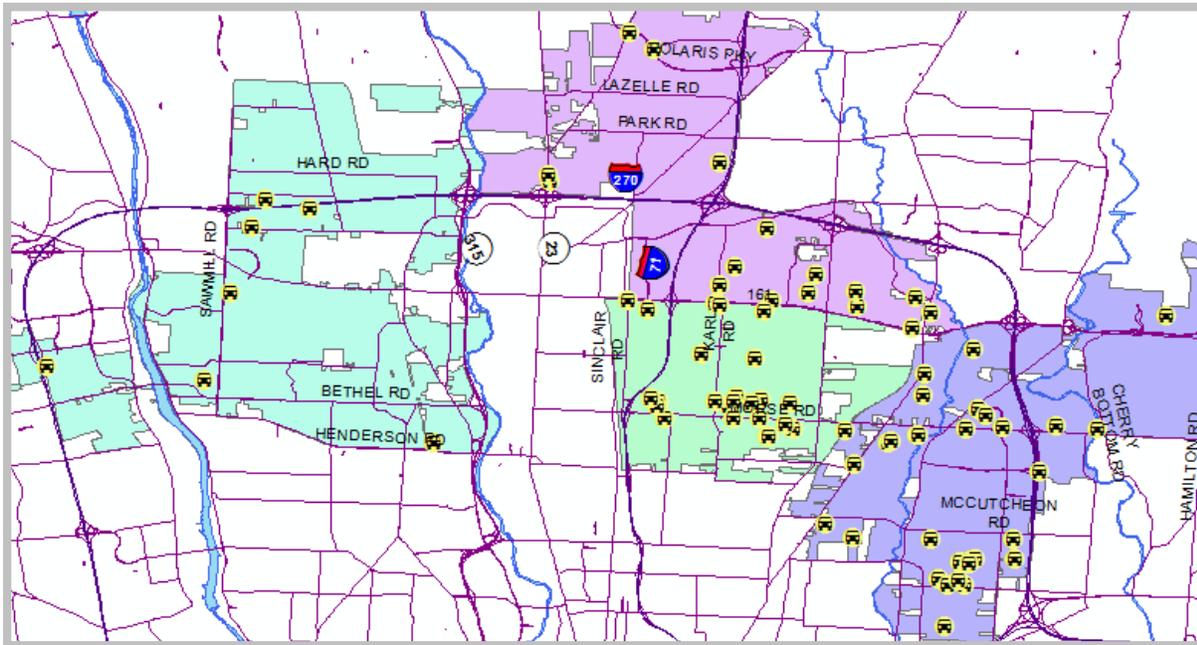
VISION STATEMENT

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



Property crimes continue to be an issue on Zone 1, especially motor vehicle thefts. Out of the eighty (80) reported this month, a whopping thirty-eight (38) were as a result of the owner leaving the vehicle running, with the keys inside! Another ten (10) resulted from keys left unattended, or even inside the unlocked vehicle. We understand: It's COLD! But how much colder will you be when you don't have your car to drive?

Quite a number of new Americans are victims in this way. A suggestion is to make kind contact, if your neighbor leaves his or her car running, unattended. Let them know that this is a sure way to lose their car to an unscrupulous passerby. Also let them know that there is an Ohio law that prohibits leaving a car this way. Sometimes people just don't know!

We wish you a safe, healthy, and happy 2018!