

# Gahanna

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY APRIL 7, 2025

### **Gahanna Division of Police**



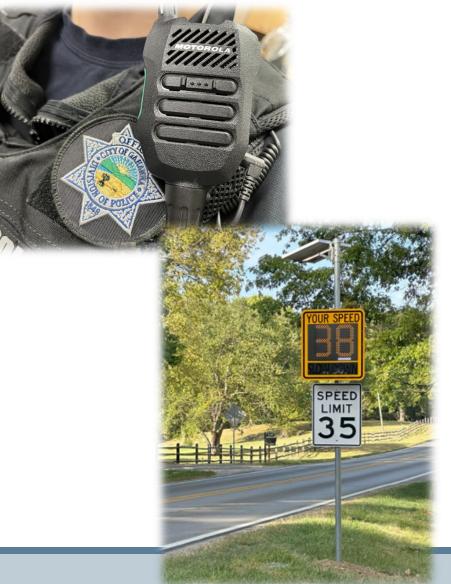
## **Division of Police Staffing**

#### 2024-2025 Appropriations



- Two Police Sergeants
- Two Communications Technicians
- One CT1 to CT2 promotion
- Management Analyst 1
- Mental Health Liaison (contracted)
- Two CLO's
- Six remaining Officer backfills
- Two Evidence Technicians
- One additional Deputy Chief
- Training Coordinator

### New Public Safety Equipment



- \$795,000 Radio equipment upgrade
- \$150,000 911 Equipment lifecycle upgrade
- \$21,000 Solar speed signs
- New CAD (September 2025)
- \$420,000 Police vehicle replacements
  - Over 400K miles added to police fleet in 2024
- Intoxilyzer DMT (breath test instrument)
  - In-service late 2024

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Approximately 44 subjects tested

### **Flock Cameras**

- 21 Cameras
- \$92,100 invested
- \$65,000 per year operating costs
- Activity:
  - 9 stolen vehicles recovered (5 arrests)
  - 3 hit-skip crashes solved
    - Including Hamilton Road bridge strike
  - 1 domestic violence arrest
  - 1 violation of protection order arrest
  - 1 felonious assault arrest & 1 misdemeanor warrant arrest
  - Multiple missing persons found
  - Numerous investigative leads
    - o sex offense cases, a firearms-violation, multiple assault & theft offenses



# **Traffic Safety & Trends**

- Traffic crashes March 2025 vs March 2024:
   Up 22% YTD (161 vs. 131)
- Injury percentage March 2025 vs March 2024:
  - Up 3.92% (All due to an increase in <u>minor</u> injury crashes)
    - No fatal or serious injury crashes through March
    - No serious injury crashes January through March 2025; 2 in same period in 2024
    - Spike in crashes involving commercial vehicles (4 up from 0)
    - OVI crashes down 44% (9 YTD 2025 vs. 16 YTD 2024)
- Average Annual Daily Traffic 2% annual increase (of both passenger & commercial vehicles)
  - I-270 AADT:
    - 2023 111,993
    - 2024 114,029 (+1.8%)
  - US 62 east of Stygler AADT:
    - 2023 28,231
    - 2024 28,598 (+1.3%)

### **Traffic Enforcement**

### Traffic stops up 22% (2219 vs. 1816)

- Citation issued 724 (32%)
- Warning issued 1413 (63%)
- Arrest 54 (2.4%)

e-ticketing statistics

- 85% of all traffic citations issued electronically
- Up from 71% in 2024



# **Police Training 2025**

- De-escalation & Mental Health Response
- Officer Wellness
- Ethics Law
- Dynamic Vehicle Operations
- Legal updates including changes to marijuana law
- Public engagement training:
  - CRASE
  - Self-defense
  - Vulnerability assessments



### **Gahanna Civic Center**



- Operational planning and workflow
- Sequencing of move to 825
- Equipment consolidation
- Property and evidence integrity
- Training Center use and procedures
- CALEA accreditation
- Other Public Safety Requirements
  ODRC, LEADS, 911, State & Federal

# **Future Considerations**

- Police staffing to meet community growth & operational demands (ongoing)
- New Gahanna-Lincoln High School opening & enrollment growth will impact SRO needs
- Expansion of FLOCK camera program (to meet gaps in coverage)
  - Opportunities for public/private partnerships
- Training Center use & regional opportunities as a budgetary offset
- Continued emphasis on training needs and equipment
- Maximizing internal and entrepreneurial opportunities
- Analyzing the impact of the new CAD/RMS system capabilities
  - Al functions related to predictive policing

### **Questions?**





