



Gahanna

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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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
 - 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
 - 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 minor 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
 - AI functions related to predictive policing

Questions?

