

# LITHOPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**On September 1**, an officer encountered a male in a vehicle who appeared to be visibly distraught. Upon speaking with the male, it was determined that he recently lost his father. His father was on a military training mission when his plane developed mechanical issues and crashed into the ocean. He stated that his father's body has not been recovered. The male stated he did not want to display his grief in front of family members, so he left his residence to do so in private. The officer stayed with the male until he was able to compose himself and escorted him back to his residence. He was given a list of mental health resources to contact for future reference.

**On September 5**, police responded to a local school regarding an irate parent who was threatening to come to the school to cause a scene after his child was involved in a disciplinary issue. Contact was made with the parent, who was advised to pursue the proper channels to resolve the issue.

**On September 5**, police were dispatched on a welfare check after a family member was unable to reach relatives over an extended period of time. Police were able to contact the relatives, who advised they were mad at the family member and had no desire to speak with her.

**On September 5**, police assisted the sheriff's office in attempting to locate a suspect vehicle involved in a drive by shooting. The vehicle was later located by Columbus Police. There were no reported injuries during the incident.

**On September 6**, police assisted the sheriff's office regarding a mental health emergency in which a female had barricaded herself in a residence with a firearm. The situation was later resolved peacefully.

**On September 6**, police responded to a 9-1-1 hang up call. It was determined that a 10-year-old child had called because he was upset that he couldn't go out for dinner.

**On September 7**, police assisted the sheriff's office in attempting to locate a vehicle involved in a road rage incident in which the driver fired a gun at the other vehicle.

**On September 8**, police were dispatched to a road rage incident in which the caller was being chased from Canal Winchester by another vehicle. The caller stayed on the phone to keep dispatchers updated on her location. The officer located them and initiated a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle, which was still behind the victim's car. Since the incident began outside Lithopolis, the officer stood by for responding deputies.

**On September 9**, a person called 9-1-1 and hung up after asking for police to respond. On arrival, none of the occupants were cooperative and stated that police were not needed. The residence has a history of domestic and drug-related calls.

**On September 15**, police initiated a traffic stop for a stop sign violation. It was determined that the operator was intoxicated, and he was placed under arrest.

**On September 16**, police conducted a traffic stop on a suspect vehicle whose occupants were involved in a domestic disturbance at a Canal Winchester business. The vehicle was held until investigating deputies arrived to interview the occupants about the incident.

**On September 19**, police responded to a residence regarding a protection order violation. The caller advised that the subject of the protection order has been trying to make contact. A report was forwarded to the prosecutor for determination of charges.

**On September 19**, police responded to a residence regarding a complaint. The caller stated that her phone had been stolen in Lancaster and the person who stole the phone was posing as her on an adult social media site. She stated that the person was posting explicit photos of her and inviting men to her residence to engage in sex acts. Information was forwarded to Lancaster Police.

**On September 25**, police responded to a residential burglary. The resident had been hospitalized for several months and a caretaker discovered forced entry to the residence. Evidence was taken from the scene and sent to the crime lab for analysis.

**On September 26**, police responded to a local business regarding an unconscious male in a restroom. Police located the male, along with drug paraphernalia, and were able to rouse him. After being evaluated by medics, the male was transported to jail on drug charges. Fentanyl was also recovered from the scene.

**On September 26**, police responded to a business in Canal Winchester regarding a wanted felon who was running from parole authorities and deputies. The male was found hiding behind a fenced in area and was taken into custody and turned over to parole officers. A deputy was transported to the hospital after being injured during the foot pursuit. The suspect was also in possession of fentanyl.

**During September**, police conducted 25 traffic stops. Of those stops, 10 citations were issued, 6 of those being for speeding. Roughly 25% of the total number of traffic stops resulted in a speeding ticket.