



January 2024

**Daily Crime Log Accessibility**

Updated the webpage for the daily crime log to enhance digital accessibility.

January 2024

**Expanding Joint Patrol**

Expanded joint patrol program, in partnership with CPD, to include four officers on patrol in the University District.

March 2022-July 2022

**Camera Expansion**

Installation of surveillance cameras and license plate reader cameras at campus parking garages. In addition, LPR cameras were deployed throughout the nearby University District.

March 2022

**Community Crime Map**

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September 2022

**Police Division Reorganization**

Reorganized the police division and created the following positions Research & Development, Support and Community Engagement

June-July 2021

**Kirwan Institute Collaboration**

The OSUPD partnered with the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity for training to improve policing of a diverse community. The OSUPD instructor team received the train-the-trainer program.

June-July 2021

**Civil and Human Rights**

University Police supervisors and officers graduated from a 6-week online leadership course from the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, "Promoting and Protecting Civil and Human Rights."

June 2021

**Blue Light Emergency Phones**

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January-July 2021

### **ICAT Training**

The Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics, or ICAT, is a use-of-force training guide designed to fill a critical gap in training police officers in how to respond to volatile situations in which subjects are behaving erratically and often dangerously but do not possess a firearm. Areas of focus include police officer response, non-firearms incidents, crisis recognition and intervention, communication, and tactics, all while ensuring officer safety and wellness.

August 2020

### **CALEA Reaccreditation**

The OSUPD received reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies for its adherence to best practices of law enforcement standards.

[https://dps.osu.edu/calea\\_3](https://dps.osu.edu/calea_3)

July 2020

### **Public Safety Advisory Committee**

OSUPD took a prominent role in the newly formed Public Safety Advisory Committee with its goal of enhancing the safety and well being of all members of the university community by gathering input from Ohio State students, faculty, and staff. Its focus includes the exploration of new programs, continuous operational improvement initiatives, safety notices, community outreach and engagement, training opportunities, crime trends, safety risks, crime prevention strategies, and compliance with best practices and regulations.

<https://dps.osu.edu/resources/public-safety-advisory-committee>

March 2020

### **FBI National Academy**

Chief Kimberly Spears-McNatt successfully completed the FBI National Academy, a professional 10-week course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers. The program—which provides coursework in intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication, and forensic science—serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide.

<https://www.fbi.gov/services/training-academy/national-academy>

May 2019

### **Medal of Valor**

Officer Alan Horujko received the United States Medal of Valor, presented by President Donald J. Trump, for “saving the lives of more than a dozen civilians on The Ohio State University campus” in response to the attack on Ohio State’s campus in November 2016

<https://youtu.be/Ag3V2gq9SYo>

January 2019

### **New Chief, Deputy Chief Sworn In**

Kimberly Spears-McNatt sworn in as the 11th Chief in OSUPD’s history and the agency’s first female chief of police. Tracy Hahn was sworn in as Deputy Chief.

August 2018

### **Surviving an Active Aggressor**

The university released a video highlighting safety strategies in case of an active aggressor event. It garnered a Regional Emmy Award. As of July 2021, it had received more than 1.4 million views on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/2zfiQAk927s>



February 2018

### **Crime Prevention/Behavioral Assessment Unit**

A second officer was added to the Crime Prevention/Behavioral Assessment Unit to assist the campus community.

October 2017

### **TASERS**

The police division purchased approximately 70 units, and officers began carrying the devices upon completing training, the earliest beginning in October 2017. TASERS provide another resource for officers to enhance safety.

October 2017

### **Distinguished Law Enforcement Achievement Awards**

At the Law Enforcement Conference, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine honored OSUPD Officer Alan Horujko with the Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award for his response to the active attacker in November 2016 and the OSUPD Ordinance Team with the Distinguished Law Enforcement Training Award.

July 2017

### **Increased Staffing**

Six new officers were added to the OSUPD, bringing the total authorized strength to 56 sworn police officers.

June 2017

### **Additional Recognition**

The OSUPD and Officer Alan Horujko received resolutions from the Ohio House and Ohio Senate to acknowledge their response to the attack on Ohio State's campus in November 2016. Additionally, Officer Horujko had accepted the Steven Michal Smith Award for Valor by the Ohio Tactical Officers Association and IACLEA Recognition for Valor.

February 2017

### **Spears-McNatt Completes the CLEE Program**

One of 28 graduates honored at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy in Columbus, Deputy Chief Kimberly Spears-McNatt became a Certified Law Enforcement Executive, marking more than a year of instruction that further promotes professional development and elevates standards of excellence for law enforcement individuals.

<https://dps.osu.edu/news/2017/02/20/spears-mcnatt-becomes-certified-law-enforcement-executive>

December 2016

### **Resolution of Appreciation**

The OSUPD and the Columbus Division of Police accepted the Columbus City Council's Resolution of Appreciation for their collaboration in defusing an act of violence on the Columbus campus.

<https://dps.osu.edu/resolution>

December 2016

### **Body-Worn Cameras**

A pilot on the Columbus campus of body-worn video was expanded to the six campuses. <https://dps.osu.edu/bodycams>



November 2016

### **Record-breaking Attendance**

The double-overtime win against the Team Up North was enjoyed by a record-breaking Ohio Stadium attendance of 110,045. Fans were giving public safety officials high-fives on the field, and no arrests were needed during the post-game celebration.



October 2016

### **Community Police Academy**

The first Community Police Academy launches. CPA is a free four-week program designed to give eligible students, faculty and staff an idea of what it's like to protect and serve on campus.



September 2016

### **Patrol Districts**

Cruiser districts, specific geographic areas, were implemented in an effort to improve response times to high priority calls for service.

August 2016

### **First Female Deputy Chief**

Alumna Kimberly Spears-McNatt, who joined the OSUPD in 1994, was promoted as its first female deputy chief. She holds a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and a master's from Franklin University.

July 2016

### **Republican National Convention (RNC)**

OSUPD Special Response Team (SRT) assisted the City of Cleveland, Cleveland Division of Police and law enforcement officers from across the country in keeping Cleveland safe and protected during the RNC.

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September 2015

### **Surviving an Active Shooter**

The university released a video highlighting safety strategies in case of an active shooter event. It garnered a Regional Emmy Award. As of June 2021, it has received nearly 3 million views on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/9Z9zkU--FLQ>



August 2015

### **Ohio Collaborative Certification**

New standards were implemented for use of force, police recruitment, hiring, retention. The OSUPD quickly gained certification, demonstrating its commitment to following law enforcement best practices.

2015

### **Expanded Bike Unit**

The bike patrol was reinvigorated with new equipment and training for all OSUPD officers.



September 2013

### **Police Presence at all Regional Campuses**

OSUPD completed its deployment of law enforcement officers on each of the regional campuses, hiring a sergeant to serve at Lima.

July 2013

### **CALEA Accreditation**

OSUPD received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), confirming that OSUPD is meeting internationally recognized best practices of law enforcement agency standards for colleges and universities. In addition, the Columbus Division of Police and OSUPD co-hosted the CALEA 2013 Summer Conference, which was attended by more than 500 public safety officials from the United States, Canada, Mexico and Barbados.



2013

### **Motorcycle Unit**

Officers focused on traffic enforcement, were easily noticeable, and were actively engaged with pedestrians. The program was eliminated in 2017 because of lack of funding.



2012

### **Internships and Mentoring**

OSUPD begins offering internship and mentoring opportunities to Student Safety employees.

2012

### **OSUPD-CPD Mutual Aid Agreement**

The agreement was expanded to allow university enforcement in off-campus neighborhoods for emergencies and in certain categories of offenses.

2012

### **Mounted Unit**

Initiated as a crime prevention initiative and has proven quite popular. Officers patrol and attend university and community programs and events.



2009

### **Enhanced 9-1-1 System**

The 9-1-1 system was modernized to be compliant with updated federal mandates.

Autumn 2008

### **Joint Policing Project**

OSUPD and Columbus Division of Police partnered to patrol the student neighborhoods east of High Street year-round. The project demonstrates the commitment of both agencies to collaboratively address shared crime.

July 2008

### **First Business Director**

Donna Smith was hired as the first Business Director.

January 2008

### **Buckeye Alert System**

The first Buckeye Alert System Test was performed with 8,758 students, 2,497 staff, 2,134 parents, 592 faculty and 292 others registered. This test was designed to allow the public to be informed of potential emergencies.

May 2007

### **Crime Analyst Hired**

The new crime analyst provided information about crime trends and collaborated with other state and local law enforcement agencies to share information.

2007

### **Officer Physical Fitness Incentive**

Program encouraged officer fitness.

Summer 2005

### **Ohio Stadium Gets Security Cameras**

Ohio Stadium cameras are added to the security camera system, giving OSUPD officers greater ability to keep the campus safe.

Autumn 2004

### **Crime Interdiction**

Beginning in 2004, OSUPD and Columbus Police (CPD) teamed up during the academic year to focus on student safety in the east of High Street campus area. The project was funded by The Ohio State University Department of Public Safety.

February 2004

### **First K-9**

OSUPD's first K-9, Catto, joined the force, trained to search for suspects, detect explosives, and protect his handler.



February 10, 1997

### **Officer Killed in the Line of Duty**

OSUPD Officer Michael Blankenship was shot in the line of duty in the Wexner Center for the Arts. Blankenship Hall was later renamed in his honor.



Spring 1995

### **President Clinton and Vice President Gore Visit**

President Clinton and Vice President Gore visited the Wexner Center and were escorted by the Personal Protection Team.



January 1995

### **Reducing the Risk**

Reducing the Risk Program was initiated with a custom database for recording and tracking university assets not normally recorded for insurance purposes. Many of the items documented have a historical artistic or monetary value that is part of the university.

1994

### **Rape Aggression Defense (RAD)**

OSUPD provides this free program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques to women, including awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, and hands-on defense training.

Summer 1980

### **Traditional Style Uniform**

The OSUPD returned to the traditional style Police uniform, dark blue in color. The traditional exterior badge, name plate, and whistle were to be worn in plain view.



September 1978

### **OSUPD Reduces Number of Officers**

The OSUPD went from the all-time high of 79 commissioned police officers in 1974 to 44 commissioned police officers. The Department of Public Safety was now again called the Police Department.

June 1978

### **Guidelines Define Jurisdiction**

Director of Public Safety Alan J. Miller wrote guidelines that in effect confined OSUPD to campus. University Police could no longer pursue outside its jurisdiction. The only exception to this rule was in direct pursuit of a felon.

1977

### **Special Response Team (SRT) Established**

Originally called the Counter Weapon Team, this tactical unit consists of carefully selected, highly trained and skilled police officers to respond to specific critical, dangerous, and potentially dangerous events.

1974

### **Police Badge**

A new badge was adopted, setting it apart from common badges worn by many agencies in the Columbus area. An essential element was that the word "university" was spelled out instead of being abbreviated.



October 1972

### **Blue Light Emergency Phones**

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October 1970

### **Hanna Appointed, Department Renamed**

Donald G. Hanna was appointed as the first Public Safety Director. The Police Department became known as Department of Public Safety.

1970s

### **Personal Protection Team**

Established to protect visiting dignitaries and high-profile members of the community.



1970s

### **Hostage Negotiation Team**

OSUPD staff were trained to establish and maintain communications with people who have taken hostages, barricaded themselves, or created a situation requiring a negotiator, such as a suicide threat.

1970

### **LEADS Terminal**

A LEADS (Law Enforcement Automated Data System) Terminal allowed the Department to be connected to all Ohio and National Police agencies.

September 25, 1968

### **Program to Reevaluate OSUPD**

University President Fawcett initiated a program to reevaluate the Police Department in manpower needs, salary scale, selection and training of personnel, and promotion practices.



July 1962

### **First Female Hired by OSUPD**

The Ohio State University Police Division hired its first policewoman, Norma J. Walker. She was heralded as the first female campus officer in the Big Ten and one of the first in the country.

<https://www.dispatch.com/news/20190217/norma-jean-walker--1931-2019-ohio-states-first-female-police-officer-was-crack-shot>



August 1959

### **“Handi Talkie” Portable Radios**

All Police Officers that patrolled the campus carried the new “Handi Talkie” portable radio, ranking the Police Department as one of the best equipped suburban departments in Franklin County.



April 1, 1942

### **First Police Chief**

James L. Beck was appointed as the first Police Chief, and two more Police Officers were added to the force. The authorized strength was now 9, including 4 Night Watchmen. A marked police cruiser was purchased.



1927

### **Olentangy River Floods**

The Olentangy River flooded, causing widespread damage on campus. Water was 5' deep at what was later to become the Woody Hayes Drive and Tuttle Park intersection.



1925

### **First Parking Citation Issued During a Football Game**

Officer North handed out the first parking citation to “relieve traffic congestion on campus caused by the automobiles” during a football game.

October 11, 1918

### **University Closes for the First Time**

The Ohio State University closed for the first time in its history, fearing an influenza epidemic. Several large trees were uprooted around Mirror Lake because of a windstorm that hit Columbus.

January 1911

### **Day Policeman and Night Watchman Force Increase**

Located in the Physical Plant, the Day Policeman force was increased to two Police Officers, and the Night Watchman force was increased to four.

August 7, 1909

### **First Day Police Officer**

President Thompson appointed the first Day Police Officer, John Ricketts, along with an additional Night Watchman, John T. Daniels (the “Buckeye Man”). The salary for both increased to \$745 annually.

February 20, 1904

### **Fire Destroys Chemistry Building**

The Chemistry Building was destroyed by a fire, the second to happen in this building. The first was on February 12, 1889. The Board of Trustees in 1876 ordered \$125 be appropriated for the purpose of connecting the College with the city and fire department by way of telegraph.

June 18, 1889

### **Night Watchmen’s Clock**

A Night Watchmen’s clock was purchased by President William Oxley Thompson. Property protection duties originally were assigned to custodians and maintenance men.