# THE BLUE LETTER



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July 9, 2021

Honorable Mayor Herbst & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Here's a case in public service that brings honor and pride to the City of Vandalia and those public servants who came before us. At our August meeting, Chief Althouse will present Sergeant Doug Nagel with the Medal of Valor, Police Officer Phil Shafer with the Distinguished Service Award, and Police Officer Kristen Thomas with the Distinguished Service Award for their heroic and lifesaving actions at an apartment fire on W. Van Lake Drive on January 9, 2021. I am proud to be on this team. I have enclosed Lt. Walker's citation and recommendation at the end of this correspondence.

Thank you to these officers and our entire corps of Police Officers, Firefighters, Public Safety Specialists, and support personnel for your work in making Vandalia a safe place to thrive.

The Airshow is here! Thank you to all of our staff members and volunteers who have come together to put in extra hours and effort in order to make the Star Spangled Celebration, Airshow, Airshow Parade, and other events a success. This morning, I had the privilege of representing the City of Vandalia on Fox 45. If you are interested in seeing my interview, it starts about 5 minutes and 11 seconds into this video (Link). Reporter Payton Marshall was in town and took the opportunity to interview several community leaders to discuss the festivities in town. I have enclosed the opening ceremonies agenda, program agenda, and the site plan schematic for the air show.

I cannot wait to take this weekend to celebrate our region's tradition of innovation and aviation as an economic driver. It is my hope that we will leverage this opportunity to build relationships that will bring investment to Vandalia.

Please consider the following updates:

1. Police Executive Leadership College (PELC): Congratulations to Sqt. Doug Nagel for completing PELC! It is crucial that our public servants pursue professional training and credentialing in their respective fields. I commend not just Sqt. Nagel, but all of our team members who are doing their part to learn and apply training so that we can help Vandalia realize its full potential! Pictured: Toledo Police Chief George Kral, president of the Ohio Associations of Chiefs of Police;

Sgt. Nagel; and Dublin Police Chief Justin Paez, chairman of the PELC Executive Leadership committee.







- 2. New City Planner! After a rigorous and competitive recruitment, I have selected and appointed Mr. Zach Karto as the next City Planner. Mr. Karto has approximately four years of experience as a professional planner at Collier County (Naples, FL). He holds a Bachelor of Science in City and Regional Planning from Ohio State University and is a resident of Butler Township. Mr. Karto will attend a future Council meeting so that you may welcome him to the ranks.
- 3. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds: Finance Director Leiter has submitted the necessary paperwork and has conducted the necessary registration so that the City may receive American Rescue Plan Funds. The City will likely receive the first tranche of ARRP funds in the amount of \$785,475.82 later this month. Upon arrival of the funds, I will propose several uses to Council based on the briefing that I previously presented and updated guidance from the Department of Treasury.
- 4. The Neighborhood Splashtacular: This week, the Parks and Recreation Department and Division of Fire offered the first Neighborhood Splashtacular event on Wednesday at the Sports Complex. I had the pleasure of stopping by briefly to see hundreds of smiling faces (including the Wendt boys). This event was recently featured on Focus Vandalia (Link). The events are free and feature water games, a slip-n-slide, a dunk tank, and a fire truck spraying water.

Events will be held on from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on:

- a. Wednesday, July 14 at Helke Park; and
- b. Wednesday, July 21 at Robinette Park.
- 5. Star Spangled Celebration: The 2021 Star Spangled Celebration took place on Saturday, July 3 at the Sports Complex. The event was very well attended and went extremely well. The City produced a top-notch event thanks to the efforts of the City Manager's Office, Division of Fire, Division of Police, Public Works and the Parks & Recreation Department staff. The teamwork and cooperation from ALL departments to put on such a large-scale event is appreciated.
- 6. Commercial Truck Traffic: Law Director McDonald conducted extensive research and ultimately convinced the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) legal team of the City's authority to increase the speed of Airport Access to 65 mph. This is a direct effort to improve the time of travel calculations and routing of navigation systems for truck drivers coming to and from the west side of the airport. I am pleased to report that Public Works has installed the new signs.

Next week, work will likely begin on the median that will be added on W. National Rd. just west of Joseph Airport Hyundai. To improve driver safety, Public Service Director Cron is working with Law Director McDonald and ODOT to consider the City's authority to reduce the speed of W. National Rd. from 50 mph to 35 mph to the east of Peters Pike. The purpose of this reduction would be to reduce the likelihood that drivers will hit the median at 50 mph. As a secondary benefit, it will affect GPS calculations and add possibly assist in directing semi-trucks around town. An overhead map of the proposed changes is enclosed.

During the past two weeks, Vandalia Police Officers made 23 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in 3 traffic citations, 19 written warnings and 1 verbal warning while working 23 additional enforcement hours.

Next week, I am meeting with ODOT District 7 Deputy Director Randy Chevalley and Highway Management Administrator Scott Kasler to continue our pursuit of reducing commercial truck traffic woes through town.



- 7. Alignment of Tuskegee Airman Dr. & Inverness Ave.: Northpoint Development has notified the City that they will begin relocating Tuskegee Airman Drive to align with Inverness Ave. next week. on N. Dixie Drive next week.
- 8. Cassel Hills Pool: City staff is always monitoring local social media to stay apprised of issues that may arise but not be reported directly to staff via more traditional channels. I appreciate that our team keeps me apprised – also, Mrs. Wendt is quite skilled at identifying hot button posts and giving me an early warning! This summer I have attended Cassel Hills Pool on several occasions with my family – so I have had a bit of a secret shopper experience. As a whole, SwimSafe has a very good reputation and I was part of the team that brought them to the Fairfield municipal pool. You may also recall that LIFEGUARD was my first municipal job – so I am always observing. This weekend, I became aware of growing consternation among patrons with regard to Cassel Hills Pool. Over the weekend, there was a verbal altercation after a Caucasian female adult allegedly cut in line in front of an African American youth at the concession stand. It turns out that this is what actually transpired and precipitated the social media post, which gave rise to a posting about the pool and many subsequent comments in the chain. The comments were related to the behavior of patrons, enforcement of rules, and general upkeep of the facility. In general, these comments have been helpful and I have conducted a thorough analysis of the situation with Director Clark and Superintendent Kreill. For the time being, the following actions are being taken to make sure that Cassel Hills Pool remains a safe place for families to recreate:
  - Chief Althouse has directed Police Officers to conduct random foot patrols of the facility foot patrols are meant to double as opportunities for Police Officers to build positive relationships with patrons;
  - Superintendent Kreill observed the behavior of patrons on site and will continue to monitor the performance of SwimSafe staff;
  - The City will improve signage stating the most important rules for patrons to quickly capture;
  - The City will post signage stating that the premises are under recorded video surveillance;
  - The City will consider expanding surveillance video coverage at the facility;
  - The City will consider placing a seasoned part-time staff member there to observe and ensure rules are enforced during peak hours;
  - SwimSafe will more stringently enforce established rules and will conduct more frequent rounds in the grassy area behind the pool;
  - SwimSafe will ensure adequate staffing levels per its agreement with the City; and
  - SwimSafe was advised to contact the Vandalia Police Division on the nonemergency number when an individuals or group of individuals is asked to leave the facility for cause, if a patron is insubordinate, or if staff feels intimidated.
- g. Income Tax Revenue: Year-to-Date (YTD) June 30, 2021, overall Income tax revenue is up 15.54% (\$1,297,342) from 2020. Withholding tax is up YTD 6.27% (\$411,647); individual tax up YTD 53.67% (\$374,322); Business net profit tax up YTD 46.95% (\$511,373). The amount of income tax revenue budgeted for 2021 is \$16,995,000. The amount collected YTD was \$9,646,128 (57%) in 2021 is approximately 7% higher than the estimated YTD amount based on the budget. Due to the change



in the income tax due dates in both 2020 and 2021, the monthly comparisons will be skewed until August figures are finalized.

- 10. Division of Fire in the News: The Division of Fire has seen an increase in communication with the news media. Recently, Chief Follick and CRRC Jacobs appeared for on camera interviews with WDTN, WHIO and a telephone interview with Dayton Daily News covering both our Mobile Vaccination Team's as well as an on-camera interview with WDTN from the Star-Spangled Celebration fireworks site to discuss fireworks safety and to remind everyone the displaying of fireworks in Ohio is still illegal. Congrats to our Division of Fire for thinking outside of the box and finding new ways to serve Vandalia!
- **11.** White Castle Groundbreaking: You are invited to attend the White Castle Vandalia Plant Expansion groundbreaking on July 13, 2021 at 11:00 am at the plant on Capstone Way. Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:rsvp@whitecastle.com">rsvp@whitecastle.com</a> and plan to arrive by 10:30 am. The flyer for the event is enclosed.

Please contact me directly with questions or comments.

Your partner in service,

Dan Wendt City Manager

CC:

Board and Commission Members All City Employees

#### Attachments:

- 1. Information Update ACM Holloway July 8, 2021;
- 2. Information Update Director Leiter July 8, 2021;
- 3. Information Update Chief Follick July 8, 2021;
- 4. Information Update HR Manager Dewberry July 8, 2021;
- 5. Information Update Director Clark July 8, 2021;
- 6. Information Update Chief Althouse July 8, 2021;
- 7. Information Update Director Cron July 8, 2021;
- 8. Air Show Opening Ceremonies Schedule;
- 9. Air Show Agenda;
- 10. Air Show Site Plan;
- 11. White Castle Vandalia Plant Expansion Groundbreaking Flyer;
- 12. Music in the Park Schedule;
- 13. National Night Out Flyer August 3, 2021;
- 14. Walk-in COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics;
- 15. Fire Division Statistics June 2021;
- 16. Police Division Statistics June 2021;
- 17. Proposed Speed Limit Reduction W. National Rd.; and
- 18. Lt. Walker Memorandum to Chief Althouse Awards Recommendation.



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Amber Holloway, Assistant City Manager

Date: July 8, 2021

Subject: Information Update



- On Friday June 25, I attended the Special Projects Grant Panel Meeting to hear the panel's review of our application for the mural project. We have been recommended for \$4,250 in funding, which is 85% of our funding request. We find out this month if the funding is officially awarded.
- Rob, Jerry and I attended a virtual meeting with ODOT to talk about increasing the speed limit of the Airport Access Road. We have since increased this speed limit from 55 MPH to 65 MPH.
- I attended a virtual meeting for BusinessFirst! We heard from the Downtown Dayton Partnership.
- I met with an existing company considering growth options.
- You, Rob, and I met virtually with representatives from ODOT to discuss the National Road Safety Study on Thursday July 1.
- Rob and I met with a Condominium Association considering modifying a property boundary.
- You and I met to review upcoming public hearing items.
- Rob and I met with an existing business owner considering a parking expansion.
- I met with Julie Sullivan from the Dayton Development Coalition on 7/8.
- Special thanks to Rich Hopkins for serving as emcee for the Star-Spangled Celebration.
- Our new City Planner, Zak Karto, will start on Monday 7/12. We look forward to him joining the Vandalia team.

# City of Vandalia Finance Department

# Information Update

**To:** Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

**Date:** July 7, 2021

Re: Information Update - Period Ending July 9, 2021

- 1. YTD June 30, 2021, overall Income tax revenue is up 15.54% (\$1,297,342) from 2020. Withholding tax is up YTD 6.27% (\$411,647); individual tax up YTD 53.67% (\$374,322); Business net profit tax up YTD 46.95% (\$511,373). The amount of income tax revenue budgeted for 2021 is \$16,995,000. The amount collected YTD was \$9,646,128. Therefore, the amount collected to date (57%) in 2021 is approximately 7% higher than the estimated YTD amount based on the budget. However, due to the change in the income tax due dates in both 2020 and 2021, the monthly comparisons will be somewhat skewed until August.
- 2. I participated in a webinar sponsored by the Office of Budget and Management. The main topic of discussion was the American Rescue Plan Act and preparation for receipt of funds and guidance on allowable expenditures. The registration was completed, and the City is set to receive the first tranche amount of \$785,475.82 later this month. Final details on the types of expenditures permitted with use of the funds are forthcoming.
- 3. Finance staff continue to attend various trainings on the new Incode Finance software, including the new time management system, Executime.
- 4. You and I interviewed three candidates (round #2) for the Finance Clerk position recently vacated by Kristen Carnes.



### **DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE**

**TO:** DANIEL WENDT, CITY MANAGER

**FROM:** CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF

**DATE:** 7/8/2021

**SUBJECT:** INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING JULY 9, 2021

- The Division of Fire participated in the National Safety Stand-Down week June 20-26. During Safety Stand-Down week first responders suspend normal non-emergency activities in order to focus on their own health and safety. This year different shift crews worked together to present 10-min training drills and reviewing firefighter rescue procedures. Additionally, our Healthy Hero's trainer from Premier Health, Mitchell Simmons came in to work with the crews by presenting a training on fire/EMS stressors and how to manage; including rehabilitation and hydration. Mitchell also reviewed specific stretching exercises using the Division of Fire's fitness equipment.
- 2. The Fire Prevention Bureau took to social media and local news channels a few times throughout the week to remind the community about firework safety and that home displays are illegal in Ohio. The Bureau encouraged residents to instead, come out to the city's Star-Spangled Celebration and enjoy the festivities and fireworks handled by professionals.
- 3. The past weekend was a busy one for the Division of Fire. Community Risk Reduction Coordinator, Jacobs and Fire Marshal Eckert worked closely with the Rozzi group in preparation for the City's Star-Spangled Celebration firework show. The Fire Department plays a large role in making sure safety measures are met and maintained days before the actual event. The Division of Fire has a good relationship with the Rozzi group and was glad to have the event back this year.

### DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE



The Fire Prevention Bureau did respond to several firework complaints over the holiday weekend. Most of which resulted in friendly reminders, at two encounters fireworks were confiscated. One of the incidents, where fireworks were confiscated, a male was arrested by VPD.

The Dayton Bomb Squad assisted us with the detonation of four unexploded fireworks following the show on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is the safest way for us to dispose of these unexploded fireworks. The Bomb Squad had also assisted us with the transportation, temporary storage and the disposal of fireworks that were confiscated by the Fire Marshal.

- 4. In the early morning hours of July 4<sup>th</sup>, a member of a medic crew delivering care to an intoxicated and uncooperative patient was assaulted by that patient when the patient intentional spit on the paramedic. This issue was reported to VPD for disposition and the crew member returned to work after receiving treatment at a local emergency department. I commend the crew for keeping their cool, composure and continuing to provide companionate and outstanding EMS care under these difficult conditions.
- 5. The Division of Fire has seen an increase in communication with the news media recently. Chief Follick and CRRC Jacobs appeared for both on camera interviews with WDTN and WHIO and a telephone interview with Dayton Daily News covering both our Mobile Vaccination Team's great work. CRRC Jacobs participated in an on-camera interview with WDTN from the Star-Spangled Celebration fireworks site to discuss fireworks safety and to remind everyone the displaying of fireworks in Ohio is still illegal.

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### DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

6. On July 7<sup>th</sup> the Division of Fire participated with the Vandalia Rec Center for the first Splashtacular event of the summer. The crews always enjoy being able to participate and provide fun to kids and families of the community. These events are always a good time and the kids love playing in water supplied from a firetruck. We look forward to the next Splashtacular event.

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**To:** Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Shannetta Dewberry, HR Manager

**Date:** July 9, 2021

**Subject:** Information Update



### **HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES**

### **HR Recruiting/Hiring**

- ❖ Public Safety Specialist Second round interviews will be conducted in the next two weeks.
- ❖ Finance Clerk We are conducting second round interviews over the next several weeks.
- City Planner- Zachary Karto is our newest City Planner. He will start work on Monday, 7/12/21.
- ❖ Fire Captain First round interviews were completed, and the Fire Captain Assessment is scheduled next week.
- ❖ Police Officer- We will be posting this position in upcoming weeks.



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Steve Clark, Director of Parks & Recreation

Date: 7/8/2021

Re: Information Update – Period ending July 8, 2021

### **FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

Maintenance staff is prepping for their role with the Air Show Parade. Trash cans will be placed along the parade route, a parks vehicle with ice chest will be delivered to parade personnel, mobile sound stage will be delivered and set up, 4 golf carts from golf course will be delivered to the staging area, a canopy will be delivered and set up for parade organizers, 2 golf carts will be delivered for parade personnel use and a club car will be delivered for Fire Department use. At the conclusion of the parade these items will be returned.

Building Maintenance staff completed work on the new City Planner office. They have also been working on various HVAC issued in city facilities. Many thanks to Chris Mastrino for his ongoing commitment to assisting our staff with the HVAC issues.

The Sports Complex basketball courts maintenance project was completed last week. Asphalt Sealcoaters repaired cracks and also recoated the entire surface.

Rudy worked with Penchura Playground Company regarding replacement costs for play structures and safety surfacing at Helke Park as part of a CDBG grant application submitted by our department for funding consideration.

Rudy is working to get information from Century Industries regarding a possible renovation of the mobile sound stage. The stage is 25 years old and needs some mechanical upgrades as well as a fresh new look to the exterior is desired, including incorporating the new city logo.

### **RECREATION/ATHLETICS DIVISION**

The 2021 Star Spangled Celebration took place on Saturday, July 3 at the Sports Complex. The event was very well attended and went extremely well. The City produced a top notch event thanks to the efforts of the City Manager's Office, Division of Fire, Division of Police, Public Works and the Parks & Recreation Department. The teamwork and cooperation from all departments to put on such a large scale event is appreciated.

Over 125 kids attended the first Neighborhood Splashtacular on July 7 at the Sports Complex. Participants had a ton of fun playing various water games. Kona Ice was on hand as was a food truck. David Yenney State Farm provided supplies for the event and MetroNet brought outdoor games as well. We are very thankful for the partnership with our Division of Fire to be able to make this event possible. We have two more events, July 14 at Helke and July 21 at Helke Park with both events from 1-3 pm.

For the month of June, Cassel Hills Pool daily admissions were paid by cash in the amount of \$15,121 or 70% of the total collected. Credit card payments came in at \$6,599, 30% of the total.

The Crossroads 5K race took place on Saturday, June 26 at 7:30 am at the Sports Complex with a total of 247 participants. Advanced Running Project coordinated the event with a portion of the proceeds (approximately \$600) going to our Dayton Foundation Recreation Fund.

Jeff Kreill and John Myers met with Ben & Julie Neely to discuss B&J's Shaved Ice operating from the soccer concession for the upcoming soccer season. The success of the operations from the baseball concession has both parties interested in continuing the agreement for the soccer season.

Family Health and Fitness Day will take place on Saturday, July 17 from 9am – 1pm at the Vandalia Recreation Center. The event will take place both inside and outside of the VRC. Many family activities are planned for this event.

### **RECREATION CENTER**

On July 1 Alicia McCracken and Jeff Kreill met with Chad Garver of the Division of Fire and SwimSafe's safety trainer to discuss safety protocols at the VRC and Cassel Hills Pool. We are planning a combined training event with SwimSafe and the Division of Fire in the very near future.

All June insurance based membership visits were processed for payment on July 1, 2021. Visits from Trivity members totaled 2,380; Optum members totaled 356 and ASH members 71.

VRC daily admissions for the month of June were paid by cash in the amount of \$12,092 for 51% of the total collected and \$11,786 paid by credit card, 49% of the total.

The VRC Summer Membership Special kicks off on July 12. The special includes 19% off of a yearly membership. We have been marketing the promotion on various social media platforms and throughout the rec center.

Custodial Supervisor Jack Marshall is researching new turnstile options for the exit lane are of the front desk at the VRC. The current model is original to the building and no longer operate in the correct manner.

### **GOLF DIVISION**

Cassel Hills hosted the Vandalia Rotary Golf Outing on June 29 with 90 participants. The Rotary used a Food Truck to cater the event, which turned out quite well. We will continue to use this model, in which outings choose their food provider, for future outings.

Recent poor weather has slowed play at the course. Several leagues have been rained out recently as well. We are hoping for a stretch of better weather in the coming weeks to get back on track.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**

St. Chris School sent 10 students and 2 chaperones to the Senior Center to perform work for their Summer of Service project on June 30. The students cleaned furniture, the kitchen, inside windows and much more.

Attendance at the Senior Center continues to improve each week. Total visitors for July 6 was 121, which is the high amount for this reporting period. A total of 517 visited the center for various activities and events between June 22 and July 6.

# Information Update



To: Dan Wendt

City Manager

From: Kurt E. Althouse

Chief of Police

Date: July 8, 2021

Subject: Information Update Ending July 9, 2021

- 1. During the past two weeks, VPD officers made 23 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in 3 traffic citations, 19 written warnings and 1 verbal warning while working 23 additional enforcement hours.
- 2. On June 26, the Crossroads 5K race event took place, starting and ending at the Sports Complex. The runners travel eastbound on Stonequarry Road and then northbound on Helke Road during the first leg of the race. Lt. Walker and patrol officers from first watch stayed late that morning to assist the volunteers with traffic control along Stonequarry and Helke Roads.
- 3. Detectives charged a 50-year-old Troy man with two counts of Breaking & Entering after he was found asleep inside of a construction trailer. The suspect forcibly entered several construction trailers and gathered items to steal, both inside and outside of the trailers, before falling asleep on the floor of one of the trailers.
- 4. Detectives charged a 24-year-old Kettering man with one count of Grand Theft and misdemeanor Theft. This incident stems from the suspect stealing a motor vehicle and trailer that was parked at a business on Scholz Road in May of 2020.
- On January 9, 2021, VPD officers responded to an apartment fire in the 100 block of West Van Lake Drive. As officers arrived, they observed heavy smoke coming from an apartment on the second floor and quickly took action to rescue the residents who were still inside the apartment building. For their heroic actions, Fire Chief Follick nominated them for department commendations because their actions likely saved the lives of residents in the apartments. After a review of this incident by agency staff and a panel of their peers, Sergeant Nagel was nominated to receive the agency's Medal of Valor and Officers Phil Shafer and Kristen Thomas were nominated to receive the agency's Distinguished Service Award. These employees will be recognized for their bravery and heroic actions to save the lives of several Vandalia residents during the apartment fire and will receive their awards at an upcoming City Council meeting.
- 6. Last Thursday, I had the privilege of being one of four police chiefs who participated in a COPTALK panel for members attending the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) in Dublin, Ohio. As panelists, we were asked various questions from police supervisors and administrators who attended the PELC training about

relevant topics and issues confronting the law enforcement profession today. It was a great time to interact and have dialogue with police professionals from across Ohio.

- 7. Sergeant Doug Nagel successfully completed his leadership training last week in the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) sponsored by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. This three-week program conducted over a three-month period consists of reading and writing assignments, research projects, interviews with community leaders, class projects with other police supervisors, and classroom instruction by various professional executives and leaders. Lieutenant Walker and I had the privilege of attending his graduation from PELC last Friday in Dublin, Ohio. We congratulate Sergeant Nagel for this accomplishment in his professional career development.
- 8. On July 3, the Star-Spangled Celebration event took place at the Vandalia Sports Complex. Six VPD officers patrolled the grounds during the festivities and did not encounter any problems or illegal activity. The Sports Complex entrance was closed at 9:30 pm due to the parking lot reaching capacity. The fireworks concluded at 10:30 pm and officers directed traffic through the north exit gate at Ricci Court and through the main exit on Stonequarry Road. Traffic flowed well and most of it cleared by 11:00 pm. We would like to thank the Butler Township Police Department for assigning an officer to the Stonequarry Road and Peters Pike intersection. This helps keep traffic flowing on Stonequarry Road as vehicles clear the park. The community seemed to really enjoy the opportunity to spend the evening outside celebrating our nation's independence, and the event was a success.
- 9. The police department has been busy with preparation for the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce Air Show Parade and the 2021 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show scheduled for this coming weekend. VPD officers will be working extended hours from Friday afternoon through Monday morning to assist with crowd management and traffic control for both events as we anticipate a large attendance. We appreciate the interaction and cooperation in working with the Fire Department and Public Works Department as we prepare for these events.



### **Public Works & DES Information Update**

**To:** Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Rob Cron, Director of Public Service

**Date:** July 8, 2021

**Re:** Information Update for June 26-July 9, 2021

### **Public Works**

Much of this period is in preparation for the Air Show Parade and the Air Show. We have been mowing and trimming areas and our crews worked with the Police Department installing all of the direction signage in and around the City.

Crews also continued spraying vegetation along the curbs on the roadway.

We assisted with providing traffic control and barricades for the Star Spangled Celebration.

We made repairs to several more fire hydrants that were identified during inspections and flushing.

Crews have been making permanent asphalt repairs to several utility cuts that have been made over the past several months.

Crews performed one burial at Poplar Hill Cemetery during this period.

Steve Nickels and I attended the NAWA Technical Advisory meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup> and the Tri Cities Waste Water Authority Technical Committee Meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

We are happy to announce that we have a candidate from our Civil Service eligibility list set to fill the vacant Public Works Technician. Austin Tarzinski will begin as our new Technician on July 21.

### **Development & Engineering Services**

Coate Construction has made great progress in this year's concrete repair program. They have all of the sidewalk work completed on North Dixie Drive prior to the Airshow Parade. They are now working in the Brown School Woods Subdivision and have begun demolition work on Stewville Drive and Fitchland Drive. They will wrap up this year's project with the installation of the median on West National Road between Peters Pike and Corporate Center Drive.

The contractor is nearing completion of the new Traffic Signal installation at Northwoods Boulevard and Falls Creek Drive. They are installing the new pavement marking this week as well and plan to have the new signal in operation by the end of next week.

The contractor has moved back in to the Redwood Development. They are performing earthwork on the site including some of the pond areas. They are awaiting final approval from EPA to begin the utility installations.

I am meeting Friday with our consultant and Eric Sauer from Fiver River Metro Parks to walk the off-road portion of the route of our Proposed Bike Path along Brown School Road and National Road out to the Taylorville Dam. We will try to define the best alignment through this area trying to minimize significant tree removal a disturbance of the natural area.

Northpoint Development notified me this week that they plan to begin the relocation of Tuskegee Airman Drive on N. Dixie Drive next week. This will align with the intersection of Inverness Avenue.

You, Amber Holloway and I met with several representatives from ODOT to discuss our National Road Safety Study to gain their guidance as we go through our application process.

Kip Millikin has been busy making sure all properties throughout the City mowed and in compliance with our property maintenance code. All enforced mows are schedule to take place this week prior to the Airshow.

We have issued a Certificate of Occupancy for Day Care Room Revisions at The Seventh Day Adventist Church at 9675 N. Dixie Drive.

A building permit has been issued for the new occupant, New Vision Church, at 950 Helke Road.

We are excited that Pete Baldauf will be coming back to the City of Vandalia and join our DES team as Chief Building Official. Pete was previously with the City as Electrical and Building Inspector. Pete's first day back will be July 21.



# CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger Welcome Ceremony Schedule and Program July 10, 2021

Speakers:	Col	Patrick Miller	W/DAFR	· Matt locanh	Commissioner,	City of
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Dayton; Dan Wendt, City Manager, City of Vandalia; David J. Lesar, President & CEO, CenterPoint Energy; Jake Cannon, Vice President of Operations, Kroger; and Scott Buchanan, Chair, USATS Board

Assembly: Speakers and guests will park in the VIP lot on the show

grounds and assemble in the #00 USATS Board of Trustees

Chalet no later than 11:15 am.

Ceremony Schedule: 11:40 am	Speakers and guests are transported to main stage. $^{st}$
12:02 pm	Welcome—Scott Buchanan. Scott introduces the guests and order of the speakers.
12:04 pm	Col. Patrick Miller's remarks
12:06 pm	Commissioner Matt Joseph's remarks
12:08 pm	City of Vandalia's Dan Wendt's remarks
12:10 pm	CenterPoint Energy's David J. Lesar's remarks
12:12 pm	Kroger's Jake Cannon's remarks
12:14 pm	Scott Buchanan concludes with remarks and acknowledgements, and announces a moment of silence

<sup>12:16</sup> pm Begin Flag Drop narration.

12:18 pm National Anthem sung by Rob Reider

12:25 pm Platform party returns to Board of Trustees Chalet.

for fallen troops and Don Kinlin.

<sup>\*</sup>Shiela Wallace, USATS Media Chairperson, oversees transport of guests to platform.



(https://daytonairshow.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Thunderbirds\_6.jpg)

Show Dates: July 10th and 11th, 2021

Gates Open: 9am

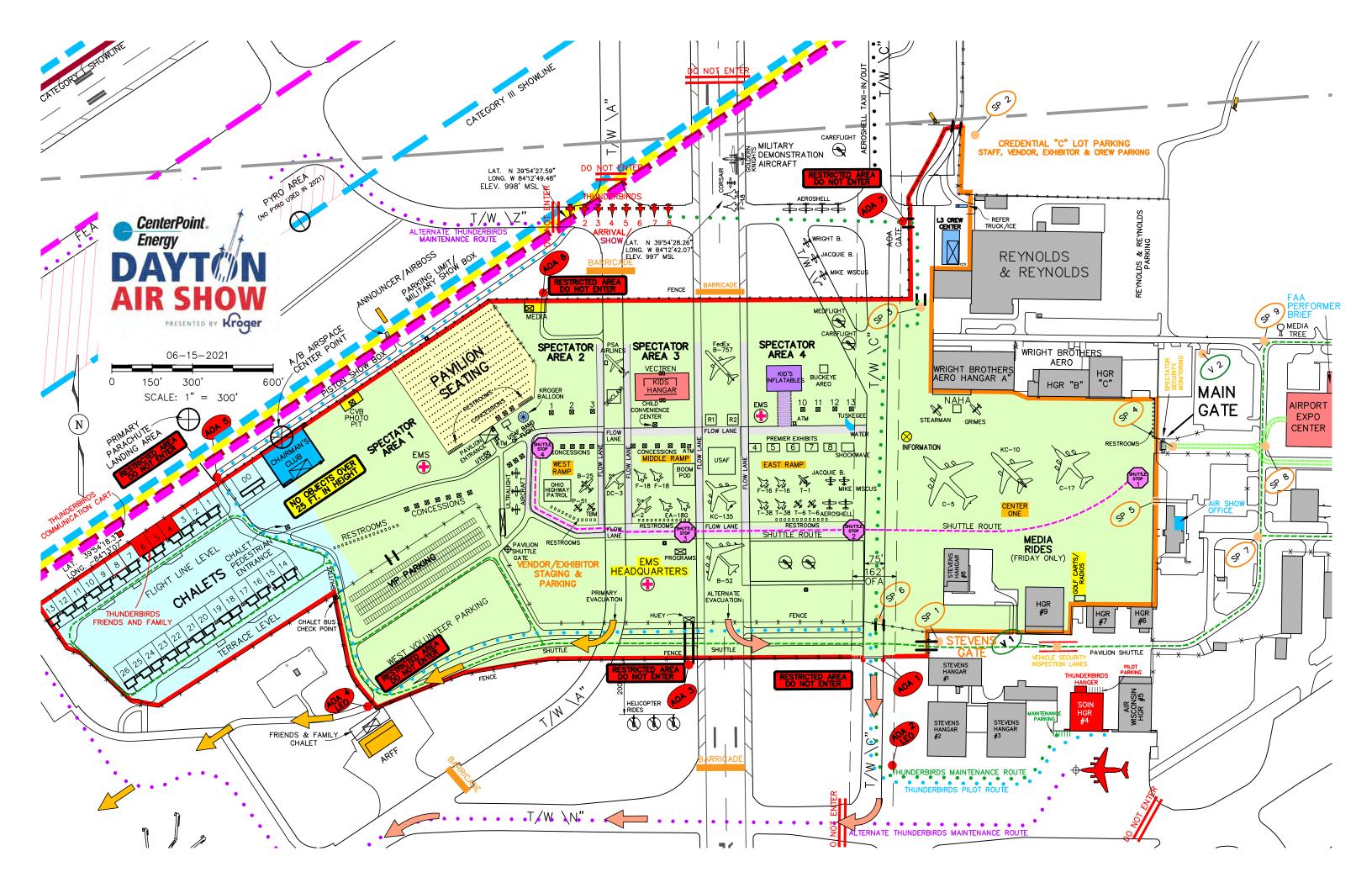
Feature Show: 12:00pm to 4:15pm

Gates Close: 6pm

Note: Show schedule is the same for both days.

- Flag Drop and National Anthem
- US Army Golden Knights Parachute Team
- U.S. Air Force C-17 Demonstration
- Mike Wiscus with Lucas Oil Airshows
- AeroShell Aerobatic Team
- U.S. Navy F-18 Super Hornet Demonstration
- U.S. Navy F-18 Demonstration with Corsair
- CareFlight Helicopter Flyby
- Jacquie B
- Shockwave Jet Truck
- U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds

<sup>\*</sup>All acts and times are subject to change without notice.





# YOU'RE INVITED

TO OUR VANDALIA PLANT EXPANSION

Groundbreaking Ceremony

11:00 AM • TUESDAY

**JULY 13, 2021** 

Kindly RSVP to **RSVP@whitecastle.com**By Friday, July 9th

# **LOCATION**

1614 Capstone Way, Vandalia, OH 45377

Ceremony to begin promptly at 11am. Please arrive by 10:30am. By invitation only. Masks optional.

Outdoor Event: flat, sturdy shoes recommended for uneven site surfaces

White Castle® is America's first fast-food hamburger chain, founded in 1921 as a family-owned business satisfying cravings for 100 years. White Castle was the first fast-food chain to sell it's sandwiches in grocery stores, beginning in 1987

The Vandalia Plant is one of White Castle's Retail food plants. As we prepare to expand this facility, this special groundbreaking ceremony will honor Retail division founder and 3rd Generation family leader, Bill Ingram, for his essential role in getting us where we are today.



# MUSIC IN THE PARK

We are pleased to present the summer schedule of musical guests at the **Vandalia Art Park Amphitheater** located at **256 E Alkaline Springs Rd.** 

For more information visit our Facebook Page – Vandalia Arts Community

## **JULY 17, 2021**

### 6:30 PM

### The Marthas

Formed in March 2018, the "Marthas" feature Toni Vest on guitar and vocals, and Kathy Simpson on keyboard, guitar and vocals—the duo is best known for their intricate harmonies and vast song selection.



## **JULY 31, 2021**

### 6:00 PM

# Kyleen Downes

As guitarist and songwriter she has chosen music as her way to interact with the world. She utilizes both her acoustic and electric guitars along with a looper pedal to create an upbeat and high energy performance.



## **AUGUST 14, 2021**

## 7:00 PM

# **Happy Chichester**

The guitarist, songwriter, producer, and singer from Columbus, Ohio, has toured internationally & amassed a long discography on a wide range of independent and major labels. He is currently enjoying working as a solo artist and performer.







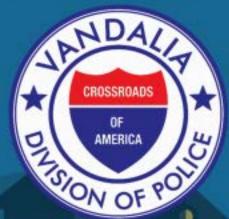
POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

CITY OF VANDALIA

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2021

AUGUST 3, 2021 6-8PM

VANDALIA RECREATION CENTER
1111 W STONEQUARRY RD
VANDALIA, OH



TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING COMMUNITIES
SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK

# <u>Upcoming Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County</u> COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

### Monday, July 12, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Walk-ins are Welcome
Hollywood Gaming
777 Hollywood Blvd., Dayton 45414

### Wednesday, July 14, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Walk-ins are Welcome Montgomery County Fair 645 Infirmary Rd. Dayton, OH 45417

### Thursday, July 15, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Walk-ins are Welcome Haines Children's Center 3304 N. Main St., Dayton OH 45405

### Friday, July 16, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Walk-ins are Welcome Boys and Girls Club 1828 W Stewart St., Dayton, OH 45417

### Saturday, July 17, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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### Saturday, July 17, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Walk-ins are Welcome Greater Edgemont Community Coalition for the Miami Valley 911 Miami Chapel, Dayton, OH 45417



### MONTHLY STATISTICS MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PERSONNEL

FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF

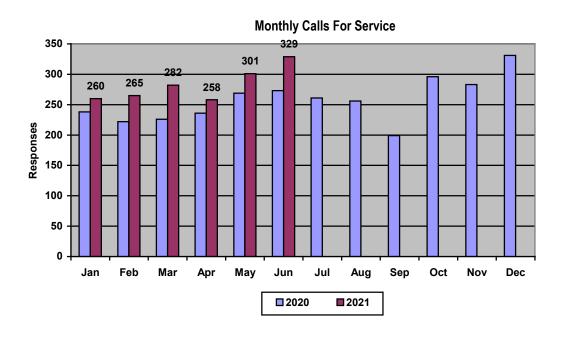
**SUBJECT:** STATISTICS JUNE 2021

**DATE:** 7/9/2021

**CC:** DAN WENDT, CITY MANAGER

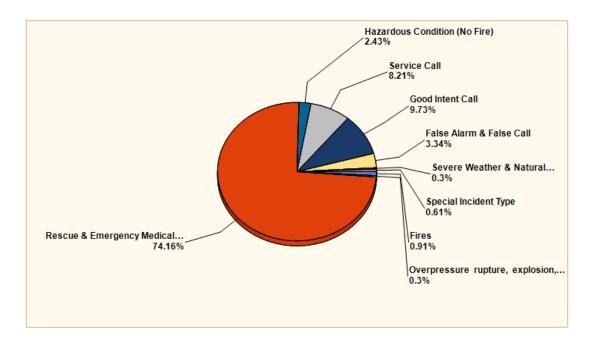
### **CALLS FOR SERVICE** (1645)

The Division of Fire responded on  $\underline{329}$  calls for service in June ( $\underline{244}$  EMS calls and  $\underline{85}$  fire calls). An average of approximately eleven  $\underline{11}$  calls for service per day.



A statistic that we can track now is how many of our calls for service overlapped (or occurred simultaneously) during this evaluation period. In June, we had <u>84</u> calls for service that overlapped, approximately <u>26</u>% of the call volume.

Crews responded to 329 calls for service in June the chart below outlines call types (Report 553):



The Major Incident Types in June were (% of the total call volume/month):

- Rescue & Emergency Medical Calls (74%) All the Division of Fire Emergency Medical calls including any motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (with/without injuries) and/or any technical rescue response.
- 2. Good Intent Calls (10%) Smoke scares, steam/fog mistaken for smoke, false alarms not malicious.
- 3. Customer Service Calls (8%) These are calls for service where fire crews are directly assisting a customer with a specific issue/problem (i.e., strange odors, smoke detector/CO detector installations and/or battery change outs, etc.).
- 4. Fire Alarm Calls (3%) This type call includes malfunctioning fire alarms, intentional/unintentional false alarms, or calls where someone called to report an issue that turned out to not be an emergency (illegal burning, smells/sight of smoke or fire, or steam confused for smoke).
- 5. Hazardous Condition (2%) These are calls for service where fire crews are responding to natural gas/CO investigations, fuel/oil spills, and/or arching or downed electrical lines.
- 6. Fires (1%) Crews responded to one "fire response" in June, there was NO dollar loss reported.

### MUTUAL AID/JOINT RESPONSE DATA (1616 & 1754)

In June, the Division of Fire provided mutual aid on eighteen (18) occasions and we received mutual aid on nine (9) occasions.

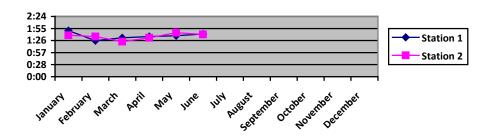
In June, we received a "joint response" from Butler Fire/EMS on (30) occasions and we provided Butler with a "joint response" resource on (28) occasions.

Department	Mutual Aid Received	Mutual Aid Provided	Joint Response Received	Joint Response Provided				
Butler Fire (57-101)	(1754)	(1616)	30	28				
Brookville (57-003)								
Bethel Miami (55-221)								
Clayton Fire (57-121)								
Dayton Fire (57-011)								
Dayton Airport (57-002)								
Englewood (57-001)	1							
Harrison Fire (57-107)	2	5						
Huber Fire (57-125)	3	8						
*Riverside Fire (57-115)								
Union Fire/EMS (57-122)								
Trotwood Fire (57-113)								
Tipp Fire/EMS (55-027)	2	5						
Totals	9	18						

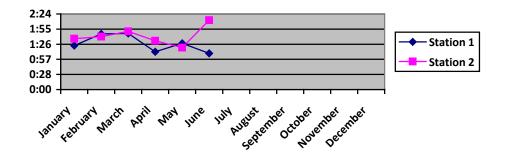
### **RESPONSE TIMES**

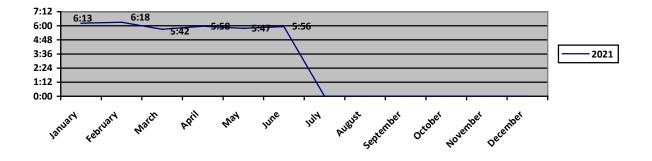
The average turnout time in June was 1:35 and the average response time in June was 5:56.

### **Turnout Times EMS Calls For Service By Fire Stations**



### **Turnout Times Fire Calls For Service By Fire Stations**



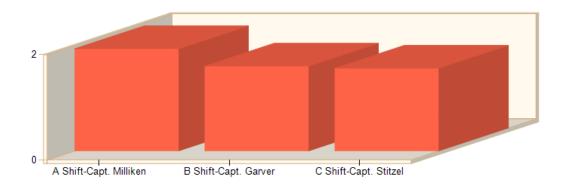


### **Average Turnout Time by Shift**

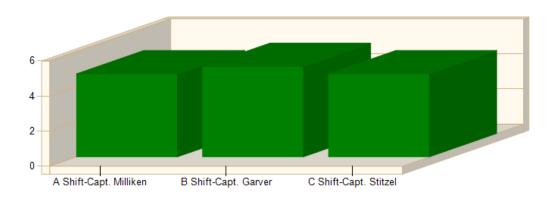
Congratulations to "C" (Captain Stitzel's) shift who has the best overall turnout time of 1:34 in June.

Congratulations to "B" & "C" (Captains Milliken & Captain Stitzel's crews) who tied for the best overall response time in June at 4:13, which is well below our goal of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  minutes.

Keep up the good work we are seeing the impact in everyone making an effort to improve turnout and overall response times, thank you!

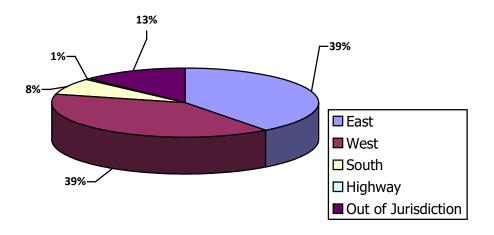


SHIFT	AVERAGE TURNOUT TIME as MM: SS (Dispatch to en-route)
B Shift-Capt. Garver	1:57
A Shift-Capt. Milliken	1:37
C Shift-Capt. Stitzel	1:34

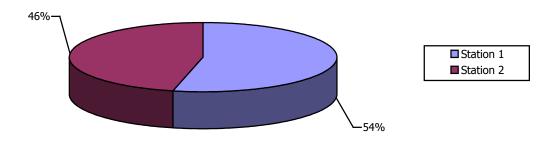


SHIFT	AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (min) (Dispatch to Arrive)
A Shift-Capt. Milliken	4:13
B Shift-Capt. Garver	5:15
C Shift-Capt. Stitzel	4:13

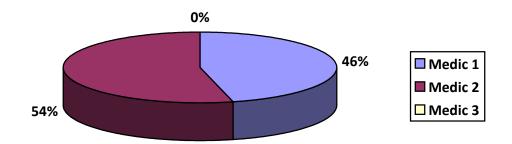
### **CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DISTRICT** (Report 972)



### CALLS FOR SERVICE BY FIRE STATION (Report 1180)



### TRANSPORTS BY MEDIC UNIT/MONTH (1645)



### TRAINING (Reports 1623)

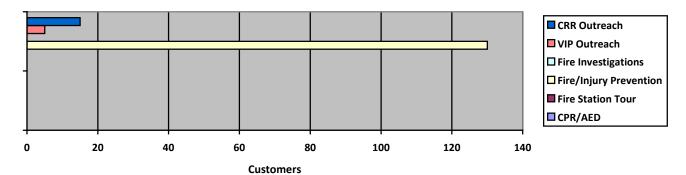
Fire/EMS crews participated in <u>116</u> hours of training in June, topics included:

- 1. Fire Topics- Health Wellness (Stand Down Training), Mayday, Safety, & RIT
- 2. EMS Topics-Trauma & MCI Training
- 3. Fire Inspector's Training- Fire Inspection/Pre-Fire Planning
- 4. Technical Rescue-Water Rescue/Boat

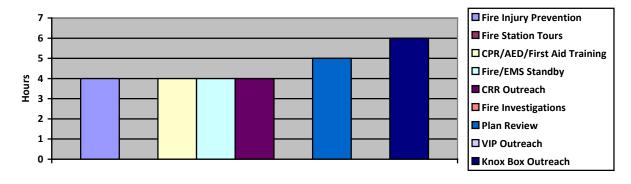
### FIRE PREVENTION, COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (Report 753)

We are starting to schedule outreach activities to report in June

### **Customer Contacts**



### Man, Hours Involved in Fire Prevention



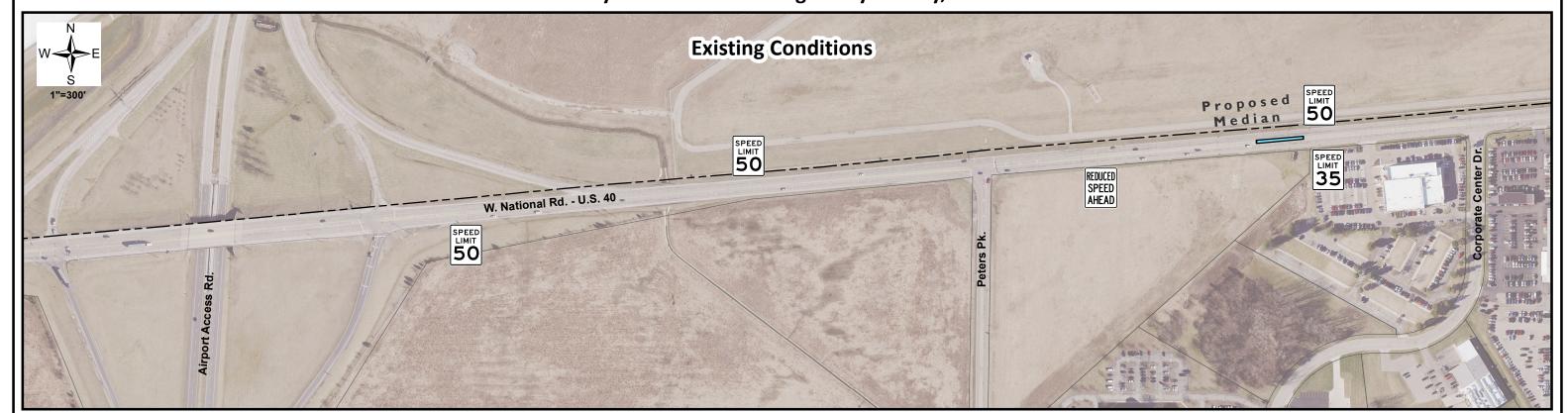
### City of Vandalia Division of Police Monthly Crime Statistical Report June 2021

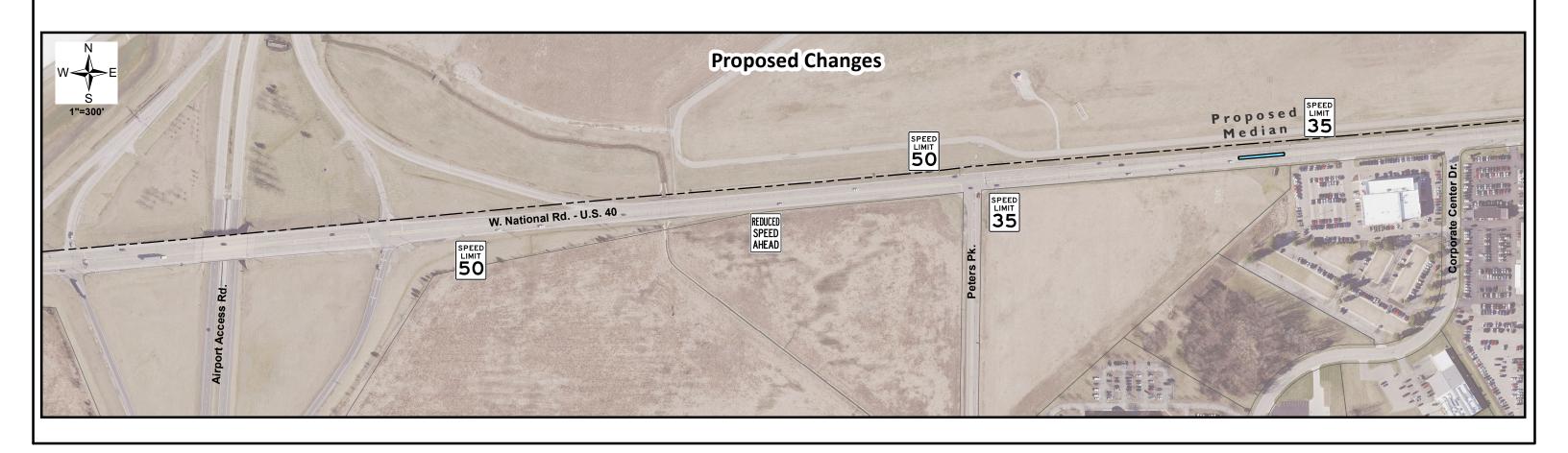
CATEGORY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D	2020 Y-T-D	% Change	% Clear
How Calls Received:																
Total Calls for Service	1015	934	1048	1059	1148	1226							6430	6024	6.7%	N/A
Citizen Initiated = 1031	84.33%	92.61%	87.21%	82.34%	84.23%	84.10%							5505	5236	5.1%	N/A
Officer Initiated = 195	15.67%	7.39%	12.79%	17.66%	15.77%	15.90%							925	788	17.4%	N/A
9-1-1 Call = 341	25.22%	27.30%	27.00%	24.55%	26.13%	27.81%							1695	1556	8.9%	N/A
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0.0%	0.00%
Rape	3	0	1	0	4	0							8	10	-20.0%	37.50%
Robbery	0	1	0	0	2	1							4	3	33.3%	0.00%
Assault	5	5	3	4	4	3							24	23	4.3%	95.83%
Burglary/B&E Total	4	2	2	3	2	3							16	23	-30.4%	25.00%
Residence	2	1	1	1	0	1							6	14	-57.1%	33.33%
Non-residence	2	1	1	2	2	2							10	9	11.1%	20.00%
Theft - Felony	9	7	10	8	4	10							48	42	14.3%	22.92%
Theft - Misd	9	6	8	7	9	13							52	45	15.6%	28.85%
Motor Veh Theft	1	3	5	3	3	4							19	15	26.7%	63.16%
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	1	-100.0%	100.00%
Crim Dam & Vandal	6	4	7	9	2	8							36	34	5.9%	13.89%
Drug Offenses (Fel)	1	1	4	1	2	4							13	7	85.7%	7.69%
Drug Offenses (Misd)	3	6	5	3	2	6							25	22	13.6%	80.00%
Domestic Violence	4	6	5	4	5	5							29	45	-35.6%	82.76%
Totals	45	41	50	42	39	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	274	270	1.5%	44.53%

### City of Vandalia Division of Police Monthly Crime Statistical Report June 2021

CATEGORY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D	2020 Y-T-D	% CHG
Criminal Arrests:															
Felony	11	10	12	6	3	7							49	30	63.33%
Misdemeanor	29	26	28	28	22	30							163	158	3.16%
Juvenile	1	13	3	4	2	6							29	19	52.63%
Total	41	49	43	38	27	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	241	207	16.43%
Traffic Stops:															
Stops with Citations	13	30	42	60	54	49							248	183	35.52%
Stops with Written Warnings	43	104	268	246	263	248							1172	660	77.58%
Stops with Verbal Warnings	27	22	44	30	40	43							206	165	24.85%
Stops with Other Dispositions	5	3	3	2	4	0							17	17	0.00%
Total Traffic Stops	88	159	357	338	361	340	0	0	0	0	0	0	1643	1025	60.29%
Traffic Arrests/Citations:															
ovi	3	8	3	7	4	2							27	19	42.11%
Speed	1	22	25	41	44	28							161	98	64.29%
All Other	51	61	61	74	51	68							366	268	36.57%
Parking	1	0	0	1	2	0							4	12	-66.67%
TOTAL	56	91	89	123	101	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	558	397	40.55%
Traffic Accidents Investigated:															
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	0	0.00%
Injury	4	7	3	5	7	8							34	27	25.93%
Property Damage	13	14	22	6	10	18							83	69	20.29%
TOTAL	17	21	25	11	17	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	96	21.88%
Alarms:															
Business	44	36	41	37	62	46							266	337	-21.07%
Residential	9	8	12	12	12	14							67	66	1.52%
TOTAL	53	44	53	49	74	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	333	403	-17.37%

# Proposed Speed Limit Reduction - W. National Road City of Vandalia - Montgomery County, Ohio





# Memorandum



**To:** Chief Kurt Althouse

From: Lieutenant Ben Walker #150

**Date:** June 22, 2021

**Subject:** Award Nominations Regarding CFS #21-1248

Vandalia Division of Fire Chief Chad Follick submitted a letter nominating Officers Tim Christian, Phil Shafer, Kristen Thomas, and Sergeant Doug Nagel for recognition of their actions during an apartment building fire that occurred on January 19, 2021, CFS #21-1248. I convened a review board consisting of Sergeant Dave Steinbrunner, Officer Joe Manning, and Officer Mike Hulbert to review Chief Follick's nomination. Their actions warranted consideration for service medals. G.O. 620.1 requires an "extensive investigation" into the facts surrounding a recommendation before conferring upon a Division member a Distinguished Service Medal or a Medal of Valor. I assigned Sgt. Dave Steinbrunner the investigation of this matter.

Below is a summary of Sgt. Steinbrunner's findings:

Sgt. Doug Nagel

- While in a stressful situation, took exceptional action at great personal risk by scaling a stair rail from the second floor to the third floor to rescue the resident in apartment H.
- Faced with heavy smoke which limited his breathing and vision.
- Climbed the railing without any safety equipment to prevent him from falling three stories.
- Guided the resident from apartment H down three flights of stairs through heavy smoke.

#### Officers Shafer and Thomas

- Both officers, while in a stressful situation, exercised good judgment by not using the stairs to ascend to the third floor, through heavy smoke.
- They worked through smoky conditions while evacuating apartment residents, not waiting for the fire department to arrive.
- They remained in the building, while being exposed to smoky conditions to assist Sgt. Nagel with the evacuation of the resident from apartment H.

### Officer Christian

 Officer Christian arrived on scene after the occupants were evacuated. He is not eligible for a Division award.

The criteria for a Distinguished Service Medal are "A member who, in a stressful situation, exercised good judgement, or went beyond the call of duty to save the life of another." General Order 620.1 (IV) (A) (4). Officers Shafer and Thomas demonstrated good judgement during a stressful situation and remained in hazardous conditions to save the lives of others. After reviewing Sgt. Steinbrunner's investigation, a majority of the review board agreed to recommend Officers Shafer and Thomas be awarded the Vandalia Division of Police Distinguished Service Medal.

The criteria for a Medal of Valor is "A member who, in a stressful situation, took exceptional action at great personal risk to save the life of another." General Order 620.1 (IV) (A) (5). Sgt. Nagel was unable to reach the third floor due to the heavy smoke on the stairway. He was quick and decisive in his actions, and took great personal risk when he scaled the railing to reach the third floor. He braved heavy smoke and was at risk of falling three stories. After reviewing Sgt. Steinbrunner's investigation, a majority of the review board agreed to recommend Sgt. Nagel be awarded the Vandalia Division of Police Medal of Valor.