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OPERATIONS

Harrison County Criminal Search

On March 30, Aviation received a request from the Harrison County Sheriff's Office and troopers from the Cambridge District to assist in searching for a male suspect who fled on foot after a vehicle pursuit. Before the pursuit, a deputy conducted a traffic stop, during which the suspect pulled a gun and fired at the deputy. No officers were struck during the exchange of gunfire. After the suspect's vehicle crashed, he ran into a wooded area. Aviation responded with a fixed-wing aircraft to start the search, and was later relieved by a mission-equipped helicopter which carried an SRT sniper. Aviation searched multiple wooded areas, but did not initially locate the suspect. During an additional residence search, the flight crew located the suspect and provided aerial support, coordinating with ground units as they surrounded and apprehended the suspect.

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Circleville Post Pursuit



Aviation assisted the Circleville Patrol Post on March 1, with reports of reckless driving near Rickenbacker Airport. As the flight crew arrived on the scene, multiple vehicles began to leave the area. Aviation observed a ground unit attempt to stop a Chevrolet Camaro for a traffic violation, at which point the vehicle fled. The flight crew tracked the vehicle as it traveled to the northeast side of Columbus. Throughout the pursuit, Aviation observed the driver traveling at high speeds with no lights on. The flight crew continued to monitor the vehicle until it stopped at an apartment complex, where ground units took the driver and passenger into custody.

Monthly Missions

Total Flight Hours	331	Total Missions	81	Search - Missing Person	12	Passenger Flight	2
OSHP Missions	41%	Located by Air	44	ISR Flight	11	Enforcement Demo	1
Vs.		Search - Criminal	29	Community Contact	5	Event Support	1
Outside Agency Missions	59%	Proactive Patrol	16	Huntsman Detail	2	Other	1

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Toledo Proactive Patrols

Aviation participated in multiple proactive patrol details in Toledo in the month of March. Working with the Toledo Police Department and the Toledo Patrol Post, Aviation provided aerial support as ground units saturated the City of Toledo to interdict violent crime. Statistics from the details are as follows:

- 1 Apprehended with Air Assistance
- 1 Foot Pursuit
- 12 Drug Cases Generated (1 Misdemeanor, 11 Felony)
- 8 Warrant Services (5 Misdemeanor, 3 Felony)
- 2 Stolen Vehicles Recovered
- 2 Firearms Seized



Xenia Post Criminal Search



On March 2, Aviation supported the Xenia Patrol Post in the search for a male suspect who fled on foot from a traffic stop to avoid a misdemeanor warrant. The flight crew arrived on scene and successfully located the suspect hiding within a wooded area. Aviation directed ground units to his exact position, facilitating a successful apprehension following a K9 deployment. The flight crew cleared the incident once the suspect was secured and in custody.

Cincinnati Proactive Patrols

Aviation responded to Cincinnati multiple times in March to assist the Cincinnati Police Department and troopers from various patrol posts in the Wilmington District with their proactive patrol details. The flight crew assisted with multiple vehicle pursuits and provided aerial support as ground units generated seven felony drug cases and seized fourteen firearms across all details.



Enforcement Totals

Enforcement Details	63	90+ MPH	216	Commercial	10	Reckless Operation	2
		100+ MPH	23	Distracted Driving	5	OVI	1
Total Stops	603	Seat Belt	35	Warrants	4		
Aggressive	413	DUS	23	Motorcycle	2		



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Cleveland Proactive Patrol Details

Aviation assisted the Cleveland Police Department, the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, and the Cleveland Patrol Post with two proactive patrol details in March. During the details, Aviation assisted with three vehicle pursuit, resulting in the apprehension of six suspects with air assistance.



Clark County Criminal Search

On March 9, Aviation received a request from the Clark County Sheriff's Office, and the Springfield Patrol Post to assist with the search for three juveniles who fled on foot from a crash. Aviation arrived on scene and began searching multiple fields and wooded areas. A passerby then notified units that three males were walking north along the roadway. Aviation moved to the new area, and a short time later, observed three males exit a tree line. As Aviation guided units to their location, the suspects began running across an open field. Ground units made contact and arrested two of the juveniles as Aviation tracked the third suspect as he hid underneath a large tractor. Deputies located the third juvenile hiding under the equipment and took him into custody. Follow-up revealed that one suspect had two felony warrants and was listed as a runaway, and another had an untreated gunshot wound reportedly sustained two days prior.



New Philadelphia Post Criminal Search



While monitoring radios on March 25, Aviation learned that troopers from the New Philadelphia Patrol Post were searching for a stolen vehicle traveling northbound on I-77. Dispatch later advised of a FLOCK hit near milepost 54, and troopers subsequently located the vehicle near milepost 75. Aviation responded to the area, providing aerial support as the traffic stop was initiated. The suspect complied and was taken into custody without incident. The vehicle was confirmed stolen, and the suspect was found to have a felony warrant out of Washington County.

AGENCIES ASSISTED

Police Departments:

- Cincinnati PD
- Columbus PD
- Dayton PD
- Galion PD
- Toledo PD
- Westerville PD
- Youngstown PD

Sheriff's Offices:

- Clark County SO
- Cuyahoga County SO
- Erie County SO
- Guernsey County SO
- Hamilton County SO
- Harrison County SO
- Jackson County SO

- Montgomery County SO
- Pickaway County SO
- Pike County SO
- Portage County SO
- Ross County SO
- Warren County SO

Federal Agencies:

- DEA
- FAA
- FBI
- US Secret Service

State Agencies:

- ODNR
- ODPS

Task Forces:

- Central Ohio HIDTA

- Delaware County Drug Task Force

OSHP:

- Academy
- Ashtabula
- Bowling Green
- Cambridge
- Chillicothe
- Circleville
- Cleveland
- Columbus
- Dayton
- Delaware
- Elyria
- Gallipolis
- Hiram

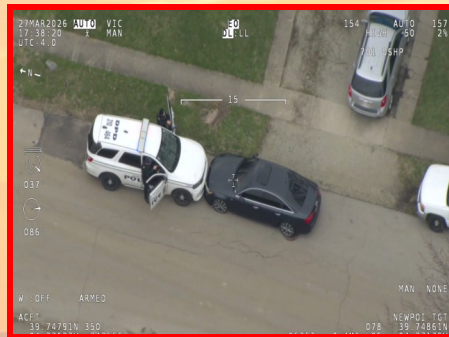
- Jackson
- Lebanon
- Marion
- New Philadelphia Recruitment
- St. Clairsville
- Steubenville
- Toledo
- Warren
- West Jefferson
- Wooster
- Xenia

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Dayton Proactive Patrol Details

Aviation assisted with multiple proactive patrol details in March, working with the Dayton Police Department, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and the Dayton Patrol Post. The flight crew provided aerial support for multiple pursuit, including a separate pursuit of a stolen ATV, and a Spyder three-wheeled motorcycle. Statistics from the details are as follows:

- 11 Suspects Apprehended with Air Assistance
- 5 Vehicle Pursuits
- 4 Foot Pursuits
- 11 Felony Drug Cases Generated
- 17 Warrant Services (2 Misdemeanor, 15 Felony)
- 2 Stolen Vehicles Recovered
- 9 Firearms Seized



Ross County Criminal Search

Late in the evening on March 25, Aviation received a request from the Ross County Sheriff's Office and the Chillicothe Post to assist in searching for a male suspect who fled on foot after a vehicle pursuit. Aviation arrived on scene and located the suspect lying in a field. Ground units were guided to his location, and he was taken into custody. Drug paraphernalia was later located inside the suspect vehicle.



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