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OPERATIONS

Preble County Interstate Vehicle Pursuit

On the evening of February 25, Aviation received a request from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office (Indiana) to assist with a vehicle pursuit that had traveled east into Ohio on I-70. Aviation arrived overhead and assumed radio control of the pursuit. The aircrew observed contraband being thrown from the passenger window during the pursuit. The vehicle was eventually stopped after a PIT maneuver, and two suspects were taken into custody. Aviation then guided ground units back to the locations along I-70 where the contraband had been discarded. Approximately 42 grams of methamphetamine, smaller amounts of heroin, and various amounts of cash were recovered along the berm.

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Toledo Proactive Patrol



Aviation received a request on February 9, to assist the Toledo Police Department and the Toledo Patrol Post with their proactive patrol detail focused on apprehending violent-crime offenders. While overhead, Aviation monitored multiple traffic stops. During the detail, Aviation advised ground units of a vehicle displaying criminal indicators, and the vehicle was subsequently stopped. A felony drug arrest was made during the encounter. Statistics from the detail are as follows:

- 2 Suspects Apprehended with Air Assistance
- 4 Drug Cases Generated (2 Misdemeanor, 2 Felony)
- 5 Warrant Services (3 Misdemeanor, 2 Felony)

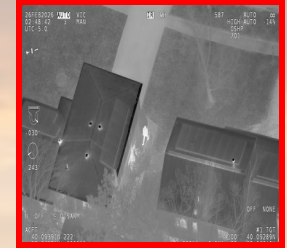
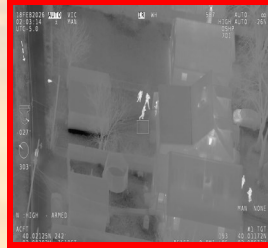
Monthly Missions

Total Flight Hours	384	Total Missions	69	ISR Flight	9	Other	2
OSHP Missions	42%	Located by Air	44	Search - Missing Person	6	Photo Flight	1
Vs.		Search - Criminal	27	Community Contact	4	Static Display	1
Outside Agency Missions	58%	Proactive Patrol	17	Incident Support	2		

OPERATIONS

Columbus Proactive Patrols

Aviation assisted the Columbus Patrol Post, the Delaware Patrol Post, and the Columbus Police Department multiple times in February, by proactively flying in the Columbus area. Aviation provided aerial support as ground units conducted traffic stops and answered calls for service.



Coshocton County Criminal Search

On February 14, Aviation received a request from the Coshocton County Sheriff's Office to assist in searching for a double-homicide suspect from South Carolina who was believed to be returning to his residence in Coshocton County. As the sheriff's office actively tracked the suspect vehicle through Flock hits, believing it to be northbound on I-77, Aviation contacted the Cambridge Patrol Post and provided the incident details and vehicle description. Shortly afterward, a Cambridge Post trooper located the vehicle on I-77 northbound and confirmed it was the suspect vehicle. Once Aviation was overhead and deputies were positioned with spikes ahead of the vehicle, Cambridge Post units initiated a traffic stop, and the vehicle complied. Troopers took the suspect into custody without incident, and he was confirmed to be the murder suspect.



Dayton Proactive Patrols

Aviation provided aerial support for the Dayton Police Department and the Dayton Patrol Post during multiple proactive patrol details in February. Statistics from the details are as follows:

- 7 Suspects Apprehended with Air Assistance
- 3 Vehicle Pursuits
- 3 Foot Pursuits
- 3 Felony Drug Cases Generated
- 3 Warrant Services (2 Misdemeanor, 1 Felony)
- 2 Firearms Seized



Enforcement Totals

Enforcement Details	33	90+ MPH	222	Distracted Driving	6	OVI	2
		100+ MPH	22	Reckless Operation	4	Following Too Close	1
Total Stops	698	Seat Belt	37	Warrants	3	Motorcycle	1
Aggressive	453	DUS	21	Commercial	2		

OPERATIONS

Cincinnati Proactive Patrols

Aviation received requests from the Cincinnati Police Department and various Patrol posts in District Eight to assist with multiple proactive patrol details throughout February. In addition to providing aerial support as ground units conducted traffic stops and responded to calls for service, Aviation also provided surveillance flights as units carried out buy/bust operations involving narcotics and stolen vehicles. Statistics from the details are as follows:

- 12 Suspects Apprehended with Air Assistance
- 2 Vehicle Pursuits
- 4 Foot Pursuits
- 4 Felony Drug Cases Generated
- 5 Warrant Services (4 Misdemeanor, 1 Felony)
- 7 Firearms Seized
- 1 Stolen Vehicle Recovered



Medina Post Vehicle Pursuit



On February 2, Aviation received a request from the Medina and Wooster Patrol Posts regarding a suicidal male involved in a pursuit traveling southbound on I-71 near milepost 215. Aviation responded and intercepted the pursuit at milepost 206, taking over radio traffic. The suspect then pulled over south of the rest area at milepost 195 and responding ground units ordered the suspect out at gunpoint. He complied and was taken into custody without incident.

AGENCIES ASSISTED

Police Departments:

Cincinnati PD
 Columbus PD
 Dayton PD
 Findlay PD
 Marysville PD
 Reynoldsburg PD

Jefferson County SO
 Mercer County SO
 Muskingum County SO
 Pickaway County SO
 Preble County SO
 Washington County SO
 Wayne County (IN) SO

Sheriff's Departments:

Butler County SO
 Coshocton County SO
 Franklin County SO

Federal Agencies:

ATF
 DEA
 FAA

Task Forces:

Delaware County Drug Task Force

OSHP:

Ashland
 Bowling Green
 Circleville
 Cleveland
 Columbus
 D3 Criminal Patrol
 D7 Criminal Patrol
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Medina
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 Ravenna
 Recruitment
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 VTFU
 Warren
 West Jefferson

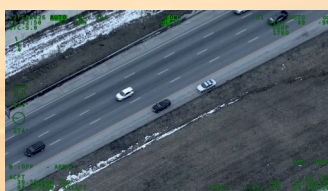
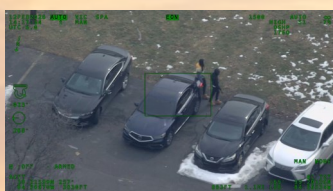
Other:

Ohio State University
 Toledo Metroparks

OPERATIONS

Cincinnati ISR Flight

Aviation received a request on February 12, to assist the OSHP Vehicle Theft and Fraud Unit (VTFU) and the DART Task Force with their covert investigation involving the delivery of a stolen vehicle to a confidential informant in the Cincinnati area. Aviation arrived overhead, captured video of the delivery, and tracked the suspect vehicle as it left the area. A traffic stop was later conducted on the target vehicle, and the suspects complied. Four individuals were taken into custody without further incident. The vehicle delivered to the confidential informant was confirmed to be stolen.



Marietta Post Pursuit



On February 28, Aviation received a request from the Marietta Patrol Post to assist with an active vehicle pursuit traveling northbound on I-77 near milepost 40. Aviation responded to the location and acquired the suspect vehicle near milepost 60, directing ground units to cut their lights and increase their following distance, while simultaneously tracking and relaying the suspect's position to intercepting units. Eventually, units successfully deployed spike strips and the vehicle came to a stop on the right shoulder. Aviation then monitored the ensuing felony stop, during which the driver was taken into custody.

PERSONNEL

New Administrative Staff

In early February, the Aviation Section welcomed Lauren Settlemyre as a new Administrative Professional 1. Lauren, originally from the Wilmington area and now residing in Columbus, will assume administrative duties and responsibilities for both the Aviation Section and the Special Response Team (SRT). Lauren brings a diverse professional background, having previously served as a Graphic Designer at R&A Marketing, a Production Artist at Meristem Crop Performance, and holding multiple roles at USA Today Co., including Quality Assurance Coordinator, Customer Experience Coordinator, and Graphic Designer. Although this is her first full-time administrative position, she has gained valuable administrative experience throughout her career. Lauren holds a Bachelor of Science in Visual Communication from Ohio University. Outside of work, she enjoys running, biking, gardening, and playing piano.



Since 1948, the Ohio State Highway Patrol Aviation Section has been supporting citizens of Ohio from above. With a modern fleet of 11 Cessna 182s, 3 Airbus helicopters, 1 Cessna Grand Caravan, and 1 GA-8 Airvan, and with an array of sophisticated camera technology, we provide a full variety of services to public safety entities throughout Ohio.