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# Aviation Section

## OPERATIONS

### Meigs County Missing Person Search

On January 23, Aviation assisted the Meigs County Sheriff's Office with their search for a 65-year-old male with dementia that walked away from a rehabilitation center. The male was last seen approximately 5 hours prior to the aircrew arriving on scene. Aviation arrived on scene and located the male in some pine trees roughly 0.15 miles from where he was last seen. The flight crew then guided ground units to his location for recovery. Units took the male back to the care facility, and he was then transported to a local hospital due to his cold exposure.

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### Cincinnati Missions

Aviation assisted with multiple details in the month of January. Coordinating with the Cincinnati Police Department and the Cincinnati Patrol Post, Aviation provided aerial support for proactive patrol details, as well as aerial surveillance for ISR flights, monitoring buy/bust operations. Statistics from the details are as follows:

- 9 Suspects Apprehended with Air Assistance
- 4 Vehicle Pursuits
- 3 Foot Pursuits
- 8 Felony Drug Cases Generated
- 4 Firearms Seized



### Monthly Missions

Total Flight Hours	336.8	Total Missions	86	Proactive Patrol	12	Incident Support	1
OSHP Missions	45%	Located by Air	34	Search - Missing Person	4	Photo Flight	1
Vs.		Search - Criminal	44	Community Contact	2		
Outside Agency Missions	55%	ISR Flight	20	Huntsman Detail	2		



### OPERATIONS

#### Plain City Criminal Search



Aviation received a request on January 28, to assist the Plain City Police Department in locating a suspect who fled from a traffic stop. During Aviation's response, the suspect crashed into a field and continued fleeing. Aviation arrived on scene shortly after and began an aerial search. The suspect was quickly located, and the flight crew guided ground units to his position. The suspect attempted to flee across a frozen river, but ground units made contact as he tried to climb the riverbank and took him into custody. Arresting units determined the suspect to be OVI, DUS, and in possession of drugs.

#### Jackson Post Vehicle Pursuit

On January 8, while working airspeed operations with the Jackson Patrol Post on US Route 35, Aviation checked the speed of a white SUV at 82 mph in a 60-mph zone. Aviation tracked the vehicle through the zone and relayed its location to a trooper staged on the right shoulder. As the trooper initiated a traffic stop, the target vehicle failed to comply and a pursuit began. Aviation continued to track and call out the suspect vehicle, as he eventually failed to yield at a stop sign and was struck on the driver's side by approaching traffic. The driver fled the vehicle and was immediately apprehended by responding units of the Jackson Police Department.



#### Champaign County Criminal Search



Aviation received a request from the Champaign County Sheriff's Office on January 12, to assist with locating multiple suspects who fled from a traffic stop, crashed, and then ran on foot. Upon arrival, Aviation immediately located the first suspect lying in the middle of a field approximately 200 feet from the crash. After ground units took him into custody, the flight crew located the remaining two suspects running together through a field. Aviation used the PA system to order the suspects to surrender, but they did not comply, and the searchlight was used to guide ground units to their location. The suspects eventually split up, with one hiding in the woods and the other continuing to run through the field. Aviation advised ground units of both locations, in which ground units eventually apprehended one of the fleeing suspects and continued searching for the second when Aviation had to clear for fuel. The flight crew provided direction until visual contact was lost and later heard over the radio that the third suspect had been taken into custody.

#### Enforcement Totals

Enforcement Details	33	90+ MPH	98	DUS	5
		100+ MPH	9	Reckless Operation	4
Total Stops	326	Seat Belt	8	Commercial	1
Aggressive	171	Warrants	6	Following Too Close	1



### OPERATIONS

#### Columbus Proactive Patrol Details

In the month of January, Aviation assisted with multiple proactive patrol missions in the Columbus area. Coordinating with the Columbus Police Department, and the Columbus Patrol Post, Aviation provided aerial support during the details, monitoring ground units during traffic stops and calls for service. Statistics from the details are as follows:

- 4 Suspects Apprehended with Air Assistance
- 3 Vehicle Pursuits
- 3 Foot Pursuits
- 3 Felony Drug Cases Generated
- 4 Firearms Seized
- 2 Stolen Vehicles Recovered



#### Union County Criminal Search



On January 2, Aviation responded to a request from the Marysville and Springfield Patrol Posts, the Union County Sheriff's Office, and the Marysville Police Department to assist with an active vehicle pursuit. Before Aviation departed, the vehicle stopped after becoming disabled, and three juveniles fled on foot. Aviation arrived overhead and located one juvenile walking along an abandoned railway bed, and ground units apprehended him. The flight crew continued the search while the Springfield Post contacted the registered owner, who reported the vehicle stolen. Aviation located the remaining two suspects at a residence nearby, and guided officers to their location. As the suspects attempted to evade approaching units, Aviation used the PA to advise them they were surrounded and to surrender peacefully. They complied and returned to the house, where ground units apprehended them without further incident.

### AGENCIES ASSISTED

#### Police Departments:

- Bellefontaine PD
- Cincinnati PD
- Cleveland PD
- Columbus PD
- Dayton PD
- Franklin PD
- Plain City PD
- South Point PD
- Springfield PD
- Toledo PD
- Worthington PD

#### Sheriff's Departments:

- Crawford County SO

- Champaign County SO
- Clark County SO
- Franklin County SO
- Meigs County SO
- Muskingum County SO
- Perry County SO
- Pickaway County SO

#### Federal Agencies:

- DEA
- FAA
- FBI
- Homeland Security
- US Marshals Service
- US Secret Service

#### Task Forces:

- RANGE Task Force

#### OSHP:

- Akron
- Cambridge
- Chillicothe
- Circleville
- Cleveland
- Columbus
- D1 Criminal Patrol
- D4 OIS
- D6 OIS
- D7 Criminal Patrol
- D8 OIS

- Elyria
- Granville
- Hamilton
- Jackson
- Mansfield
- Marietta
- Marion
- Marysville
- Mt. Gilead
- New Philadelphia
- Recruitment
- SRT
- West Jefferson
- Wilmington

## OPERATIONS

### Dayton Proactive Patrol Detail

On January 8, Aviation responded to a request from the Dayton Police Department, and the Dayton Patrol Post to assist with a proactive enforcement detail in the City of Dayton. While overhead, Aviation monitored a traffic stop involving a known drug dealer that resulted in the apprehension of two suspects, and the seizure of 3.83 pounds of fentanyl. Aviation also observed an accomplice on foot, and ground units apprehended him. Additional arrests throughout the detail led to multiple felony drug seizures, weapons violations, and various other charges. Near the end of the operation, officers attempted a traffic stop on a trike, and the driver fled. Aviation tracked the suspect to a nearby residence, where he ran inside and barricaded himself for several minutes. The suspect eventually surrendered, but resisted officers as they took him into custody. Officers ultimately apprehended him and charged him with fleeing and eluding, obstruction of official business, and resisting arrest. Investigators later linked him to a felony drug-trafficking ring.



### Marysville Post Vehicle Pursuit



Aviation received a request on January 31, to assist the Marysville Patrol Post with an active vehicle pursuit. A ground unit attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding and operating without headlights, and a pursuit ensued. Aviation arrived overhead and tracked the vehicle until it stopped at an apartment complex. Both occupants fled on foot, and ground units were guided to their location. The two suspects were taken into custody, and Aviation later cleared the incident.

### Chillicothe Post Criminal Search

Aviation responded to a request from the Chillicothe and Jackson Patrol Posts on January 9, to assist with locating a suspect who fled on foot after a serious-injury crash. Evidence at the scene indicated the suspect, believed to be at fault in a head-on collision with a tractor-trailer, had sustained severe injuries. Aviation arrived overhead and located the suspect. The flight crew guided troopers to his position, and they apprehended him without further incident. Troopers determined the suspect had extensive injuries from the crash and arrested him for OVI. Troopers on the ground released the flight crew from the incident.



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