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OPERATIONS

Wayne County Criminal Search

On May 12, Aviation received a request from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, working in conjunction with the Ohio State Highway Patrol Special Response Team and multiple other agencies, to assist in searching for a suspect who had fled on foot after stabbing two deputies. The suspect was believed to be inside a small wooden shed and had reportedly soaked the structure in gasoline near the initial incident location. He also threatened to ignite the shed if officers attempted entry. As Aviation arrived overhead, SRT troopers identified a structure of interest. While they approached, Aviation observed a gas can protruding from an upper rear window of the shed and relayed this information to ground units. Troopers simultaneously made verbal contact with the suspect and moved to cover. After a prolonged standoff, the suspect surrendered and was taken into custody.

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Guernsey County Missing Juveniles Search



Aviation assisted the Guernsey County Sheriff's Office on the evening of May 10, in the search for three juveniles who had fled from a halfway house after being involved in sex-trafficking-related circumstances. Aviation arrived on scene and conducted a search of the area. Aviation located the three females sitting together in a high-grass area and relayed their exact location to ground units, who quickly secured them. Aviation was released from the scene.

Monthly Missions

Total Flight Hours	366	Total Missions	90	Search - Missing Person	15	Event Support	4
OSHP Missions	27%	Located by Air	30	Static Display	9	Huntsman Detail	4
Vs.		Search - Criminal	18	ISR Flight	6	Incident Support	4
Outside Agency Missions	73%	Proactive Patrol	16	Other	6	Community Contact	3

OPERATIONS

Cincinnati Proactive Patrols

Aviation assisted with two proactive patrol details in the City of Cincinnati in the month of May, coordinating with units from the Cincinnati Police Department and troopers from the Wilmington District. Statistics from the details are as follows:

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



Xenia Post Motorcycle Pursuit



On the afternoon of May 31, Aviation observed a motorcycle traveling at a high rate of speed while conducting airspeed operations with Xenia Patrol Post units. While also weaving between lanes and operating recklessly, Aviation confirmed the motorcycle's speed at 140 MPH and relayed this information to ground units. A trooper attempted a traffic stop; however, the motorcycle failed to stop and continued at a high rate of speed, narrowly avoiding several collisions. Ground units did not pursue and instead maintained a safe distance. Aviation continued to monitor the suspect as he traveled through various roads, before ultimately stopping at a residence in Sugarcreek Township, where he entered a garage and closed the door. Aviation relayed the location to ground units, who arrived shortly thereafter and took the suspect into custody without further incident.

Summit County Flyover

Aviation conducted a flyover of Bissell Elementary School on May 26, corresponding with the last day of school for students and staff.



Enforcement Totals

Enforcement Details	83	90+ MPH	235	DUS	15	Commercial	1
		100+ MPH	39	Reckless Operation	11	OVI	1
Total Stops	653	Seat Belt	37	Warrants	6	Failure to Yield	1
Aggressive	465	Motorcycle	20	Distracted Driving	3	Move Over / Slow Down	1

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Ravenna Post Criminal Search



On May 30, Aviation responded to a request from the Ravenna Patrol Post to assist in searching for a male suspect who fled on foot after causing a crash as a wrong-way driver on I-76. After striking another vehicle, the suspect ran from the scene. Aviation arrived in the area and located the suspect in a wooded section nearby. Ground units were guided to his position, and the suspect was taken into custody after resisting.

Youngstown Proactive

Aviation assisted the Youngstown Police Department and Warren District troopers with their proactive patrol detail on May 7. While overhead, Aviation supported one vehicle pursuit that resulted in three individuals being taken into custody. The driver was wanted on a parole violation stemming from a murder charge.



Springfield Criminal Search



Aviation received a request on May 23, to assist the Springfield Police Department and Springfield Patrol Post with locating multiple suspects on dirt bikes who were vandalizing property and had fled from police several times. Aviation arrived on scene and located the dirt bikes. As ground units arrived in the area and initiated traffic stops, all of the bikes fled. Aviation tracked one suspect fleeing at a high rate of speed on the roadway and relayed the suspect's location to ground units. The suspect eventually abandoned the dirt bike and hid under tree cover. The flight crew guided ground units to the area, and after a short search, the suspect was located hiding under trees and shrubs.

AGENCIES ASSISTED

Police Departments:

- Cincinnati PD
- Cleveland PD
- Columbus PD
- Dayton PD
- Hilliard PD
- Mansfield PD
- Plain City PD
- Springfield PD
- Toledo PD
- Youngstown PD

Sheriff's Offices:

- Brown County SO
- Butler County SO
- Clark County SO

- Cuyahoga County SO
- Franklin County SO
- Gallia County SO
- Guernsey County SO
- Huron County SO
- Jackson County SO
- Jefferson County SO
- Logan County SO
- Madison County SO
- Morrow County SO
- Pickaway County SO
- Ross County SO
- Tuscarawas County SO
- Wayne County SO

State Agencies:

- BCI
 - ODNR
- #### Federal Agencies:
- DEA
 - FAA
 - FBI
 - Homeland Security
 - US Secret Service

OSHP:

- Academy
- Akron
- Colonel's Office
- Columbus
- D1 Criminal Patrol

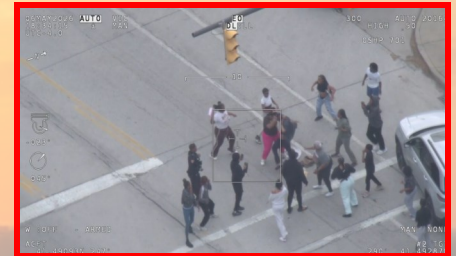
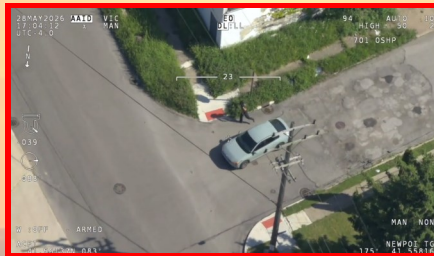
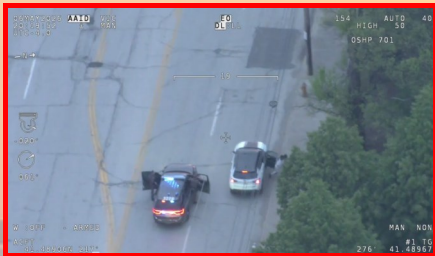
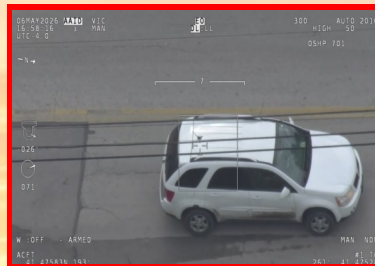
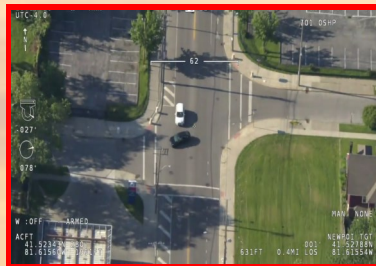
- D5 OIS
- Expo Center
- Lancaster
- Lima
- Mansfield
- Planning
- Ravenna
- Recruitment
- Springfield
- Steubenville
- VTFU
- Warren
- West Jefferson
- Xenia
- Zanesville

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Cleveland Proactive Patrols

Aviation worked alongside the Cleveland Police Department, the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, and troopers from the Cleveland District on multiple occasions in May, providing aerial support for their proactive patrol details. The statistics from those details are as follows:

- 13 Suspects Apprehended with Air Assistance
- 6 Vehicle Pursuits
- 7 Foot Pursuits
- 10 Felony Drug Cases Generated
- 6 Warrant Services (3 Misdemeanor, 3 Felony)
- 2 Stolen Vehicles Recovered
- 17 Firearms Seized



Buckeye Valley School District Static Display

Aviation received a request from the Buckeye Valley School District on May 21, to provide an aircraft for static display at Buckeye Valley West Elementary School. Aviation attended the event, interacted with multiple students, and explained various aircraft, as well as the missions carried out by Section.



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.