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OPERATIONS

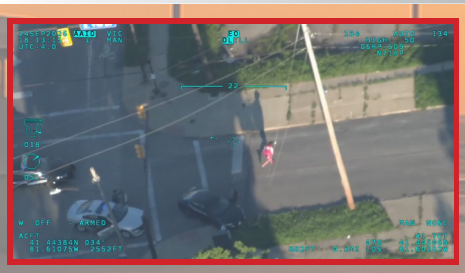
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Pickaway County Vehicle Pursuit

Aviation received a request on September 17, to assist the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office and the Circleville Patrol Post with an active vehicle pursuit. During Aviation's response, ground units successfully deployed multiple sets of stop sticks, and the suspect vehicle continued to flee on two rims, swerving at marked police cruisers and striking multiple other vehicles. Aviation arrived overhead and assisted to coordinate a PIT maneuver. After the successful PIT maneuver, with the vehicle disabled in a ditch, responding units surrounded the vehicle, taking the suspect into custody.



Cleveland Proactive Patrols





On September 24, Aviation assisted the Cleveland Police Department and Cleveland Patrol Post with their proactive enforcement detail. During the detail, Aviation assisted with two vehicle pursuits. During the first pursuit, the suspect vehicle almost struck several vehicles, and took a turn too fast, running into the guy wire for a utility pole. The occupants then fled on foot through multiple backyards. Responding ground units took the occupants into custody after a short foot pursuit. Later in the detail, the flight crew responded as officers with the Garfield Heights Police Department pursued a vehicle. As Aviation tracked the pursuit, the suspect took a turn too fast and wide, driving into the front yard of a residence. When the suspect attempted to get back on the street, responding units performed a PIT maneuver, pinning the vehicle to a fence. The driver fled out of the passenger side window and multiple ground units continued the pursuit on foot. A trooper deployed his taser and incapacitated the suspect, arresting him without further issue.

MONTHLY MISSIONS

Total Flight Hours	416.2	Total Missions	107	ISR Flight	19	Huntsman Detail	4
OSHP Missions	32%	Located by Air	31	Search - Missing Person	11	Incident Support	4
Outside Agency Missions	68%	Search - Criminal	26	Static Display	9	Other	4
		Proactive Patrol	21	Community Contact	6	Enforcement Demo	2

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Dayton Proactive Patrols

Aviation participated in multiple proactive patrol details in Dayton in September, working with the Dayton Police Department, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and the Dayton Patrol Post. Statistics from the details are as follows:

- 13 Suspects Apprehended with Aerial Assistance
- 7 Vehicle Pursuits
- 7 Foot Pursuits
- 1 Felony Drug Case
- 3 Felony Warrant Services
- 2 Stolen Vehicles Recovered
- 3 Firearms Seized









Strongsville Vehicle Pursuit

On September 7, Aviation received a request to assist the Strongsville Police Department with an active vehicle pursuit. Aviation responded and took over communications after arriving overhead. The vehicle eventually stopped and the driver fled on foot directly at an officer. Multiple officers took the suspect into custody without further incident.



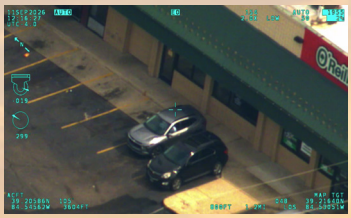
ENFORCEMENT TOTALS

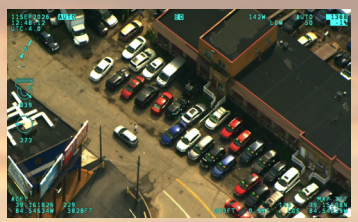
Enforcement Details	96	90+ MPH	157	Motorcycle	11	OVI	1
Total Stops	654	100+ MPH	19	Reckless Operation	5	Commercial	1
Aggressive	381	Seat Belt	33	Warrants	3		
		DUS	13	Distracted Driving	2		

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Warren County ISR Flight

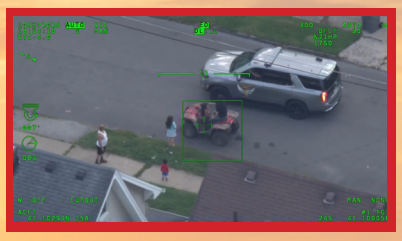
Aviation received a request from the Warren County Joint Drug Task Force for aerial surveillance for a buy / walk operation on September 11. Aviation responded to the location, located the target, and followed the target to a residence north of Cincinnati. The flight crew then forwarded the video to task force agents to continue their investigation.





Youngstown Proactive Patrol

On September 10, Aviation received a request from the Youngstown Police Department and Canfield Patrol Post to assist with a proactive patrol detail in the City of Youngstown. While overhead, Aviation provided aerial support as ground units conducted multiple traffic stops. During the detail, Aviation assisted with one motorcycle pursuit that ended in a crash. Responding units then took the driver into custody.

Morrow County Criminal Search



On the evening of September 13, Aviation assisted the Morrow County Sheriff's Office with their search for a male suspect that fled on foot from a domestic violence incident. The male kicked down a door and choked the female victim prior to fleeing into a wooded area. Aviation arrived on scene and located the suspect in a nearby wooded area. The flight crew then guided ground units to his location, and he was taken into custody.

AGENCIES ASSISTED

Police Departments

Akron PD
Barnesville PD
Cincinnati PD
Cleveland PD
Columbus PD
Dayton PD
Dublin PD
East Cleveland PD
Huber Heights PD
Norwalk PD
Pickerington PD
Springfield PD
Strongsville PD
Toledo PD
West Chester PD
Youngstown PD

Sheriff's Offices

Champaign County SO
Cuyahoga County SO
Franklin County SO
Logan County SO
Montgomery County SO
Morrow County SO
Pickaway County SO
Portage County SO
Ross County SO
Warren County SO

State Agencies

Ohio State Fire Marshal

Federal Agencies

DEA
Homeland Security
US Marshals Service
US Secret Service

Task Forces

Akron Drug Task Force
Southern Ohio Drug Task Force
Warren County Joint Drug Task Force

OSHP

Academy
Akron
Athens
Batavia
Canfield
Canton
Circleville
Columbus
D1 Criminal Patrol
D6 Criminal Patrol
D6 OIS
Granville
Jackson
Lisbon
Marysville
Recruitment
Springfield
West Jefferson
Wilmington
Wooster
Xenia

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Columbus Proactive Patrols

On September 30, Aviation assisted the Columbus Police Department and West Jefferson Patrol Post during a proactive patrol flight in Columbus. The flight crew observed a speeding motorcycle, leading to the rider's arrest for OVI. Aviation also observed a suspected drug transaction and directed units to the involved vehicle. When the vehicle fled, Aviation tracked it from the air, allowing ground units to follow safely. The pursuit ended after the suspect vehicle was involved in a collision with a cruiser. Two occupants were taken into custody, marijuana was recovered from the 19-year-old driver, and the involved trooper sustained minor injuries and was transported for treatment.





Marysville Post Criminal Search



On September 1, Aviation assisted the Marysville Patrol Post with their search for a suspect that fled on foot after leaving the scene of an injury crash. Aviation arrived overhead and located two suspects, directing ground units to their position. Units took the suspects into custody and Aviation cleared the incident.

Cincinnati Proactive Patrols

Aviation participated in multiple proactive patrol details in Cincinnati in September. Working with the Cincinnati Police Department and Wilmington District Criminal Patrol, Aviation provided aerial support as units conducted traffic stops and responded to other calls. Statistics from the details are as follows:

- 3 Suspects Apprehended with Aerial Assistance
- 2 Vehicle Pursuits
- 2 Foot Pursuits
- 5 Felony Drug Cases Generated
- 2 Felony Warrant Services
- 9 Firearms Seized







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.

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