



Ohio State Highway Patrol Field Operations

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OPERATIONS

Cleveland Proactive Patrols

Aviation assisted with multiple proactive patrol details in the Cleveland area in July. Partnering with the Cleveland Police Department, the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, and Cleveland District Criminal Patrol, Aviation provided aerial support as ground units focused on criminal interdiction. Statistics from the details are as follows:

- 6 Suspects Apprehended with Aerial Assistance
- 4 Vehicle Pursuits
- 3 Foot Pursuits
- 2 Felony Drug Cases Generated
- 2 Felony Warrant Services
- 5 Firearms Seized
- 2 Stolen Vehicles Recovered

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Mason Police Department Criminal Search



On July 21, while monitoring radios, Aviation heard and assisted the Mason Police Department with their search for two suspects who fled on foot from a stolen vehicle after a pursuit. Aviation learned the suspects were also wanted for an armed robbery earlier in the day. A drone located the suspects in a cornfield before Aviation arrived on scene. Aviation responded, located the suspects, and assisted ground units in taking them into custody. The flight crew made PA announcements and guided ground units to the suspects' location, where both were taken into custody.

Monthly Missions

Total Flight Hours	453.4	Total Missions	97	ISR Flight	11	Community Contact	3
OSHP Missions	30%	Located by Air	40	Search - Missing Person	9	Event Support	3
Vs.		Search - Criminal	35	Static Display	5	Incident Support	2
Outside Agency Missions	70%	Proactive Patrol	21	Photo Flight	4	Other	2

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Dayton Proactive Patrols

Aviation participated in two proactive patrol details in the City of Dayton in July. During, the July 15th mission, the flight crew utilized ALPR cameras to locate a stolen vehicle, leading to a traffic stop where officers apprehended two suspects. Aviation also located a vehicle involved in a fatal road rage incident that occurred earlier in Clark County; ground units successfully apprehended both occupants and recovered a loaded firearm from the vehicle. Later in the detail, a short vehicle pursuit ensued, after which the driver fled on foot. Following a lengthy standoff, officers apprehended the driver, a 17-year-old male, and recovered a firearm from his person.



Sunbury Police Department Criminal Search

On July 29, Aviation received a request from the Sunbury Police Department to assist with their search for two suspects that fled on foot from a stolen truck. Officers located a stolen truck and attempted to make a traffic stop. Upon making the stop, two of the five occupants fled on foot; the three females in the back seat of the truck remained in the vehicle. Aviation arrived on scene and located one of the suspects hiding in a pine tree. The flight crew guided ground units to his position, and he was taken into custody. The suspect was found to be the driver and was a missing 16-year-old from Columbus.



Storm Assessment Flights

On July 6, Aviation conducted multiple storm damage assessment flights in Northern Ohio, related to the previous night's severe weather. With flooding reported in parts of Mahoning and Lucas County, the flight crew coordinated with county emergency management agencies, and first responders to locate areas of concern and provide advisors with updates on floodwater activity.



Enforcement Totals

Enforcement Details	81	90+ MPH	197	Seat Belt	16	Distracted Driving	1
		100+ MPH	18	Warrants	6	Reckless Operation	1
Total Stops	579	DUS	24	Commercial	5		
Aggressive	375	Motorcycle	18	Following Too Close	1		



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Toledo Proactive Patrols

Aviation assisted the Toledo Police Department, and the Toledo Patrol Post with three proactive patrol details in July. During the July 28th detail, the flight crew observed a group of juveniles in a neighborhood who appeared to be displaying possible criminal behavior. Ground units were guided to their position, and two juveniles fled on foot during separate foot pursuits when contact was made. The first suspect was taken into custody by ground units after a short foot pursuit, and a pistol was located on his person. The second suspect fled on foot and later hid behind a house with heavy brush. Ground units were guided to his position, and he was taken into custody. The flight crew then guided ground units to a vehicle where a gun was located underneath it after the second suspect was taken into custody.

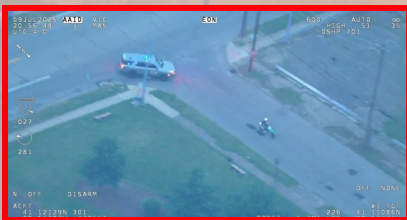


Columbus Proactive Patrols

Aviation participated in multiple proactive patrol details in Columbus in the month of July. Aviation coordinated with the Columbus Police Department and the Columbus Patrol Post as they conducted traffic stops and responded to calls for service.



Youngstown Proactive Patrols



Aviation provided aerial support for two proactive patrol details in Youngstown in July. Working alongside the Youngstown Police Department, the Canfield Patrol Post, and Warren District Criminal Patrol, the flight crew assisted with multiple pursuits involving dirt bikes and the subsequent apprehension of the riders.

AGENCIES ASSISTED

Police Departments:

Blue Ash PD
Carrollton PD
Cincinnati PD
Cleveland PD
Columbus PD
Dayton PD
Dublin PD
Findlay PD
Kent PD
Lima PD
Marietta PD
Mason PD
New Richmond PD
Perry Township PD
Rittman PD
Rossford PD

Springboro PD
Strongsville PD
Sunbury PD
Toledo PD
Union Township PD
Youngstown PD
Sheriff's Offices:
Brown County SO
Clark County SO
Cuyahoga County SO
Gallia County SO
Jefferson County SO
Licking County SO
Logan County SO
Lucas County SO
Ottawa County SO
Ross County SO

Summit County SO Task Forces:

Delaware County Drug Task Force
MARMET

State Agencies:

ODNR

Federal Agencies:

DEA
FAA
Homeland Security
US Marshals Service
United States Postal Service
OSHP:
Akron
Bowling Green
Cambridge

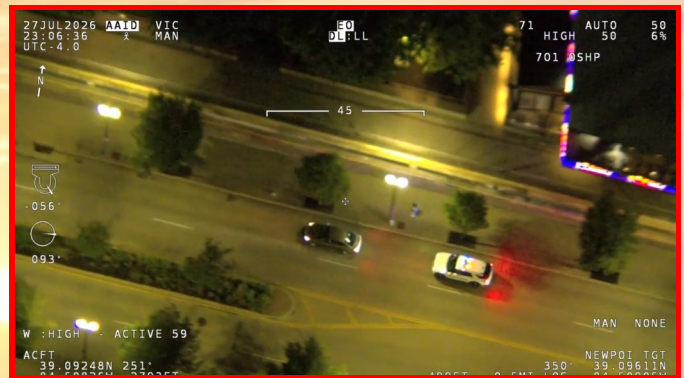
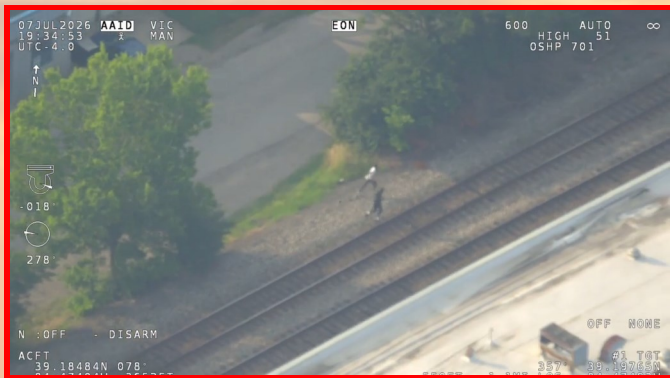
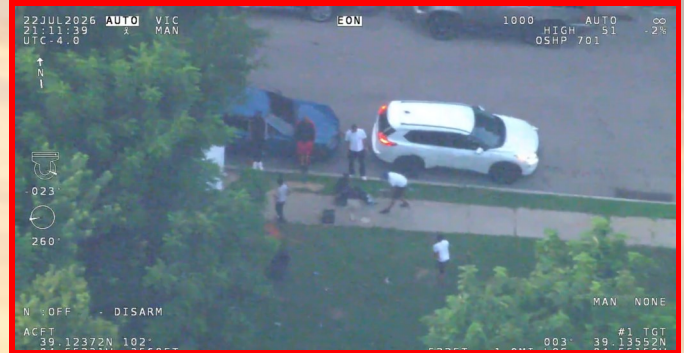
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Cleveland
Colonel's Office
Columbus
D4 Criminal Patrol
Delaware
Expo Center
Lancaster
Lebanon
Marion
Medina
New Philadelphia
VTFU
Warren
West Jefferson
Zanesville

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Cincinnati Proactive Patrols

Aviation responded to the Cincinnati area three times in July in support of proactive patrol detail requests from the Cincinnati Police Department, the Cincinnati Patrol Post, and Wilmington District Criminal Patrol. Statistics from the details are as follows:

- 11 Suspects Apprehended with Aerial Assistance
- 2 Vehicle Pursuits
- 2 Foot Pursuits
- 1 Felony Drug Case Generated
- 7 Firearms Seized



Akron Remote Base Hangar Tour

On July 27, Aviation provided a tour of the Akron Remote Base to a local family as part of their request relating to their hobby. Anthony Collins and his daughter, Bailey, are remote-control aircraft enthusiasts, who recently completed a detailed remote-controlled aircraft modeled after the Aviation Section's Cessna 182 aircraft. In the past, they have also constructed a model that is an identical representation of the Aviation Section's Airbus H-125 helicopter. Aviation, along with the Canton Patrol Post, arranged for the Collins family to take a hangar tour at the Akron Fulton Airport. They toured the facility and spoke with a section pilot, which included photos of Aviation Section aircraft alongside the model aircraft.



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.