



## Ohio State Highway Patrol Field Operations

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# Aviation Section

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## OPERATIONS

### Cincinnati Proactive Patrols and Media Interview

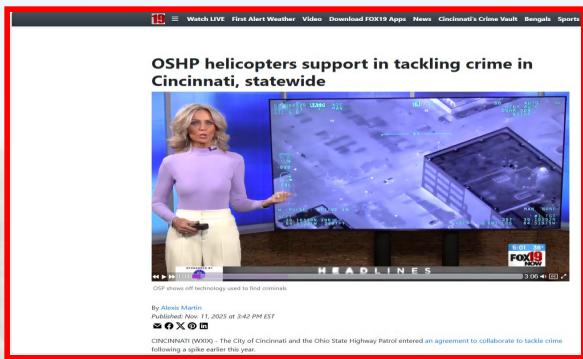
Aviation participated in multiple proactive patrol details in the month of November. Working with the Cincinnati Police Department and multiple District 8 patrol posts, Aviation provided aerial support as ground units conducted traffic stops and responded to calls for service. The statistics from the details are as follows:

- 3 Suspects Apprehended with Air Assistance
- 1 Vehicle Pursuit
- 1 Foot Pursuit
- 5 Felony Drug Cases Generated
- 1 Felony Warrant Service
- 1 Seized Firearm
- 1 Stolen Vehicle Recovered

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The day after the November 3 detail, Aviation gave an interview to Fox 19 News Cincinnati to explaining the section and its role in proactive patrols. The flight crew met with Fox 19 News reporter Alexis Martin, to review the mission aircraft and the equipment they use to help reduce violent crime in Cincinnati and across the state.



### Monthly Missions

Total Flight Hours	284.6	Total Missions	79	ISR Flight	14	Search - Missing Person	3
OSHP Missions	52%	Located by Air	20	Other	9	Evidence Relay	1
Vs.		Search - Criminal	29	Photo Flight	5		
Outside Agency Missions	48%	Proactive Patrol	15	Passenger Flight	3		



### OPERATIONS

#### Dayton Proactive Patrols

Throughout November, Aviation supported the Dayton Police Department and the Dayton Patrol Post during proactive patrol details. The Aviation Unit provided aerial coverage while ground units conducted traffic stops, responded to calls for service, and saturated areas known for higher or violent crime. The statistics from these details are as follows:

- 8 Suspects Apprehended with Air Assistance
- 3 Vehicle Pursuit
- 2 Foot Pursuits
- 3 Felony Drug Case Generated
- 9 Warrant Services (2 Misdemeanor, 7 Felony)
- 3 Firearms Seized
- 2 Stolen Vehicles Recovered



#### Canfield Post Photo Flight

Aviation received a request on November 22 from the Canfield Patrol Post to take aerial photos of an apartment building in Austintown Township, Mahoning County, where an explosion caused injuries and major damage. Aviation responded, forwarding the photo officers to continue their investigation.



#### Enforcement Totals

Enforcement Details	41	90+ MPH	100	Commercial	3	Drug	1
		100+ MPH	9	Warrants	2		
Total Stops	391	Seat Belt	16	Motorcycle	2		
Aggressive	240	DUS	11	Move Over / Slow Down	1		



### OPERATIONS

#### Medina Post Pursuit



On November 6, Aviation monitored local post radio traffic and was alerted to a pursuit involving Medina Patrol Post units traveling southbound on I-71 north of Brunswick. Aviation self-initiated a response from the Akron Fulton Airport and proceeded toward the pursuit area. The suspect vehicle had initially stopped for a speed violation before fleeing. As the pursuit continued south on I-71, the Medina County Sheriff's Office successfully deployed spike strips, deflating one of the vehicle's tires. The vehicle turned around near State Route 83 in Lodi and traveled northbound on I-71 before pulling off onto the right berm and grass area, where both occupants fled on foot. Ground units located the female passenger in a small, wooded area near the abandoned vehicle. Aviation located the male suspect in a field near a farm southeast of the vehicle. Both individuals were taken into custody without further incident. It was later determined that the male driver did not possess a valid license and had active misdemeanor warrants.

#### Cleveland Proactive Patrol

Aviation responded to a request from the Cleveland Police Department and Cleveland Patrol Post on November 6, to assist with a proactive enforcement detail targeting criminal activity in the City of Cleveland. While overhead, the flight crew supported two vehicle pursuits that resulted in the apprehension of both drivers. At least two firearms were recovered during these incidents. Additionally, Aviation assisted Cleveland Police with a call for service involving a vehicle connected to an aggravated robbery. The vehicle was located, and four individuals were observed fleeing into an apartment complex. All four suspects were taken into custody without further incident.



#### Bowling Green Post Photo Flight



On November 14, Aviation responded to a request from the Bowling Green Patrol Post to obtain aerial photos of a plane crash in Henry County that resulted in two fatalities. Aviation captured video and photos of the scene and surrounding area, forwarding the evidence to the investigating units.

### AGENCIES ASSISTED

**Police Departments:** Toledo PD  
Akron PD  
Athens PD  
Cincinnati PD  
Cleveland PD  
Columbus PD  
Dayton PD  
Dublin PD  
Fremont PD  
Lima PD  
Marion PD

**Sheriff's Offices:** Adams  
Knox  
Logan  
Medina  
Montgomery  
Van Wert

**Task Forces:** Central Ohio HIDTA

**Delaware County Drug Task Force**  
**RANGE Task Force**  
**Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Team**

**State Agencies:** ODPS

**Federal Agencies:** ATF  
DEA  
US Marshals Service

**OSHP:** Ashland  
Bowling Green  
Cambridge  
Canfield  
Cleveland  
Colonel's Office  
Columbus  
D1 DHQ  
DEA  
US Marshals Service

**D6 OIS**  
**D9 OIS**  
**Dayton**  
**Medina**  
**Milan**  
**Mt. Gilead**  
**PAU**  
**SRT**  
**Toledo**  
**West Jefferson**

### OPERATIONS

#### Montgomery County Criminal Search

On November 17, Aviation assisted the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Marshals in apprehending a fugitive wanted on multiple felony warrants, including aggravated robbery, weapons under disability, tampering with evidence, and obstructing official business. Detectives located the suspect in a vehicle parked in a lot. With aerial support overhead, officers approached, and when the suspect attempted to flee, patrol cars boxed him in, preventing escape. Officers then took the suspect into custody without incident.



#### Toledo Proactive Patrol

Aviation responded to a request from the Toledo Patrol Post and Toledo Police Department on November 14, for a proactive enforcement detail targeting criminal activity in the City of Toledo. While overhead, Aviation assisted with a pursuit involving two minibikes, one of which crashed. Aviation guided ground units to the fleeing subject, and officers took the 15-year-old suspect into custody without incident. Aviation also relayed information on vehicles operating recklessly on I-75. One suspect vehicle was stopped, and the driver issued a summons, while another continued onto I-280 before stopping at a residence, where officers issued a summons. Aviation monitored areas of concern for street racing and supported traffic stops before being released upon completion of the detail.



#### SOFAST Jefferson County ISR Flight

Aviation responded to a request on November 28 from the Columbus Police Department to assist the Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team with surveillance of a residence, for a future warrant service. Aviation captured video of the residence and all associated vehicles as requested. The flight crew coordinated with task force units to forward evidence, to continue their investigation.



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.