



Fairfield Township Police Department

Monthly Report: August 2025

Category	August 2025	YTD 2025	Category	August 2025	YTD 2025
Arrests	52	498	Towed Vehicles	19	132
Charges	80	771	Crashes Reported	36	296
Citations – No. of Persons	89	541	▪ <i>Fatal</i>	0	0
Citations – Total Charges	120	947	▪ <i>Injury</i>	7	71
Calls for Service	1,416	12,021	▪ <i>Property Damage Only</i>	29	260

Sergeant Viel served as a guest speaker at the Overdose Awareness Day event in the City of Hamilton. The event included a walk and a candlelight vigil honoring those who lost their lives to overdose. In his speech, Sgt. Viel emphasized the importance of collaboration between community members and law enforcement in addressing and preventing drug overdoses throughout Butler County. He also spoke about the role of the LOSS/DOSS program, highlighting how it provides vital support to families and connects resources in the aftermath of an overdose.

A Butler County jury found Philip Floyd Hartsfield guilty of Rape (F1), Sexual Battery (F3), 2 counts of Kidnapping (F1), and Robbery (F2). Hartsfield is incarcerated in the Butler County Jail and will face sentencing by the Butler County Common Pleas Court on September 24, 2025. This case was investigated by our detectives in May 2025.

Butler County Common Pleas Court Judge Greg Howard found Joseph Z. Schwarz guilty of Abduction (F3), Strangulation (F5), and Felonious Assault (F2). Schwarz will face sentencing for these crimes on October 1, 2025. Evening Shift patrol officers investigated this case in October 2024.

The Annual Touch-a-Truck event at Bridgewater Falls was a tremendous success, with a large crowd attending to see the vehicles and meet the employees.

The police department participated in the 2025 National Night Out event that was hosted by the Fairfield Police Department in Fairfield.

Midnight Shift officers arrested Carl Schmieg for OVI after he crashed his motorcycle on Canal Road. Officers charged Schmieg with OVI, and additional charges are pending.

Evening Shift officers tried to stop a vehicle near Bridgewater Falls, and the vehicle fled. Officers found the suspect and the vehicle a short time later after the complainant falsely reported their vehicle as stolen, leading to the suspect's arrest.

Detectives arrested Cameron Stephens on Milton Street after he threatened other teenagers in the neighborhood with a firearm via social media. The victims are victims from a previous shooting incident that occurred in 2024. Detectives charged Stephens with Intimidation of a Crime Victim/Witness (F3), Telecommunications Harassment (M1), and Aggravated Menacing (M1). Stephens pled guilty to Intimidation (M1) and Telecommunications Harassment. Butler County Area 2 Court sentenced Stephens to probation and a suspended jail sentence.

Officer Fath was conducting a routine patrol in Walden Ponds when she observed substantial smoke emanating from the residence located in the 6200 block of Mill Creek Court. Without delay, she notified dispatch to have the fire department respond, and she proceeded to the back of the house, where she discovered that the rear deck and the back of the house were engulfed in flames. Officer Fath alerted the resident inside and helped her to safety.

Evening Shift officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation around SR4 Bypass near SR129. The vehicle fled, leading to a short pursuit. It then pulled into the Bridgewater Falls Shopping Center but continued to evade stopping. Due to public safety concerns, the officer terminated the pursuit. A few hours later, the suspect and the vehicle were located. The suspect was arrested for making false alarms, failure to comply, and other related traffic offenses.