



SYLVANIA POLICE DIVISION

2026 Bi-annual Report

January 2026 – June 2026

Operational Statistics

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Crime Reports	599	622
Criminal Arrests - Juvenile/Adult	7/174	5/153
Traffic Citations	287	316
Warnings	1944	1903
Parking Tickets	37	9
OVI	41	27
Traffic Crashes	153	170
Traffic Crash injuries/fatalities	26/0	44/0
Calls for Police Service	5915	5814
Hours Spent Handling Police Calls	2500:06	1860:52
Emergency Response Time – Priority 1	1:58	2:29
Overtime Hours - Police	2682	2563
Overtime Hours - Records	109	67.75
Training Hours	999	1620

Administrative Update

During the first half of 2026, the Division staffing remained consistent. We had no retirements or resignations. We continue to be fully staffed in the Administration, Sergeants, Clerks and Administrative Secretary positions. Patrol is at 26 of the 27 approved positions. Currently eight of the sworn staff are eligible to retire at any time.

Officer Tessa Gardella, Officer Arin Hovey and Officer Bryan Smith all successfully

completed their 2000 working hours of probation and were released from probation. They have progressed well in their training and are an asset to this department.

The Administrative staff attended the Ohio Chief's of Police Conference, the Ohio Collaborative Conference and the Ohio Traffic Safety Summit. The Division continues to maintain its certification through the Ohio Collaborative.

This half of the year saw the closure of the Monroe Street overpass over US 23, a closure that effectively divided the city into half. Staffing levels on all road patrol shifts were increased to four, allowing for a minimum of two officers to be assigned to both sides of the bridge at all times. In partnership with the Sylvania Township Fire and Rescue Department, we were able to establish a substation at their #3 station on Whiteford Road. This allows for officers to have a place to take a break, work on reports and meet with people.

We have several personnel that have become Drone Operators. The Drone has been used for photos and videos of the construction projects as well as part of the security operations for St. Joes Festirama. The Drone operators were called out with the SRT team in Sylvania Township to assist with a barricaded subject. They were able to utilize the indoor drone to locate the suspect and bring the barricade to a safe conclusion.

For many years we have had speed trailers that could be deployed in neighborhoods and high complaint areas to show the public the speed they were traveling. Unfortunately, those pieces of equipment aged out and were no longer serviceable, with the last speed trailer taken out of service in 2025. The Division invested in four speed signs and working with the Sylvania Street Division, these are able to be mounted to poles along the roadways and display speeds of the vehicles. These pole mounted signs give more flexibility on where they can be placed.

Community Affairs

Youth Programs

This year, is the second full school year that Community Affairs has taught the Law Enforcement Against Drugs curriculum. The new curriculum has continued to be a big hit with the students and teachers. This half of 2026, Officer Russell instructed at Highland Elementary, Toledo Islamic Academy and McCord Junior High. All Community Affairs officers attended an update for the L.E.A.D. curriculum that was hosted at Sylvania Police Division. Officer Russell has also written regular articles for the Sylvania Advantage feature LEO the Lab with safety themes for the young and old. LEO the Lab continues to make community appearances, including L.E.A.D. graduations, Safety City and the Sylvania Business Expo.

Officer Russell also presented Seatbelt Safety class to 3rd graders at Sylvania Public Elementary Schools, St. Joseph School and the Toledo Islamic Academy. Another program taught was the Kindergarten Bicycle Helmet Safety Program.

The Safety City Program was held at Maplewood Elementary this year. This was also the first

year for only online registration for the students. All spots in the Safety City Program were filled by May 13th and even after cancellations, we still had 6 people on the waiting list.

School Resource Officer Programs

We continue to have full-time officers dedicated to both of our high schools. Officer Gerald Barnswell is assigned to Northview High School and Officer Zach Andrzejewski is assigned to Southview High School.

Both School Resource Officers attended training for a new program through SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). The program is called “Shifting Gears: The Blunt Truth About Marijuana & Driving”. This is a SADD-Ohio Traffic Safety Office -AAA Northeast program that is designed to educate high school students and other young drivers about the dangers of cannabis-impaired driving. We are currently working with Sylvania Public Schools to teach this in 9th grade health classes.

The School Resource Officers were also in attendance for the High School Proms as well as their graduation ceremonies.

Northview High School - Officer Barnswell		Southview High School – Officer Andrzejewski	
Presentations	13	Presentations	7
Meetings /Training	20	Meetings /Training	25
General Offense /Accident Reports	9	General Offense /Accident Reports	6
Citations / Warnings	18	Citations / Warnings	0
School Related Complaints/Interview	17	School Related Complaints/Interview	75
Parking Lot Assists	4	Parking Lot Assists	32
Court Appearances	1	Court Appearances	0
Security Issues	70	Security Issues	53
Vape Investigations	52	Vape Investigations	23
Misc.	8	Misc.	104

Community Involvement

Officers assigned to Community Affairs attended community events and meetings representing the Sylvania Police Division. Some events that were attended in the first half of 2026 were the Diversion Program with Sylvania Family Services, DEA National Drug Take Back Day at Kroger and the Sylvania Prevention Alliance meetings.

Public Safety Cadets

Our Public Safety Cadet Program continues to offer meaningful and interesting opportunities to the youth of the Sylvania community. This program is an excellent resource for our youth to learn about law enforcement as they develop lifelong skills that will serve them well as they

become adults. This is a program that is run in cooperation with Sylvania Township Police. Sgt. Justin Bell is the Program Supervisor for the City, while Lieutenant Kevin Steinman is the Program Supervisor for the Sylvania Township Police. Officer Lindsey Russell is the mentor for the Sylvania Police Division while Officer Joe Sulaica fills that roll for the Sylvania Township Police.

Training topics for the Public Safety Cadets so far this year have included:

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| -Crisis Intervention | -Heart of Ohio Competition Preparation |
| -Domestic Violence | -Radio Usage |
| -Disorderly Conduct | -Traffic Stops |
| -Tactical Medical Skills | -Preparing for July 3 rd Fireworks Detail |
| -Building Searches | -Touring Lucas County Dispatch (COG) |
| -Burglaries-in-Progress | |
| -Physical Fitness | |

The Public Safety Cadets also help with various events. For 2026 they have worked at:

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| -Sylvania Business Expo | -Pacesetter Soccer Invitational |
| -Heart of Ohio Competition | -Safety City |
| -Glass City Marathon | -Safety Town |

Volunteer Program

Hour Summary	
Total Patrol Volunteer hours for January 2026 – June 2026	18
Total Event Volunteer hours for January 2026 – June 2026	75.75
Total	93.75

Volunteer Patrol Log	
Lockouts	0
House Checks	38
Road Patrol/Traffic Assists	0
Citizen/Motorist Assists	0
Special Assignments: - Chamber of Commerce Spring Expo - Spring Drug Take Back Day - Memorial Day Parade - Highland L.E.A.D. Graduation - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - Glass City Marathon - St. Joe's Festirama - St. Joe's Positive Directions Run	

Detective Bureau

We continue to have four sworn personnel assigned to the Detective Bureau, one Detective Sergeant and three Detectives. Many man hours were spent this half of the year investigating a Homicide that occurred in April. One suspect was arrested and the case is currently moving through Lucas County Common Pleas Court.

Active Case Load			
	Assigned	Cleared	Total Active
Biannual Totals	71	82	34

Mobile Device Extractions Completed	17
Storage Device Extractions Completed	5
Computers/Hard Drive Extractions	2

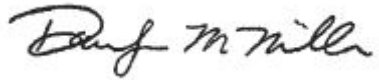
Records Bureau

The Records Bureau supports the operations of the Sylvania Police Division. During this quarter they did the following:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Report requests	389	329
BWC/Dash Camera requests (Public)	8	26
Rolled ink fingerprints	1	5
Web Check Backgrounds	106	95
Child Safety Seat Inspections	22	22
BWC/Dash Camera requests (Court)	126	74

Expungement processing	35	29
Solicitor permits issued	33	29
Special Event permits	4	5
Block Party permits	0	1
Notary services	10	12
False Alarm letters sent	39	22

Respectfully submitted,



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