

University Circle Special Improvement District (SID) Governing Body Meeting

AGENDA

Thursday, August 20, 2026

4:00 – 5:30 PM

UCI Community Room

(10831 Magnolia Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44106)

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| I. Bill Seelbach, Report of the Chair | 4:00pm |
| a. Call to Order and Welcome | |
| II. Kate Borders, Roll Call and Quorum | |
| a. Verify quorum: At least 50% of members present, including one Reserve Member Organization Trustee. | |
| III. Bill Seelbach, Approval of Minutes | |
| a. Minutes from May 2026 | |
| IV. Bill Seelbach, Public Comment Session | 4:10pm |
| Individual comments are limited to three minutes, with a maximum of 20 minutes allocated for the public comment session. Individuals wishing to speak should submit a public comment card to the Assistant Secretary before the meeting. The Governing Body will also accommodate comments from individuals who have not submitted a card in advance, allowing them to be heard during the meeting. | |
| I. Kate Borders, General Updates | 4:20pm |
| II. Chief Wetzal, UCPD Update & Crime Statistics | 4:30pm |
| III. Drone Demonstration & Technology Discussion | 5:00pm |
| IV. Bill Seelbach, Closing Remarks | 5:25pm |
| V. Adjourn | 5:30pm |

Next Meeting

November 19, 2026 at 4pm

University Circle Community Room



**University Circle Inc.
Special Improvement District Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2026,
4:00 – 5:30 PM**

Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Members: Vice Chair Eric Morse, President Kate Borders; Deon McCaulley, Sherita Mullins, Jason Pirtz, Julian Rogers, Steve Rubin.

Staff: Chief Tom Wetzel, Susan Schwartz, Alex Abramowitz, Dean Parker, Maureen Schaefer.

Guests: Ellis Kruchko, Mike Graham.

Vice Chair Eric Morse called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

Borders confirmed that a quorum of the governing board was present.

Motion made by Julian Rogers, seconded by Steve Rubin to accept minutes from the February 2026 SID Governing Body meeting. Motion carried.

With no members of the public requesting to speak, no public comment session occurred.

Updates:

- Borders updated the group on the progress of Little Italy's pursuit of creating a Special Improvement District. Reminder that this is not a process that we are involved in, but will continue to provide updates.
- Borders shared copies of the postcards that have been mailed quarterly to all SID payers.
- Chief Wetzel shared statistics from the department and provided a general update of department staffing and recognitions as well as community engagement projects.

Budget:

- Parker provided details regarding the FY27 budget; questions and discussion occurred.
- Borders advised the committee that the original budget did not adequately capture overhead expenses. Those are being tracked to include in renewal budgets.
- Motion was made by Morse, seconded by Rubin to approve the FY2027 budget, Motion carried. The budget will now be advanced to the UCI board as a recommendation from this body.

Transportation:

- Abramowitz provided a transportation report, noting that the city has put yellow bollards at the top of their priority list for creating safer intersections; Pirtz called out the Adelbert and Euclid intersection and Abramowitz confirmed it is included in the project; Pirtz asked that UH be included in those conversations.
- Abramowitz advised that grant funding is in the works for Harrison Dillard Trail.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Next Meeting: August 20, 2026 at 4pm at University Circle Inc. Community Room.

SID Committee meeting

August 20, 2026



Collective bargaining agreement

- Successful negotiations process.
- Three year contract that runs from July 1, 2026 to March 31, 2029



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Some stats



Total crime reports

Overall crime reports down 38.75% from the 1st quarter to the 2nd quarter of this year.

Vehicle related thefts

Crimes involving parked motor vehicles were down 58% from the prior quarter.



Community policing stats from 1st to 2nd quarter.
The face of UCPD. Crime prevention application.

Directed patrols **increased 7.7%**

Foot patrols **increased 89.7%**

Institutional visits **increased 35.5%**

Building checks **increased 22.7%**



Overview on patrol goals for 2026

UNIVERSITY CIRCLE **POLICE**



DEPARTMENTAL GOALS FOR 2026

Personnel Goals:

- Continuing personnel-centered focus
- Expanding officer wellness programming
- Achieving a fully staffed police department

Patrol Goals:

- Increase directed patrols by 5%
- Increase foot patrols by 10%
- Increase institution visits by 30%
- Increase building checks by 5%

Special Teams and Operations:

- Procure a Drone
- Add Explosives K-9
- Our SRT team is fully operational
- Establish a UCPD Honor Guard

Building Goals:

- Evidence/Property room fully updated
- Dispatch room fully updated
- Training garage is fully operational

Awesomeness Goals:

- Continued blending & balancing of our services (Law Enforcement/Community policing outreach)
- ***Become an Elite Police Institution and National Model of Excellence (we are close!)***

Definitely on track

- Directed patrols target was 6,810.3. Midyear total is 3,493.
- Foot patrols target was 1,578.5. Midyear total is 791.
- Institutional visits target was 713.7. Midyear total is 431.
- Building checks target was 817.95. Midyear total is 860. Already achieved.



Staffing

Sergeant Tim Caine retires
September 3, 2026



Silver and Gold awards event August 4, 2026





Community policing/Youth Outreach

Outstanding work by our personnel. Building bridges of trust with every individual contact.

Now this is beautiful !

- [How a music class is helping University Circle police officers and kids bond | wkyc.com](#)



UNIVERSITY CIRCLE POLICE



JAZZ with a COP

University Circle Police invites you to be our guests at the upcoming Jazz With a Cop social event at the historic Glidden House Hotel. This special gathering will offer a relaxed atmosphere for engaging conversations with University Circle police officers, all set to the enchanting sounds of live jazz music performed by Councilman Kevin Conwell & the Footprints.

Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**Address: Glidden House Hotel
1901 Ford Drive
Cleveland, Ohio 44106**



Other cool
stuff

**UNIVERSITY CIRCLE
POLICE**



REGIONAL THINK TANK

**Risk Management and Leadership's Role
Within the Current State of Policing**

University Circle Police will be hosting a Think Tank on September 2, 2026. The featured keynote speaker, Ohio Attorney General Andy Wilson, and other esteemed speakers to follow. This Think Tank is open to current law enforcement officers.

**Location: The Centers of University Circle
12201 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44106**

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2026

**Time: Check in starts at 0830 with light
refreshments served. The program
will run from 0900-1130 hours.**

Registration is required. To register your attendance for the Think Tank, please contact UCPD Executive Assistant Susan Schwartz:
susan.schwartz@universitycircle.org // (216) 791-2444

Thank you

We appreciate all your
support of our mission.

Chief Tom Wetzel

UNIVERSITY CIRCLE POLICE



QUARTERLY SAFETY REPORT

DATA COLLECTED FROM JANUARY 1, 2025, through JUNE 30, 2026





TRENDS OF NOTE

- **Incoming crime reports were overall down 38.75% from the 1st Quarter of 2026. This was our lowest crime report frequency going back to the beginning of 2025.**
- **Crimes Against Persons were consistent with all other quarters, but those involving suspects and victims who are strangers to one another were proportionately less than in most other quarters.**
- **Crimes Against Property were remarkably lower than prior quarters, but victims who were strangers to their suspects were proportionately the same.**
- **Crimes targeting parked motor vehicles continued to drop, down 58% from the 1st Quarter of 2026. This was our lowest quarter going back to the beginning of 2025.**

These trends appear to be fluctuations dependent on a variety of factors, including incarcerations of juvenile and adult offenders, combined with arrests of violators and crime prevention applications by the department.



STATISTICAL OVERVIEW OF CRIME

Even when overall crime reporting rates were higher, Crimes Against Persons remained generally stable, with no more than one Crime Against Person being reported every 4 days at its most frequent. Adjusted for stranger-on-stranger violence, reported no more frequently than once every 10 days.

Quarter	L1 - Total Crime Reports (rate) L2 - Total Stranger on Stranger (rate)	L1 - Total Against Persons (rate) L2 - Total Stranger on Stranger (rate)	L1 - Total Against Property (rate) L2 - Total Stranger on Stranger (rate)	Total Crimes Targeting Parked Motor Vehicles (our most frequent crime types)
Q1 2025 (90 days)	77 (1 every 1.2 days) 53 (1 every 1.7 days)	16 (1 every 5.5 days) 8 (1 every 11.3 days)	49 (1 every 1.85 days) 45 (1 every 2 days)	28 (36.4% of all crime)
Q2 2025 (91 days)	119 (1.31 per day) 79 (1 every 1.2 days)	22 (1 every 4.2 days) 7 (1 every 11.4 days)	74 (1 every 1.2 days) 71 (1 every 1.3 days)	52 (43.7% of all crime)
Q3 2025 (92 days)	164 (1.78 per day) 126 (1.37 per day)	19 (1 every 4.8 days) 9 (1 every 10 days)	123 (1.34 per day) 116 (1.26 per day)	95 (57.9% of all crime)
Q4 2025 (92 days)	173 (1.88 per day) 148 (1.61 per day)	21 (1 every 4.3 days) 6 (1 every 15.3 days)	139 (1.51 per day) 138 (1.5 per day)	106 (61.3% of all crime)
Q1 2026 (90 days)	80 (1 every 1.1 day) 64 (1 every 1.4 days)	13 (1 every 7.1 days) 8 (1 every 11.3 days)	61 (1 every 1.5 days) 56 (1 every 1.6 days)	36 (45% of all crime)
Q2 2026 (91 days)	49 (1 every 1.8 days) 38 (1 every 2.4 days)	15 (1 every 6 days) 5 (1 every 18.2 days)	31 (1 every 2.9 days) 29 (1 every 3.1 days)	15 (30.6% of all crime)
Q3 2026 (92 days)				
Q4 2026 (92 days)				



Analysis of Crimes Against Persons

Identifying the suspect in crimes is the first step in successful arrest and prosecution of any crime. Rapid response time increases the likelihood of identifying suspects when the victim and suspects are strangers to each other. UCPD has been able to identify suspects in a high percentage of all crimes against persons.

	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026
Total Crimes Against Persons	16 cases	22 cases	19 cases	21 cases	13 cases	15 cases		
Victim and Suspect are Acquainted or Have Relationship	8 cases (50%)	15 cases (68.2%)	10 cases (52.6%)	15 cases (71.4%)	5 cases (38.5%)	9 cases (60%)		
Victim and Suspect are Strangers ro Each Other	8 cases (50%)	7 cases (31.8%)	9 cases (47.4%)	6 cases (28.6%)	8 cases (61.5%)	5 cases (33.3%)		
Suspect Identified in Cases	15 cases (94%)	17 cases (77.3%)	15 cases (79%)	19 cases (90.5%)	13 cases (100%)	14 cases (93.3%)		
Weapon Reported Present At Scene	12 cases	15 cases	14 cases	14 cases	10 cases	10 cases		
Weapons Use vs Threat of Use	7 Use / 8 Threat	13 Use / 5 Threat	14 Use / 3 Threat	10 Use / 8 Threat	10 cases	9 Use / 5 Threat		
Weapons Use/Threat Corroborated (evidence or witness support)	11 cases	10 cases	12 cases	8 cases	10 cases	14 cases		
Cases Involving Guns	4 cases	2 cases	2 cases	5 cases	1 case	1 case		
Cases Involving Knives	3 cases	3 cases	1 case	1 case	0 cases	1 case		
Cases Involving Hands/Feet/Teeth (H/F/T)	6 cases	10 cases	9 cases	12 cases	5 cases	6 cases		



OTHER CRIMES , INCIDENTS & STATS OF NOTE



Psychiatric encounters are a regular occurrence which can fluctuate widely, but are managed quickly and effectively by UCPD resources. Private property accidents are generally not handled by Cleveland PD and allow affected motorists in University Circle speedier resolution. Drugs, Weapons and OVI violations are generally discovered during traffic stops initiated by UCPD officers and would have likely been otherwise undiscovered.

	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026
Psychiatric/Probate Transports	17	32	26	24	17	19		
Crisis Intervention Specialist Field Activities	7	9	3	8	20	24		
Private Property Accident Reports (combined all titles)	35	46	53	31	27	45		
OVI (Drunk Driver Incidents)	5	12	13	6	0	0		
Drug Offenses (unique incidents)	0	2	5	2	2	0		
*Weapons Violation (unique incidents)	4	5	5	2	3	2		
Weapons Seized and/or Recovered by UCPD	3 guns, 3 knives and 1 pepper spray	5 guns, 1 toy gun	5 guns	6 guns, 2 knives	3 guns	2 guns and 1 knife		
Weapons Reported Stolen or Missing	0	1 gun	1 gun, 1 knife	2 guns	3 guns and 1 knife	0		

*Note: Weapons Violations are not the same as Crimes Against Persons when weapons were reported. Weapons violations typically involve the finding of a weapon possessed in an illegal manner by a suspect, usually during a traffic stop, that amounted to charges against the suspect possessing, transporting or utilizing the weapon in an illegal manner.



TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT AND ARRESTS

UCPD officers have SAFETY as their primary objective with traffic enforcement, with discretion to issue warnings in lieu of citations in most, but not all situations. Arrests must be made when “probable cause” exists and the suspect is present/locatable at the time of investigation. These numbers will always vary based on circumstances present with the officer at the time of encounter. Arrests are often developed later in the process and can be difficult to track, but reliably higher in value than the numbers reflected here.

	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026
Moving Violations	59	45	57	53	76	48		
Criminal Citations	6	3	6	8	5	3		
Written Warnings	16	9	15	35	27	34		
Verbal Warnings	140	157	185	161	114	140		
Parking Complaints / Citations Issued	325/208	262/189	363/258	243/195	367/289	349/277		
Arrests made immediately for Criminal charges originating with a University Circle investigation	18	33	28	19	17	8		
Arrests - Other Agency Warrants	22	38	26	21	30	33		
Vehicle Pursuits	1	3	6	0	1	1		
Terminated without Pursuit	19	17	28	19	22	19		



COMMUNITY POLICING AND CALLS FOR SERVICE



Combining community policing efforts (proactive patrol combined with high visibility) and proximate reactive response to various conditions confronting University Circle provide enhanced service to the neighborhood and offer less reliance on Cleveland PD service, which tends to be purely reactive and potentially slow to respond, especially for calls they might deem “low priority.”

Community Policing Activities	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026
Directed Patrols	1680	1170 (down 30.4%)	1371 (up 17.2%)	2272 (up 65.6%)	1681 (down 26%)	1812 (up 7.8%)		
Foot Patrols	261	344 (up 31.8%)	470 (up 36.7%)	356 (down 24.3%)	273 (down 23.3%)	518 (up 89.7%)		
Institutional Visits	163	134 (down 17.8%)	179 (up 33.6%)	194 (up 8.4%)	183 (down 5.7%)	248 (up 35.5%)		
Building Checks	21	50 (up 138%)	329 (up 558%)	372 (up 13.1%)	381 (up 2.4%)	474 (up 24.4%)		
Suspicious Activity Calls*	219	245	210	229	169	189		
Safety Check Calls*	83	104	117	85	95	114		
General Assistance Calls*	67	68	77	27	55	64		
Roadway/Motorist Assistance Calls*	307	323	349	341	360	339		
Disturbance Calls*	130	198	209	176	139	196		
General Complaints*	25	39	41	35	37	41		
Departmental Assistance Calls*	52	48	89	50	52	53		

*See Appendix (last page) for call types that factor into each category.



ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

It's the goal of UCPD to maintain positive relationships with as many audiences in our footprint as possible. The legitimacy of police authority relies on its acceptance by the community.

	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026
Community Engagements	17	19	23	30	13	13		
Institutional Engagements	6	4	7	16	12	13		
Youth Engagements	14	16	4	7	6	15		
Law Enforcement Engagements	5	7	13	8	8	4		
Outward Engagements	1	2	0	0	1	1		



Appendix

STATS WORKSHEET FOR MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/ANNUAL REPORTS

(Use ARMS Report "Departmental Responses by Incident" to obtain figures for the date range in review)

TIME PERIOD OF DATA COLLECTION:

CALL GROUPINGS - CAD TITLES TO GROUP TOGETHER (REPORT: DEPARTMENT RESPONSES BY INCIDENT)			
SAFETY CHECKS:	911 HANGUPS	ELEVATOR MALFUNCTION	FIRE CHECKS
	HAZARDOUS CONDITION	INJURY TO PERSON	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
	ODOR INVESTIGATION	SUICIDE CALLS	WELFARE CHECK
	WIRES DOWN		
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:	ASSIST GENERAL	ASSISTANCE RENDERED	COURTESY TRANSPORT
MOTORIST/ROADWAY ASSISTANCE:	ACCIDENT-PRIV PROP	ACCIDENT-PRIV PROP HITSKIP	ACCIDENT-STREET
	ABANDONED AUTO	BATTERY BOOSTS	DEBRIS IN STREET
	DIRT-BIKE COMPLAINTS	DISABLED VEHICLES	LEAD LOST MOTORIST
	LOCKOUTS	RECKLESS OPERATION	SIGNS DOWN
	STREETLIGHT OUT	TOWED VEHICLE	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT
	TRAFFIC CONTROL	TRAFFIC DEVICE MALFUN	VEHICLE LET-OUT-IN
SUSPICION:	ALARM CALLS (NOT TESTING)	LPR CHECKS	POSSIBLE GUNSHOTS
	SUSPICION	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	SUSPICIOUS PERSON
	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SURVEILLANCE	
DISTURBANCES:	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	DISTURBANCE	DISTURB/INTOX
	DISTURB/NOISE COMPLAINT	DISTURB/CUSTOMER TROUB	DIST/UNWANT GUEST
	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	FIGHT IN PROGRESS	HARRASSMENT
	MENACING	JUVENILE COMPLAINT	NEIGHBOR TROUBLE
	PSYCHIATRIC SITUATION		
GENERAL COMPLAINTS:	ANIMAL CALLS	CIVIL MATTER	OPEN CONTAINER
	PANHANDLER	PROTESTERS	SKATEBOARDERS
	VAGRANT		
DEPARTMENTAL ASSISTANCE:	ASSIST CPD	ASSIST CWRU PD	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
	ASSIST TASK FORCE	ASSIST UHPD	ASSIST VETERANS' AFFAIRS PD

UCPD uses a records management database called ARMS. ARMS possesses over 1000 call types and other departmental activity entries that our dispatchers use to document everything we do.

In an effort to succinctly quantify the relevant UCPD activities while on patrol or answering calls for service, this worksheet was developed to create basic categories.

These worksheets are all kept and available for review along with the analytic reports from which the data is mined in the time period examined.