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CPD Addresses Weekend Activity in Uptown Columbus

The Columbus Police Department is sharing the results of enforcement efforts conducted in Uptown Columbus between May 29-31, 2026.

Throughout the weekend, officers encountered large groups of unsupervised minors and young adults gathering in parking garages, public spaces, and around businesses. While many young people were enjoying their summer responsibly, officers also responded to incidents involving disruptive behavior, trespassing, and other activity that negatively impacted businesses and visitors.

As part of the weekend operation, officers made contact with numerous individuals, conducted traffic enforcement, recovered illegal drugs, and worked with parents and guardians when minors were found in situations that raised safety concerns.

The weekend activity included:

- 41 self-initiated and traffic stops
- 4 citations issued
- 26 warning citations issued
- 11 business contacts
- 148 adult citizen contacts
- 50 juvenile citizen contacts
- 13 police reports completed
- 3 adult arrests
- 2 juvenile arrests
- More than 30 grams of marijuana recovered
- One THC vape recovered

Officers also responded to multiple incidents involving groups of minors congregating in and around the Synovus/Bay Avenue parking garage. In several cases, officers identified minors, contacted parents or guardians, and ensured they were safely returned home.

Earlier in the weekend, two juveniles were arrested after officers recovered a firearm equipped with a 30-round magazine and a replica firearm.

"Our goal is not to stop young people from enjoying their summer," said Assistant Chief Lance Deaton. "Our concern is when large, unsupervised groups gather and engage in behavior that disrupts businesses, creates safety concerns, or



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has the potential to escalate into something more serious. We need parents and guardians to stay involved, know where their children are, and help us keep Uptown safe and welcoming for everyone."

The Columbus Police Department will continue working closely with businesses, residents, and community partners throughout the summer. Additional officers and enforcement efforts will remain focused on addressing disruptive behavior, maintaining public safety, and ensuring residents and visitors can enjoy Uptown and other business districts across Columbus.

[Click here to view videos of recent incidents in Uptown Columbus.](#)

