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Columbus Police Department Wraps Up 30-Day Operation Overlook

The Columbus Police Department has concluded Operation Overlook, a 30-day initiative that began on May 13, 2025. The operation focused on reducing crime and increasing law enforcement presence during the early weeks of summer break, a time when criminal activity typically increases.

Sworn personnel from all areas of the department took part, working extended hours and focusing on proactive efforts across the city. Officers increased their presence in neighborhoods, focused on known problem areas, and made direct contact with thousands of citizens. Warrant enforcement was also a priority, and multiple firearms were confiscated during the operation.

Operation Results:

- **Total Contacts: 7,773**
- **Arrests: 206**
- **Felony Charges: 144**
- **Misdemeanor Charges: 273**
- **Warrants Cleared: 236**
- **Guns Confiscated: 32**
- **Gang Members Arrested: 11**
- **Citations Issued: 1,144**
- **Warnings Issued: 1,296**

In addition, officers issued more than 50 principal summons and addressed multiple city ordinance violations.

So far in 2025, Columbus has experienced a 30% drop in Part 1 crimes (which include murder, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and auto theft) compared to the same period last year. Operation Overlook played a major role in that reduction.

The Columbus Police Department remains committed to building on this progress and continuing efforts to keep the city safe.

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