



# CRC Summer in Cincy 2026

Cincinnati Recreation Commission

*Rec@Nite • Youth 2 Work • Camps • Pools • Teen Concert*

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Expanded Access | Safe Spaces | Youth Development

# Why Focus on Youth Engagement?

## Safe Evenings

Peak evening hours are the highest-risk period for youth.  
Structured programming keeps teens engaged during those critical hours.



## Job Skills & Income

Paid opportunities build work experience, leadership, and financial independence.



## Community Connection

Strong summer programs build neighborhood bonds, reduce violence, and create positive relationships between youth and their communities.





# Safe Weekend Spaces for Teens



## Program Overview

**Goal:** Reduce youth violence through safe, engaging evening activities

**Audience:** Teens aged 12–17 in high-need neighborhoods

**Dates:** Saturdays, June–August | 5 PM–10 PM

**2026 Sites:** Hirsch, Lincoln, Evanston & Winton (expanded from 2 → 4)

**Features:** Swimming, esports, DJs, food trucks, art, sports, Tech, STEAM

**Partners:** 31+ community vendors, DJs, barbers, henna artists & more

**Safety:** Onsite CPD officers, private security, Metro passes provided

**2,300+**

Teens served in 2024

**4 Sites**

In 2026 (↑ from 2)

**\$650K**

Program investment

**31+**

Community partners

*2025 attendance surpassed expectations — 2026 expansion on track to reach more teens citywide.*

# Pools & Summer Camps

## Pools — All 24 Open Citywide

- 24 pools open across all Cincinnati neighborhoods
- Plus 9 spraygrounds for family access
- Programs: lap swim, open swim, CRC Camp swim
- \$2M investment for full citywide aquatics access
- Pool jobs & lifeguard hiring opportunities for youth
- Swim lessons available throughout the summer



## Summer Day Camps & Specialty Camps

- \$1M investment in summer camp programming
- Day camps + field trips citywide
- Specialty camps across arts, sports & recreation
- Family-friendly activities all summer long
- Aquatics, arts, sports & neighborhood events
- Accessible options across all CRC facilities



# Youth 2 Work & Teen Concert



## Youth 2 Work (Y2WK) Program

# 250

Youth & Young Adults Employed

- Employed across summer operations citywide
- Builds leadership skills & job readiness
- Serves as a critical youth jobs pipeline
- Supports violence-prevention through employment

## Teen Outdoor Concert

# Headliner Announcement Coming Soon

Local Talent • Youth Performers • Community Energy

- Signature summer event designed for Cincinnati teens
- Live outdoor concert experience with a headline performer to be announced
- Highlighting local talent, youth performers, and community partners
- Supports CRC's broader strategy to expand teen-focused programming

# Cincinnati Recreation Commission

## CRC Summer 2026

*Investment Snapshot*

**\$650K**

**Rec@Nite**

4 Sites · Safe Evening Spaces

**\$2M**

**Pools**

24 Pools · Citywide Access

**\$1M**

**Camps**

Day Camps · Field Trips

**250**

**Youth Jobs**

Y2WK Employment Program

*Thousands of youth and families served — expanded access, safer summer nights, visible neighborhood investment.*



## Parks Riverfront Youth & Teen Programming

### Open Skating June 5 – August 28\*

- Friday Teen Nights 7-10 pm
- Saturdays 2-10 pm (all ages)
- Sundays 2-6 pm (all ages)

### Riverfront regional events with roller skating & music

- Stereo 26 DJ Festival – May 30
- All American Birthday Bash – July 3
- On Point Music Festival – August 7 & 8

\*Except June 12 and 13

# Neighborhood Park Free Family Friendly Events:

- **Rapid Run Friday Fun Days**  
(7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1)
- **Kennedy Heights Park Summer  
Fun Music & Art Wednesday's**  
(June – August)
- **Ezzard Charles Park**  
CSO Concert (6/21)  
Boxing (July),  
Talent Show (August)  
Ezz Fest (10/10)
- **Seasongood Square Back to  
School Carnival** (8/1)
- **Stanbery Park Friday Fun Days**  
(First Friday, June – September)
- **Mt Echo Riverfest West** (9/6)
- **Owl's Nest Jam Fest** (10/3)
- **Movie Nights @ Sawyer Point**  
(August)



# Parks Nature Education / Workforce Development



## Explore Nature Center Summer Camps

- 8 weeks of camp: June 8 – July 31
- Ages 3.5 – 15
- Structured nature-based activities at nature centers and parks

## Various family-friendly community events:

Guided hikes, birding, star gazing, nature encounters, and more.

**22,261 youth served annually through programming offered at 56 schools and 52 other locations.**

## Youth Workforce Development

- Parks will hire up to 12 teens through CRC Y2wk program.



# 2026 Summer Plan

Lieutenant Colonel Adam Hennie  
Interim Police Chief

Cincinnati Police Department

# Interim Chief Hennie's 90 Day Vision

## Visibility

Expanded the Bike Unit and walking patrols in business districts.

## Collaborate with Partners

Updated arrest reports and procedures around pre-trial appearances.

## Investigation/ Enforcement

Formalized an interagency partnership with HCSO and OSP. Created a standalone SWAT Unit.

## Technology

United tech units into Crime Center, Operating 24/7, Expanded Drone Coverage to 90%



# CPD Summer Plan: Visibility

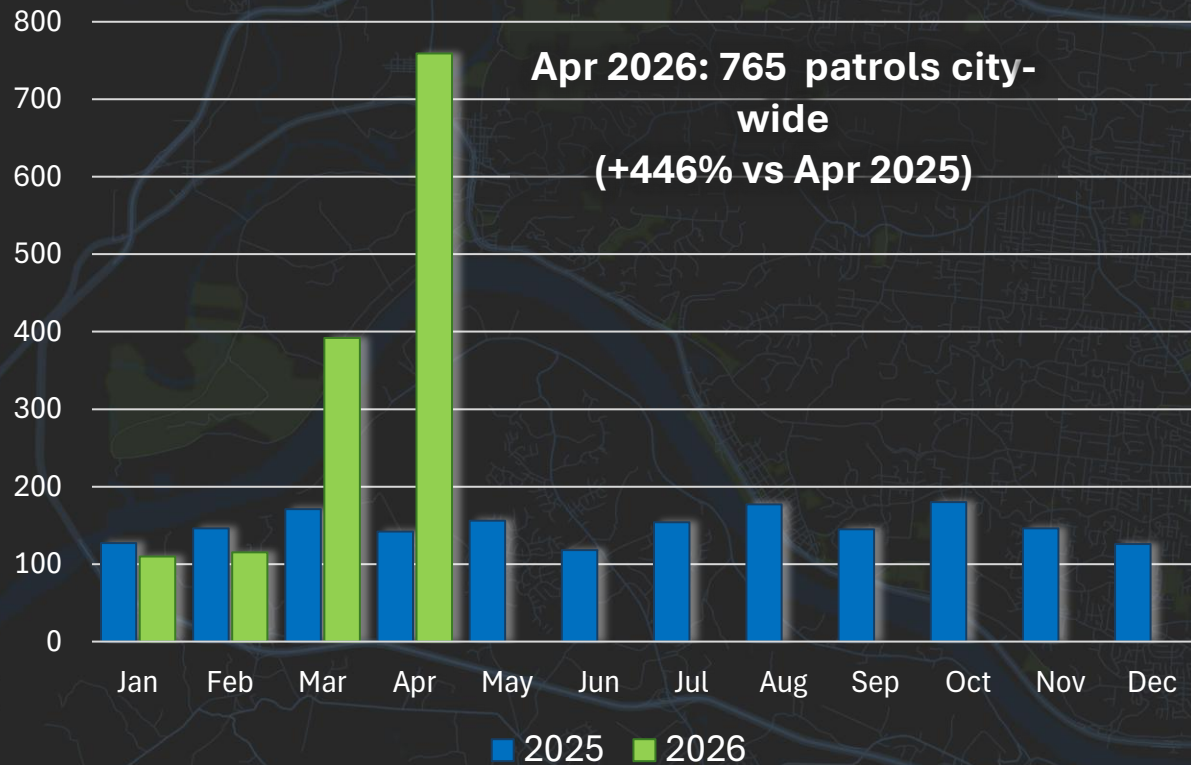


- **Expanded Bike Unit to 16 Officers**
  - OTR and CBS; visit other Business Districts as needed
- **Expanded District Walking Patrols**
- **Maintain Hot Spot PVO Patrols**
- **Maintain Youth Camps/ Programming**
- **Deploy CDRT/SWAT as Needed**



# CPD Summer Plan: Visibility

## Walking Patrols



Count of Directed (Walking) Patrols: City-Wide  
January 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026



# CPD Summer Plan: Investigations/Enforcement



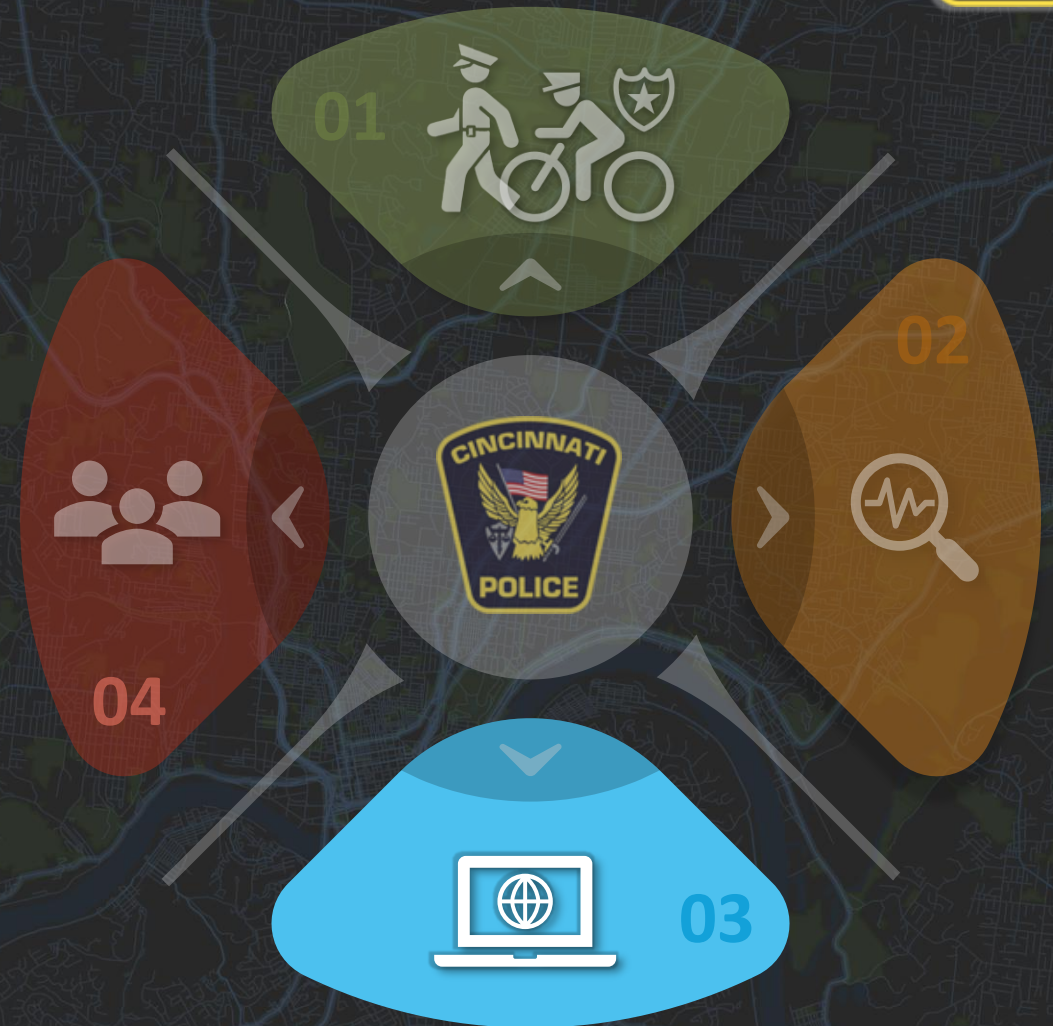
- Implement District PVO Traffic Plans
- Activate Summer Vice Rotation
  - Assist with Liquor Investigations
- Utilize Youth Curfew Center
- Stand up formal Place Network Investigation (PIVOT)



# CPD Summer Plan: Technology

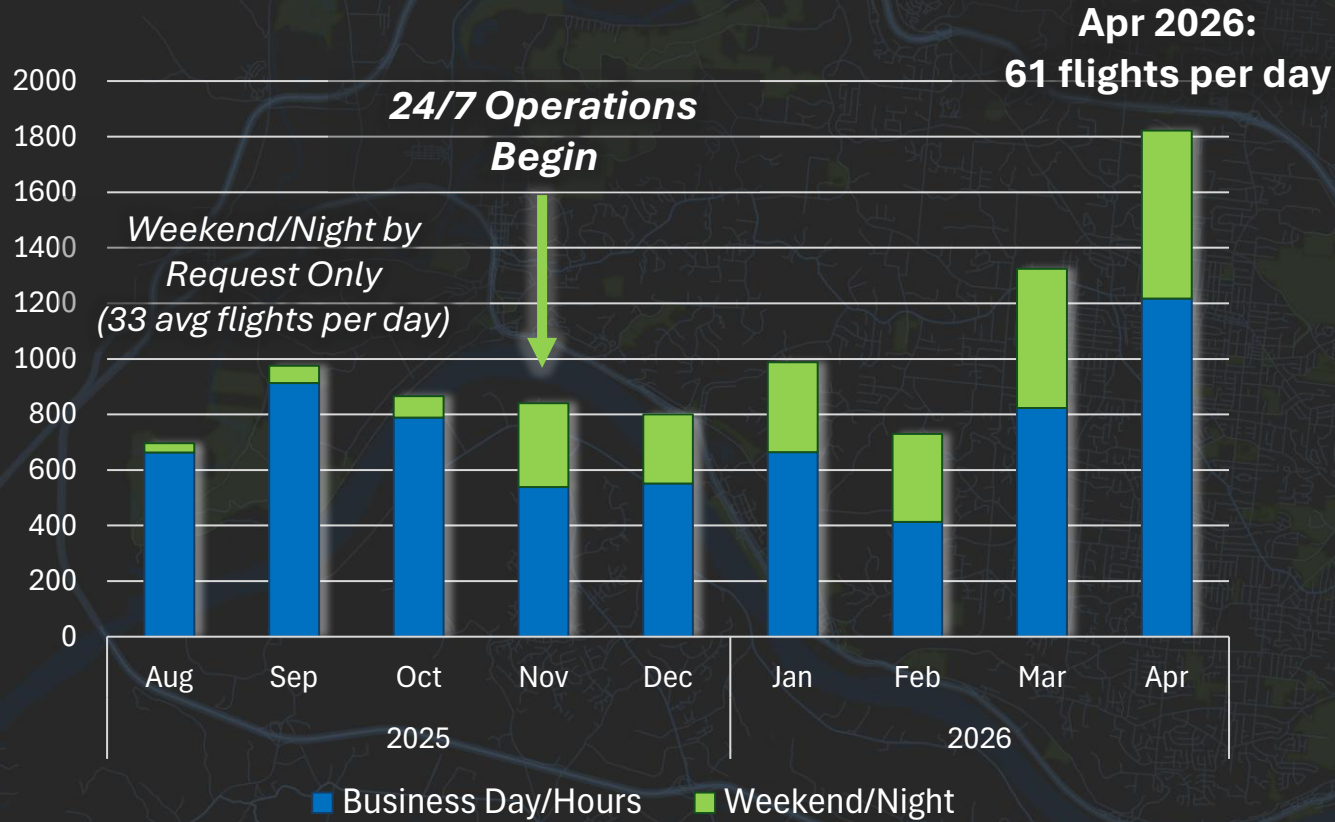


- **Enhance Preparedness for Special Events**
  - Briefing and Debriefing all Major Events
  - SROs to help Large Events
- **Continue Utilizing 24/7 Crime Center**
- **Assess Citizen Satisfaction/Sentiment in Real-Time**



# CPD Summer Plan: Technology

## 24/7 Drone Coverage



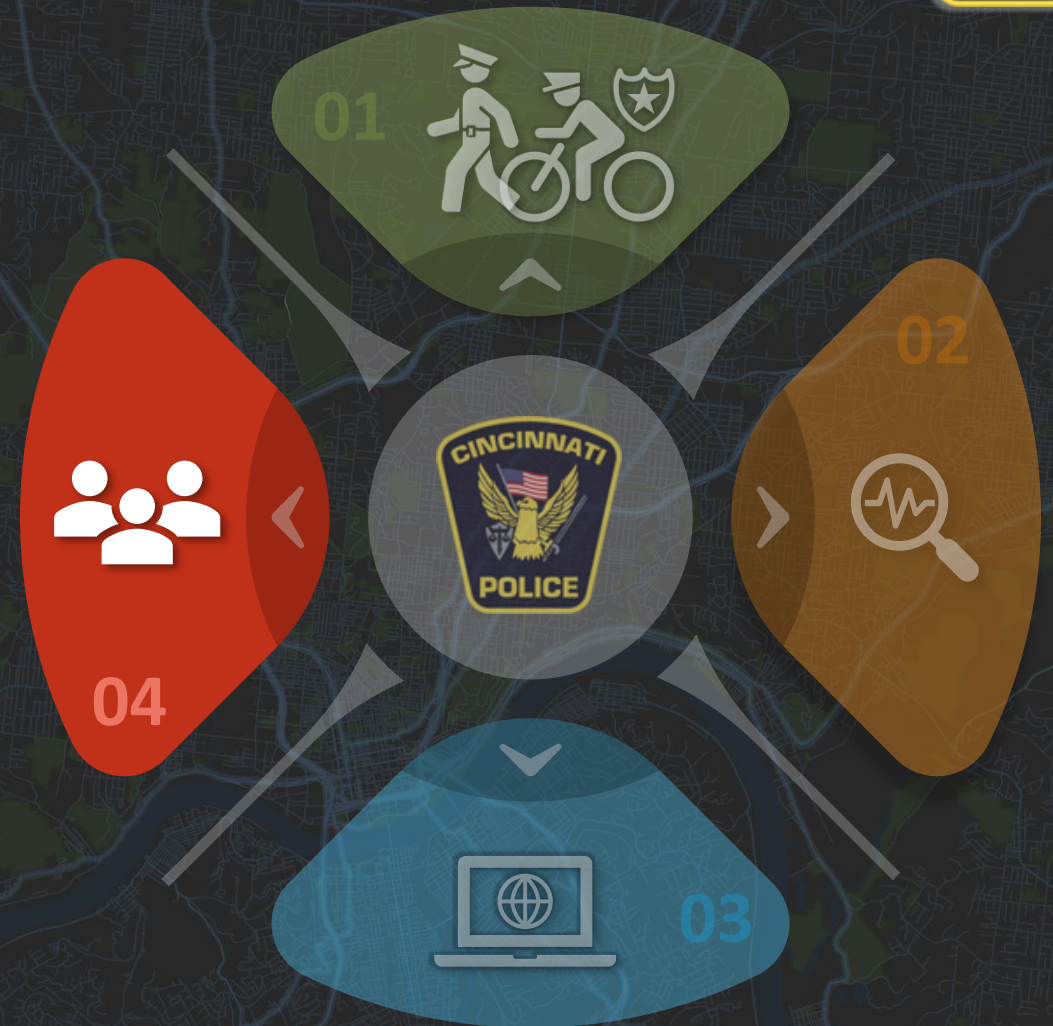
Count of Drone Flights: City-Wide  
August 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026



# CPD Summer Plan: Collaboration



- **Partner with Courts**
  - Continue Work through Parole/Probation Violation Notifications
- **Joint Operations with HCSO & OSHP**
- **Support ACT for Cincy as hub for Summer Initiatives**
- **Staff Rec @ Nite and Park Youth Events**



**QUESTIONS?**