

COLUMBUS POLICE
OFFICER, JOSHUA GRICE

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Officer Grice epitomizes the divisions' Core Values every day he reports for duty. He has a disciplined work ethic and goes above and beyond the expectations placed on him.

During the 2023 Columbus Safe Streets Operation, which focuses on proactive enforcement, community engagement initiatives and crime prevention efforts. Officer Grice was instrumental in numerous criminal investigations throughout the city of Columbus that resulted in a plethora of indictments and the seizure of an exponential amount of contraband.

Officer Grice and other officers deployed their training and experiences to conduct over 2000 combined hours of covert surveillance, which resulted in the execution of 33 search warrants which included 8 drug houses, 46 felony arrests, and the issuance of 27 subpoenas.

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Their efforts included the recovery of 31 firearms, 6 automatic firing converting devices, also known as a “switch,” 5,388 grams of marijuana, 5,388 grams of crack containing fentanyl, 28 grams of psychedelic mushrooms and over 300 pills.

Additionally in 2023, Officer Grice responded to a residence of a suicidal male, who doused his body and surroundings with lighter fluid. The male was in the basement of his residence, holding a lighter. Over a significant course of time, Officer Grice patiently talked to the male and eventually convinced him to surrender the lighter and to seek medical treatment.

His willingness to put himself in an environment posing an immediate danger to his safety, to help a citizen, reflects great credit on his character.

Officer Grice was subsequently awarded the Life Saving Award for his actions.

Officer Grice is an active member of the Arrest, Covert & Tactics (ACT) Team, where he is a point officer as a grenadier. Additionally, he also has more than 10 years of active-duty service with United States Air Force.