Council Update – Chief of Police

August 15, 2023

The City held its first National Night Out event on August 1st. Designed to bring law enforcement and neighbors together under positive circumstances, National Night Out is a great way to make a difference in the community. In addition to Bexley Police Department and the City food trailer being in attendance, there were food and information booths and demonstrations provided by the Ohio State Patrol, Capital University PD, The US Marshals, FBI, Columbus Fire RREACT, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and NBC 4, and more. Kids enjoyed Safety Town, bounce houses, and a dunk tank. The City extends appreciation to all of the agencies, volunteers, and local vendors who helped to make this event a big success.

First Annual Bexley National Night Out

A Fill the Cruiser event was held on Saturday July 30th. BCPA Alumni members helped to collect school supplies. On August 8th, Officer Chapman delivered supplies to Montrose, Maryland, Cassingham, and Broadleigh Elementary Schools.
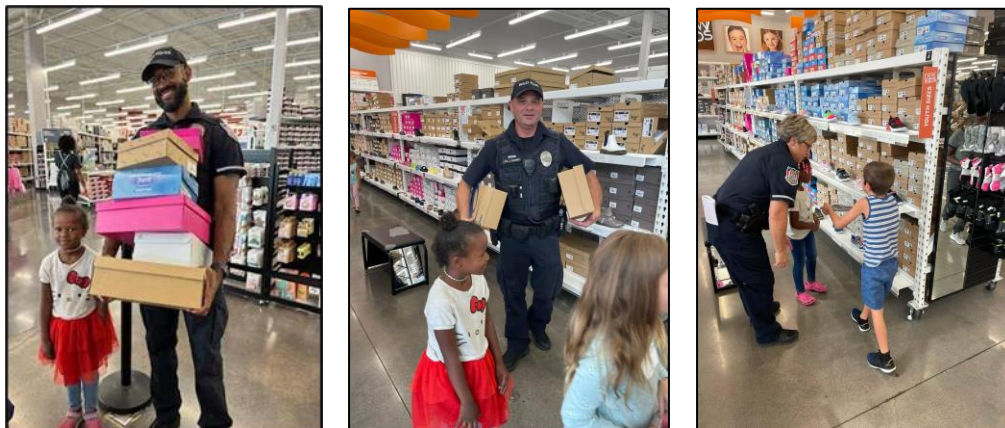

Officer Adams and Alumni Volunteers at Fill the Cruiser

Officer Chapman and School staff

The BPD "Shop with a Cop" event for back to school shoes was held on August 10th with help from Chief Lewis, Lt. Overly, Ofc. Chapman, Det. Byrd, and Det. Briley. Fourteen children participated in the program. In addition to receiving shoes, DSW provided socks to each child. After shopping, the kids were served lunch at the PD and also received a backpack filled with school supplies.

Detective Byrd, Officer Chapman, and Lieutenant Overly help children pick out shoes

All the officers and children who participated in Shop with a Cop

Fall Training Opportunity – Lieutenant Overly is working with Lee Nathans coordinating "HeartSafe Bexley". The "HeartSafe" curriculum includes CPR and AED training. The program is scheduled to kick off on October 1st.

Detective Bureau – It has been a busy month for the Detective Bureau. Detectives worked to identify a robbery suspect who robbed The Bexley Mart on the 4th of July. Working with Columbus Police Detectives, he was linked to three other robberies in the area along with a shooting in Columbus. He was arrested by Columbus and indicted on all charges, including the robbery in Bexley. Detectives also worked with prosecutors to indict a suspect on felony assault charges who used his dog to bite his girlfriend. The suspect was arrested and indicted for several felony charges.

Detective Byrd was able to close 12 cases and submitted 3 subpoenas to help identify suspects from ID theft cases. He gave a tour of the FBI task force office to our two college interns. He presented one case to Grand Jury and helped serve a search warrant for an incident involving a firearm during an argument. He also participated in the dunk tank at the Bexley Night Out so hopefully you were able to get him wet!

Detective Briley was able to close 8 cases, helped patrol arrest a suspect who had domestic violence warrants, submitted evidence to BCI for analysis and submitted a subpoena to SnapChat for information on a suspect. He also submitted 5 cases to the Franklin County Prosecutors Office for indictment. He completed and served a search warrant with the help of Det. Byrd. He also presented one case to the Grand Jury for indictment.

The last few months have been busy at the police department. Here is an overview of 2022-2023 Bexley Police Accomplishments:

- Created End of Shift Reporting
- Implemented Regular Business Checks
- Department Photograph
  - Including family photographs for personnel

- Creation of Three (3) New Lieutenant Positions:
    1. Detective Bureau
    2. Patrol
    3. Emergency Management
    - Lieutenants have completed will attend either CLEE or John Glenn School of Public Affairs
- Sergeant Assessment Center/Testing (Five Candidates)
- Evidence Locker Auditing
- Records Management/Records Room
- Case Management/Supervisor Oversight
- Supervisor 90-Day Plan/STO Training
- Supervisor Monthly Ride-Along
- Developed Quarterly Audits
- Implemented Race Data Quarterly Reviews
- Three-Year Strategic Plan
- Youth Interaction Policy
- Reorganization of Shift Minimum Coverage
- Bomb Detection Canine (K9) PIA and Handler
- Created a Community Liaison Officer
- Added a Fulltime Dispatcher (went from 4 to 5)
- Increased manpower with resource reallocation model, e.g. 32 to 33
- Created a Wellness Program for Officers
- US Marshal Office Task Force Member
- Retiree Reunion Cookout – May 2023
- College Internship Program – criminal justice students
- Commission on Accredited Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)
- Restructure of building layout
- One Bexley

Community Events:

1. Jazz in the Park
2. Main Event
3. NOBLE and *BeSmart* Gun Lock Safety Event
4. Full Scale Exercises
5. Cardinal Camp – St. Charles High School
6. National Night Out – 1st ever in Bexley
7. Shop with a Cop "Christmas Holiday"
8. Shop with a Cop "back to school"
9. Fill the Cruiser
10. July 4th Parade
11. Juneteenth Event
12. Motor vehicle inspection w/Bexley Car Care
13. Therapy Dog/Dog park

Statistics:

Start Date	End Date	Calls for Service	Business Check	Total	Incident & Offense Reports	Arrest Reports	Crash Reports	Total	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Burglary/ B&E	Robbery
1/1/2023	8/8/2023	11398	2007	13,405	561	215	129	905	138	29	41	6
1/1/2022	8/8/2022	7409	0	7,409	522	225	98	845	116	25	31	3
8/9/2022	8/8/2023	17281	2561	19,842	1,020	374	219	1,613	264	69	69	13
8/9/2021	8/8/2022	12260	1	12,261	984	428	189	1,601	260	43	71	4