



Council Update – Chief of Police

September 26, 2023

Reserve Officer – On Monday, September 18th, William Early was sworn in as a reserve officer. Ofc. Early has over 25 years of experience. He retired from Reynoldsburg Police Department in 2022, where he served as a Lieutenant.



Staffing – The Bexley Police Department continues to recruit the next generation of law enforcement officers. To date, BPD is structured for 33 officers and has 32 currently assigned to the agency. The one (1) vacant position has two potential recruits competing for the opening. Whomever is selected will be sent to the Ohio State Highway Patrol Training Academy where they will undergo 26 weeks of intense training. As a reminder, Stephen Anderson is currently attending the training and expected to graduate in January 2024 and will then join the rank and file. NOTE: Anderson is counted as part of the 32 mentioned above.

CERT – We have 21 participants in the program. Students have learned the following: stop the bleed, utilizing tourniquets, recognizing shock and treatment, opening the airway, and placing a victim in the recovery position.

Citizens Police Academy – Eleven students are in their third week of the program. We have covered Active Shooter and Traffic Stops.

FirstNet – Lt. Overly and Ofc. Shawver are testing AT&T FirstNet cell service. FirstNet is the only network that provides first responders with priority cell service. If towers are overloaded first responder calls take priority over all others.

Detective Bureau – Detectives began background investigations on two candidates applying for police officer positions and will be tracking down their references soon. Det. Byrd continues his work with the Cyber Crime Task Force and his investigation of various cybercrime. He submitted six subpoenas to help gain information for his cases. Det. Byrd and Det. Briley followed up with a stolen iPad that was pinging on Berkeley Road. Det. Briley was able to locate a suspect that stole a car in Bexley and get a DNA standard to compare with evidence left in the stolen car. He is investigating a burglary that occurred on Capital University grounds. Four of the six suspects were caught and he is in the process of using social media to identify the remaining two. He submitted a search warrant to Instagram to identify a suspect and interviewed a former employee of Speedway who is accused of stealing from the business.

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	9/20/2023	13693	2469	16,162	709	262	147	1,118	184	34	46	7
1/1/2022	9/20/2022	9047	75	9,122	668	280	124	1,072	159	43	39	5
9/21/2022	9/20/2023	17938	2950	20,888	1,022	366	211	1,599	267	56	66	12
9/21/2021	9/20/2022	12465	76	12,541	1,008	433	191	1,632	270	57	67	6