



Council Update – Chief of Police

November 28, 2023

Town Hall –A second Town Hall was held at Congregation Agudas Achim. Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies came together to discuss the safety and security efforts that are impacting the Jewish community.

Judaism 101 – Police personnel had the opportunity attend an Introduction to Judaism presented by Rabbi Neuman (Congregation Torat Emet). This instruction is designed to provide more historical context for officers as well as needed information when providing calls for service.

Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Participants complete their nine-week training course. CERT volunteers are now on the Franklin County Emergency Management call out list. They are also part of our Bexley Alert system. Participants will complete continuing education, such as traffic control and Emergency Operation Center procedures.



CERT Members, Ofc. Adams, Lt. Overly, and Chief Lewis

Turkey Dinners – The Police Department adopted 7 (seven) families for the Thanksgiving holiday. Each family received a turkey and all the fixings, including a pumpkin pie. Six of the seven families are from Bexley.

In addition, we will continue to build on our relationship with these families by taking 8 children Holiday shopping in the near future.



Det. Byrd, Sgt. Fleming, Det. Sgt. Otte, & Ofc. Chapman



Lt. Overly & Giant Eagle Staff

Franklin County Sheriff's Office DUI Task Force – The Franklin County Sheriff's Office announced plans for a Sobriety Checkpoint to occur in Bexley, Ohio. The exact date, times, and locations will be released in the coming days by FCSO. Bexley Police Department officers will work in conjunction with FCSO.

Detective Bureau –Det. Byrd and Det. Briley continue to help out and teach CPR and first aid as part of the HEARTSafe Bexley initiative.

The US Marshalls were able to arrest a suspect from a child endangerment case that has been ongoing since 2020. Detectives went to the jail to interview him but he declined to speak with detectives. Detectives obtained a search warrant to process his phone for evidence.

Det. Sgt. Otte presented one case to the Grand Jury and submitted two cases to the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office for indictments. Along with Det. Briley, Sgt. Otte arrested a suspect who had warrants after being indicted for receiving stolen property and identity theft. During the arrest the suspect was found to be in possession of a stolen vehicle and numerous stolen credit cards and driver's licenses. Due to the location of the arrest, Columbus Police is handling the stolen vehicle and stolen credit card reports.

Det. Byrd submitted one case to be presented to the Grand Jury. He processed a recovered stolen vehicle and collected evidence to be sent to the lab. He also sent video to the AG's office in hopes they can clean up the quality of the footage. He also assisted with an interview of a juvenile abuse case.

Officers throughout the department donated money to One Meal at a Time and Det. Byrd was able to deliver gift cards so the families will have food during the holidays.

Det. Briley and Lt. Holdren arrested a suspect who stole a very expensive bike from Bexley. They were able to track the suspect, and the bike, to Canal Winchester where they recovered the bike and arrested the suspect. Det. Briley also assisted in the arrest of two suspects who stole from Speedway and then led officers on a brief foot pursuit. He submitted four cases to be presented to the Grand Jury, completed two search warrants to get information from different social media platforms, submitted evidence to be evaluated at the lab and submitted a subpoena to get video out of a theft.

We are starting to see an uptick in garages being broken into. Please make sure that all your garage doors are closed and locked when settling down for the night.

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	11/20/2023	16670	3051	19,721	898	328	172	1,398	240	49	66	9
1/1/2022	11/20/2022	11712	367	12,079	877	337	169	1,383	213	57	51	10
11/21/2022	11/20/2023	18250	3240	21,490	1,002	375	191	1,568	269	57	74	9
11/21/2021	11/20/2022	12990	367	13,357	995	394	186	1,575	248	62	58	10

Club Anti-Theft Device Giveaway – The Bexley Police Department in conjunction with Mayor Kessler will be announcing plans to distribute "The Club" an anti-theft device to Bexley residents who own a Hyundai or Kia based upon the increased risk of theft. The goal is to reduce potential incidents of stolen vehicles.