



Council Update –Chief of Police

May 14, 2024

Life Saving Awards – On April 29th, the Bexley Police Department recognized Saint Charles High School students, staff, and School Resource Officer Grimes for administering life-saving actions following a cardiac incident. They successfully deployed an AED and their response and actions saved a life.



Telecommunicators Week – The week of April 14th – 20th, we honored our dispatchers during National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week. Throughout the week, dispatchers were recognized by the department and celebrated daily with small gift bags from the alumni association. We truly appreciate each one of our BPD dispatchers and their dedication to the Department and the City.



Task Force – Officers Donovan and Johnson were deputized as Special Deputy U.S. Marshals in order to serve with the Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (SOFAST). This task force is multi-jurisdictional and apprehends the most violent felons in the Southern District of Ohio. SOFAST emphasizes identifying and pursuing fugitives who have been documented as gang members as well as sharing gang intelligence with local law enforcement. Each deputized member

of SOFAST has ability to travel in an effort to apprehend offenders. Strike teams are headquartered in Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati.



K9 Team – The Bexley K9 team recently completed a Regional Explosives Detection Dog program that assisted in evaluating strengths and weaknesses in detecting various explosives. Pia was one of the top dogs out of the twelve in attendance.

Pia recently had her well check and received a clean bill of health. Her weight is 58.2 pounds.

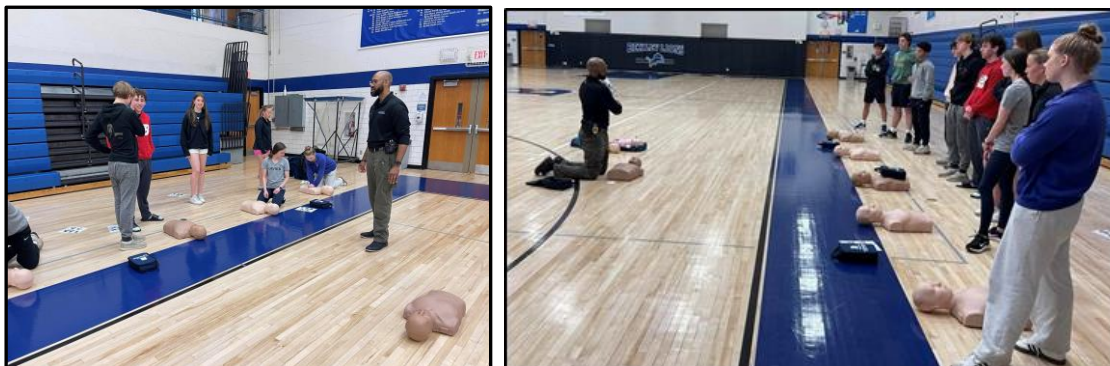
School Resource Officer – Officer Grimes is in the process of organizing the 2nd Law Enforcement day at St. Charles. The event is scheduled for June 11th.

Flock Camera Update – We are still in the permitting phase and all locations are still processing with an estimated issuance date of May 30th.

Training – Bexley Officers and Dispatchers participated in the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Blue Alert training video. The Blue Alert is a notification system that is intended to enlist public assistance in the event of a law enforcement officer's being critically injured or killed or missing and the suspect(s) are still at large.

Emergency Management – The initial meeting for the Everbridge BexAlert system took place on April 30th. We are in the process of developing the site and understanding how the system will be utilized within various city departments.

HEARTSafe Training – HEARTSafe Bexley and BPD partnered with Bexley High School to teach student athletes methods designed to improve survivorship of sudden cardiac arrest.



Touch-a-Truck – The BPD, along with other city departments, participated in the Touch-a-Truck event at Gan Ephraim pre-school.



Trash Talk – On April 20th Officer Adams participated in Trash Talk with Mayor Kessler and volunteers. The focus was in the Mayfield and Livingston area.

Super Saturday – BPD and Officer Vermaaten hosted the 3rd Super Saturday scout event on Saturday, April 27th. Twenty-two boys and girls received media badges in Crime Prevention, Safety, and Traffic Safety. In addition, one scout finished his Citizenship in the Community merit badge.



DEA Take-Back – On April 27th, the City and members of the alumni association took in 60.5 pounds of prescriptions medication. In addition, Elizabeth Ellman was able to recycle several prescription bottles.

Reading Program – BPD continues to participate in the Books and Badges program. Officer Vermaaten visited the Bexley United Methodist Pre-School and Lieutenant Overly visited Gan Ephraim Pre-School. To date, 251 children have participated in the program.



36th Ohio Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony – Sergeant Otte, Officer McCollam, and Detective Briley represented the Bexley Police Honor Guard at the memorial ceremony on May 2nd. The ceremony is held to remember and honor law enforcement officers lost in the line of duty. This year, special recognition was given to nine officers and one historical honoree.



Light Ohio Blue – Officer Vermaaten participated in the Light Ohio Blue 2024 Cruiser Caravan. This event is to honor law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. We thank everyone that came out and showed support as we honored those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



Cycling Event – Deputy Chief Gough, Sergeant Otte, Detective Briley, and Officer Adams participated in a charity “Ride Your Bike to Work” event. They, along with officers from Columbus and Whitehall, rode with community members from The Hills Market on Olentangy River Road to Bexley. The money raised will go towards a student athlete scholarship. They traveled 21 miles total.



Animal Control – In April, there were eleven reports of loose dogs. There was a Husky that made its way here from Whitehall and was playing hard to get. Animal Control Officer (ACO) Jennings

eventually caught him and took him to the Franklin County Dog Shelter to be reunited with his owner.

ACO Jennings picked up two pit bulls in the Livingston and Ferndale area. An owner on Ferndale called looking for the dogs, but would provide her contact information and she would not come to the police department to pick the dogs up. No further contact was made by her. Both pit bulls had microchips that were registered to different people who do not live in Bexley. One owner picked up her dog and the other went to the shelter because no contact could be made with the registered owner.

An amazing resident found a dog with no chip and offered to keep the dog until the owner could be found. The owner was found quickly and the dog was returned.

ACO Jennings issued a few leash law warnings, one of which was to an owner who was in Jeffrey Park where dogs are not allowed. Another was issued to an owner who failed to keep her dogs from running off her property and into the alley when neighbors walked by with their dog, and another was issued to owner whose dog jumped the fenced and attacked a dog that was being walked.

There were several barking dog and wildlife complaints. In addition, a few cat complaints were received. This included one suspected stolen cat, one deceased cat, and one hit by car that passed away quickly (the owner was notified).

A Vicious Dog at Large citation was to an owner of a pit bull. The person has since moved in with her Aunt in Columbus.

On May 8th, ACO Jennings and her dog Zelig visited Gan Ephraim Pre-School.



Detective Bureau – It has been a busy and productive month for the Bexley Detective Bureau. Sergeant Otte redacted five body camera and cruiser camera videos for a public records request and provided video to prosecutors for discovery requests for four cases. Detectives were called after hours three times and called in twice, once to process a breaking and entering at Roll and once to process an apartment for a large identity theft case.

Nine cases were presented to the grand jury unit and seven cases were submitted to the prosecutor's office for review. Five items were sent to BCI for analysis and arrest warrants were issued on two cases.

Detective Byrd investigated a robbery at a local bank. The suspect was linked to other bank robberies in the area. Multiple police jurisdictions came together and were able to identify the suspect who has since been arrested and indicted on multiple robbery charges. Detective Byrd was called to an apartment in Bexley after patrol officers observed many suspected stolen credit cards and checks. Detective Byrd executed a search warrant on the address and is now swimming

through the mountains of evidence to identify victims. Detective Byrd also attended the FBI task force for three days during April.

Detective Briley was able to recover a \$30,000 construction survey laser that was stolen from a crew working in Bexley. The laser was pawned and an arrest warrant has been issued for the individual that pawned it. Detective Briley is also investigating and working with prosecutors on a sexual assault that was recently reported but occurred seven years ago. He is also going through data from phone records obtained from a search warrant to identify a suspect.

Lieutenant Holdren continues to attend the John Glenn Leadership Academy and Sergeant Otte has been acting Lieutenant in his absence.

Property Room Manager Hopper completed a property destruction of general property and destroyed 260 items. IBR stats were submitted, and one case was submitted to E-trace and NIBIN. Letters were sent to individuals in four cases informing them that we have property they can pick up.

Detectives Briley and Byrd continue to teach CPR throughout the community as part of the HEARTSafe Bexley initiative. Also, Sergeants Glick and Schwarz have been diligently looking at historical cases from 2013 and 2014 that were still listed as open in RMS. During this process they have reviewed and closed over 140 cases.

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
1/1/2024	5/8/2024	6644	1711	8,355	260	98	72	430	76	10	11	2
1/1/2023	5/8/2023	6125	922	7,047	282	118	74	474	69	18	23	1
5/9/2023	5/8/2024	19139	4207	23,346	968	339	185	1,492	269	47	59	10
5/9/2022	5/8/2023	15035	1478	16,513	959	368	210	1,537	244	75	65	11