



Council Update –Chief of Police

August 13, 2024

Public Safety Leadership Academy – On June 17th, Lieutenant Holdren completed an eleven-week course at the OSU John Glen School of Public Affairs. This residential program is reserved for the more advanced law enforcement officers. The program is designed to prepare them for promotion and build the skills necessary to supervise any division within a law enforcement agency.



Task Forces – On June 20th, Detective Byrd and Officer Winnegrad were sworn in as deputies by the U.S. Marshal of Southern Ohio. Detective Byrd is assigned to the FBI Cyber Security Unit and Officer Winnegrad is assigned to the FBI Joint-Terrorism Task Force Unit. Each officer devotes one day per week to their respective task force.



Peace Officer Training – On July 3rd, Officers Shih and Heston graduated from the Peace Officer Basic Training Program. Both completed 21 weeks of training at the OSP Academy. Officer Shih was selected by his peers as the class speaker.



For the next several weeks both officers will be in field training. They are expected to be released from training in October.

School Resource Officer - St. Charles provided Federal funding to give Officer Grimes the opportunity to attend the National Association of School Resource Officer conference in Phoenix, AZ. He attended the following sessions: Critical Incident Review of the Mass Casualty Incident Uvalde, TX; Fentanyl - Fake and Fatal; Current Drug Trends in the Schools; Court updates on protecting students; and Optimizing Federal Resources & Grant Funding.

K9 Team Officer Shawver and Pia conducted the following sweeps:

June:

- Synagogue: 45
- Community Related contacts: 6
- Traffic Stops: 8

July:

- Synagogues - 47 (daily sweeps)
- July 4th - 5k, EOC, Capital Lawn
- Whitehall Food Truck Festival

Communications Center – Dispatchers have received the following training: Sleep for First Responders, Ohio Public Records Act and Open Meeting Act, and Crisis Communication/Negotiation for Emergency Dispatchers.

Emergency Management – Dispatcher Holley was assigned to the EOC for July 4th evening events. The EOC was staged at City Hall in the conference room. Dispatcher Holley monitored event traffic, weather conditions, and the live Franklin County Drone feed.

Summer Interns – The PD welcomed four interns this summer. They have been shadowing detectives and officers, as well observing the radio room. One intern in particular has been assisting the Community Liaison with community events.

Flock Camera Update – Implementation is nearly complete and should be finished by early September. Once all cameras have been installed, training will commence.

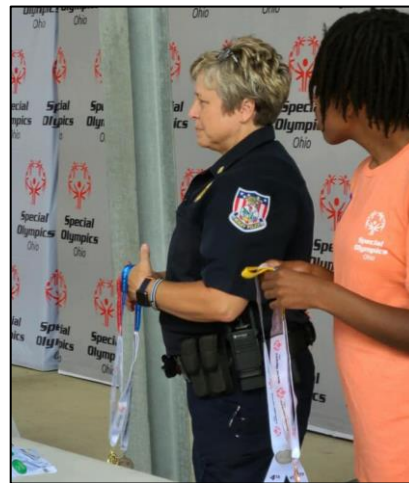
Community Events – There were many events that the PD hosted or participated in this summer. Here are a few highlights:

- Law Enforcement Day – SRO Grimes and St. Charles hosted an event for students in grades

6-8 that highlights the Bexley Police Department and its efforts of public safety with other agencies.



- Special Olympics – Lieutenant Overly volunteered at the State Summer Track and Field event.



- July 4th – All hands were on deck to make sure the event was safe and fun for our community.



- Pups on the Patio – ACO Jennings participated in this event hosted by Starbucks and Citizens for Humane Action Shelter (CHA). There were four adoptable dogs at the event, and an enjoyable time was had by all!



- Shop with a Cop – BPD officers went back to school shopping with a few local students. We extend thanks to the staff at DSW for their hospitality. After shopping, students were treated to a pizza party at headquarters.



- National Night Out – Our second annual National Night Out was a great success! We are grateful for our law enforcement and community partners for their participation.



Animal Control – Summer has been quite busy. In June, there were a dozen calls for loose dogs and all owners were found for them. One owner had a dog that was breaking the fence and getting out. ACO Jennings will continue to follow up with the owner to make sure necessary repairs are done. Barking complaints were down with only three reported.

A chicken permit was issued to a family new to chicken ownership.

There were a couple of complaints for mama ducks and their babies, one mom got an escort to a safer place, after stopping Main Street traffic, so that she and her ten babies could make it across.

There were several wildlife complaints. Five of the calls included sick or injured wildlife that had to be taken to Critter Control. There were a lot of nuisance wildlife calls, most of them were a result of people noticing the wildlife in their yards or living in it.

During July, there were five loose dogs that were returned to their owners and five other reports of loose dogs that were not found. Another one was found by a resident that held the dog until the owner was located. There was also a report of people playing on the school playground with loose dogs, but they were gone upon arrival. We received two barking complaints. One of those complaints also became a leash complaint. We received a report of a dog left in a vehicle; however, the car was not found. A resident called concerned that their neighbor's dog had been outside for quite a while with no water. The dog owner said they had guests over and that was why they had the dog outside; they immediately took the dog in for water.

There were neglect reports and many visits to a house that has ongoing issues. ACO Jennings has been working with county agencies and Bexley code enforcement to try and resolve the issues.

Detective Bureau – The Detective Bureau has presented fourteen cases to the Grand Jury unit for indictment, submitted fifteen pieces of evidence to the lab for analysis, issued three subpoenas and submitted thirteen cases to the Franklin County Prosecutors for indictment. Detectives have processed several vehicles that were stolen in Bexley and then abandoned in Columbus. They are also investigating a sexual assault, several thefts from garages and ID thefts. Detectives are also actively showing how the criminal justice system flows in Franklin County to our three interns.

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	8/7/2024	12409	3625	16,034	483	195	116	794	140	24	27	3
1/1/2023	8/7/2023	11339	1996	13,335	549	215	129	893	139	29	41	6
8/8/2023	8/7/2024	19691	5047	24,738	925	339	174	1,438	263	50	57	6
8/8/2022	8/7/2023	17267	2552	19,819	1,010	374	219	1,603	265	69	69	13