



Council Update – Chief of Police

January 9, 2024

MADD Awards Luncheon – Officer Mellison Davis received the 2023 Mothers Against Drunk Driving award in recognition of her efforts to remove impaired drivers from roadways. Congratulations Officer Davis on a job well done.

Holiday – The Shop with a Cop event was a great success! Officers and local families had a great time shopping followed up with a pizza party. Later in the month, BPD joined other agencies in Operation Santa Sleigh at Nationwide Children’s Hospital.



Shop with a Cop



Operation Santa Sleigh

Community Liaison Officer – Officer Adams started his new position as Community Liaison Officer on January 1st. His first week consisted of introducing himself at the local businesses in addition to collecting updated information for CAD. Lt. Overly and Ofc. Adams will be organizing a meeting with the block watch captains in the near future.

Communications Center –Dispatcher Deana Gilmore transitioned from part-time status to full-time on Monday, January 8th with the resignation of Dispatcher Marsha Mathews who switched from full to part-time.

Detective Bureau – Detectives completed a background investigation on a police officer candidate.

Since the last update the Bureau has submitted 10 pieces of evidence to the lab, submitted 9 cases to prosecutors for indictments, and presented 5 cases to the Grand Jury.

Recently, Bexley officers found a gun that has been linked to a shooting in the City of Columbus’ jurisdiction. The Bureau transferred the weapon to Columbus Police Department.

Detective Byrd testified at trial for a forgery case he was investigating. Ultimately the suspect was found guilty and among other sentencing factors the judge ordered the suspect to pay \$28,000 in restitution to the victim.

Animal Control – Animal Control Officer (ACO) Jennings had busy December.

Wildlife: She removed a trap was from a resident’s garage; no wildlife was caught. On another incident, a resident was bitten by a squirrel they were trying to help. The squirrel went to the Ohio Wildlife Center and the resident was going to follow up with their doctor for treatment.

There were two deer stuck in fences. One was able to be released with the help of Ofc. Evans, however, the other had to humanely euthanized due to a severely broken leg.

Canines: ACO Jennings notified a dog owner just outside the city that their dog had been dropped off at Franklin County Dog Shelter.

There were 2 minor dog bites in December. One involved a resident trying to knock on the dog owner’s door to inform them their dog was loose. Owners were not home but an employee was and went to get the dog. The other was a jogger that was bitten by an unknown mix breed dog. Workers in the area had also seen the dog but did not know where it went.

A senior dog was found early one morning in Jeffrey Park. The dog had a microchip and ACO Jennings was able to track down the owner who resides in Columbus and get the dog home. The dog had slipped loose from his collar the night before. The dog is hard of hearing, and the owner was unable to call the dog back. The owner had to take her daughter home once it got dark. Thanks to donations at the police department, she was able to give the family some gifts. The gifts for the dog will help so that he does not slip out of his collar again.

Three other dogs got home safely after quick outings. There was also a report of a loose dog by the railroad tracks, but the dog was not located.

She received a report of a pit bull(s) on Ferndale getting under a fence to a house on Sheridan, and the complainant was concerned that the dogs were being left out in the cold for long hours. The dogs were in the house when ACO Jennings arrived. The owner is working on getting the things he needs for his dogs. He also made ACO Jennings aware of two other houses with pit bulls and wanted me to talk to them also. One person was not at home and ACO Jennings spoke with the other one about what they need to do for their dogs.

ACO Jennings also handled several leash law warnings, barking complaints, and removal of deceased wildlife. She is also assisting with Mayor’s Court during court sessions and still has a couple of ongoing cases.

Statistics:

Year-end statistics for the K9 Team:

- Training Drills: 139 (These are daily drills in various locations within our community).
- Synagogue Sweeps: 164 (General sweeps exterior/interior)
- Assisted Another Agency: 2 (Fairfield County student threaten to blow up school); Capital Law School (Sweep prior to protest)
- General Traffic Stops: 58

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	1/4/2024	135	37	172	8	3	1	12	1	1	0	0
1/1/2023	1/4/2023	151	21	172	14	1	0	15	0	2	2	0
1/4/2023	1/3/2024	15205	3435	18,640	993	363	188	1,544	262	54	70	9
1/4/2022	1/3/2023	12754	571	13,325	985	384	187	1,556	241	66	59	10