

## Council Update -Chief of Police

## November 12, 2024

**Leadership Program –** Congratulations to Sergeant Ed Glick for completing the Supervisors Training and Education Program (STEP). This leadership program covers 14 learning modules where supervisory and management theory is translated into professional practice.



**HeartSafe Bexley –** Detective Briley joined HeartSafe Bexley and the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation to promote awareness and to teach lifesaving skills at The Shoe before the OSU Football game on October  $5^{\rm th}$ .



**Pet Parade –** Officers and Madi visited the Bickford of Bexley for the Pet Costume Parade. Madi even won the costume contest!



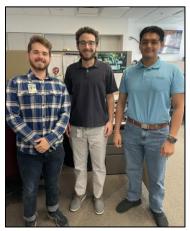


**Trunk or Treat -** Chief Lewis and Officer Vermaaten passed out candy at the FOP's annual Trunk or Treat event.





**Internships** – We currently have three interns serving at the department: Christian Weston (Capital University), is shadowing Sergeant Hanna; Tyler Owen's-Terwilliger (Otterbein) is shadowing Lt. Overly; and Alex Leyland (Ohio State University) is shadowing IT Manager Erik McGuinness.



**Community Liaison Officer** – Officer Adams worked with Star Bucks to host the second annual Coffee with a Cop event. Officers and troopers were on site to meet and greet locals.



The Citizens Police Academy just finished up the topic of Use of Force. Students took a tour of the Columbus Police Department Academy. Graduation scheduled for Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**School Resource Officer** – Officer Grimes completed a grant on behalf of St. Charles for camera and lighting upgrades.

**K9 Team –** The team completed a safety assessment for St. Catharine's and joined Bexley Middle and High school students for lunch at Bexley United Methodist Church. The team also participated in a school meeting regarding future joint exercises, and assisted in the department's rifle training.

Officer Shawver and Pia participated in the following sweeps:

- St. Charles (for sporting events and visiting Vatican)
- 57 Synagogues
- 10 places of worship
- 3 Business checks

In addition, they responded to 4 dispatched runs and 18 community service runs. They completed 30 training drills.

COSI Event – Officer Shawver and Pia made a guest appearance at the COSI Adventure Bay Paw Patrol exhibit.





**Communications Center –** Lt. Overly is currently updating the Dispatcher Training Program and the Communication Center Standard Operating Procedures.

**Bexley Schools** – A meeting with Bexley School faculty was held to address the department's involvement in programing and having a seat on the Threat Assessment Team.

**Africentric School** – Lt. Overly met with school leaders to discuss their involvement in our turkey give-away and programming. The school faculty was open to inviting department members and offering various programs to the student body. They are excited to develop this partnership.

**Animal Control** – October 12<sup>th</sup> the Bexley ACO held the first and possibly annual, Paws in the Park. It benefitted Fairfield County Dog Shelter and Tails of Second Chances pet rescue. There were vendors, adoptable pets, nail trims, and giveaways. We had a good turn out and a great time! We extend a big thanks to volunteer Linda Kopp for overseeing the Fill a Cruiser portion of the event.



Loose dogs – 3 dog owners reported their dogs got out and they couldn't find them. One of the dogs located is the subject of previous calls for service. ACO Jennings spoke at length with the owner and gave her a leash and collar. She had no equipment for the dog and may be giving the dog back to the original owner. Another owner lost her 2 Briards along the river. They eventually came home on their own. The last owner had 2 lost doodles. One was located right away and the other was found a few days later. ACO Jennings had 7 other loose dogs either not found, returned home, or taken to the shelter.

Dog Reports – ACO Jennings received 3 barking complaints, issued 2 leash law warnings, and received a report of a dog being walked in Commonwealth Park. There were also 4 pit bull complaints. 3 of those complaints resulted in a summons issued. The dogs were not involved in any altercations but there were complaints for being off leash, too many pit bulls, dogs not properly cared for, and not properly restrained. The 3 that received summons had previously been given information on registering their pit bulls with the city and had not done so as of late.

Other reports – We received 8 wild life complaints and 2 cat complaints.

**Detective Bureau** – October was another active month for the Detective Bureau. Detectives collectively presented six cases to the Grand Jury for indictment, completed ten investigative subpoenas, issued one arrest warrant, completed one search warrant, submitted three items to BCI for analysis and sent 15 cases to the Grand Jury Prosecutor's unit for review. Detectives also interviewed two suspects who were arrested and were being held in the county jail. Detectives helped teach the OVI class at the Bexley Citizens Police Academy, attended firearms training and completed their PT test. With help of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, detectives set up for a suspect to take a polygraph test which the suspect agreed to take. Detectives also completed two background investigations, one for an intern and the other for a potential new reserve officer.

## **Statistics**

Note – The call for service numbers show a significant decrease. It was recently discovered that the business checks have been counted twice in the calls for service report since January of 2023. This has been corrected and will be reported accurately going forward.

Start Date	End Date	Number of Days	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	11/8/2024	313	12859	5635	18,494	706	282	171	1,159	196	37	44	6
1/1/2023	11/8/2023	312	13170	2935	16,105	854	339	166	1,359	225	44	63	9
11/8/2023	11/8/2024	367	14928	6101	21,029	845	330	192	1,367	232	50	52	6
11/8/2022	11/8/2023	366	15029	3174	18,203	1,003	369	196	1,568	268	55	71	10