



Council Update –Chief of Police

January 14, 2025

Promotion – We are pleased to announce that Rodney Johnson was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on January 6th. Sgt. Johnson has served the Bexley community since 2016, and is also serving on the U.S. Marshal’s Task Force. Congratulations Sergeant Johnson!



2024 MADD Awards – Officer Mel Davis received the Award for Excellence in recognition of her efforts of removing impaired drivers from our roadways. Congratulations Officer Davis on a job well done!



Safe at Home Program – This new program is designed to assist homebound and/or elderly residents. Residents who enroll in the program will a daily “check-in” phone call. If the call goes unanswered or the resident indicates they need assistance, an officer will be dispatched to their location. Registration is now open and the program begins on January 31st.

Community – We extend thanks to the families who made it possible for the annual holiday event, as well a thank you to the police officers, Bexley Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and the entire Target Store team for volunteering.



Operation Santa's Sleigh – Officers participated in the annual Operation Santa's Sleigh at Nationwide Children's Hospital as part of the Bexley community contingency. Operation Santa's Sleigh is an effort to bring holiday cheer to children, families and medical personnel in children's hospitals, along with Veterans homes and hospitals across Ohio.



Detective Bureau – In December, Detectives completed six matrix submissions and presented two cases to the grand jury. Evidence from nine cases was sent to BCI, four search warrants were completed, and the courts granted one subpoena. Detectives also issued nine arrest warrants, with three arrests so far, and performed 32 in-the-field follow-ups.

Twenty-three property disposals were completed, 12 cases were closed by detectives, and 73 were closed by officers. Detective Byrd spent three days with the FBI. He processed a B&E, processed a recovered stolen vehicle, conducted ID Fraud roll-call training, and prepared a CPR/AED/First Aid training proposal. Detective Byrd also located stolen tools at a pawn shop and arrested and interviewed the suspect. He later went to the James A. Karnes Corrections Center (JAK) and interviewed the second suspect after he was arrested on our warrants.

Detective Briley completed a photo line-up of a robbery suspect, filed a warrant on a B&E suspect, interviewed a student and parent, and continues to investigate an alleged rape. He spoke to the four juveniles, who all have different stories about kicking in doors in central Bexley, interviewed three suspects at the (JAK), and listened to several hours of jail tapes. Detective Briley also completed a threat assessment of a student for the school district, went to the coroner's office to collect their findings on a case, completed a dispatcher background investigation, and went to several locations looking for our suspected car thieves.

Sergeant Otte completed two SOFAST work-ups, dropped off video to prosecutors several times, and fixed software issues during the year changeover. He also completed stat reports for Lt.

Kenefick and Officer Adams, processed a stolen vehicle, interviewed a strangulation victim, performed a jail interview, and completed yearly evaluations. Sgt. Otte continues to take point on the new software, which will be installed next year. He attended seven meetings and is still configuring data and building tables.

Collectively, detectives charged an individual with RSP of some of the stolen blowers and created a timeline for the prosecutor, attended a JTTF meeting, patrolled Main St. looking for the suspect who has committed several vehicle break-ins, set up trail cameras along Alum Creek in hopes it will assist in the N. Parkview burglaries, performed a property room spot-check audit, and completed an audit of all the sexual assaults cases from 2021-2024.

Animal Control – In December, ACO Jennings received a call from the regional manager of Bexley Village Apartments. They had a resident that was removed from his apartment and permanently placed in senior living and left behind three cats. ACO Jennings contacted the resident’s sister, who lives out of state, and advised that she wanted ACO Jennings to find them new homes. ACO Jennings, in conjunction with the apartment complex manager, cared for the cats until other arrangements could be made. Fairfield County Shelter took the two friendlier cats and will make them available for adoption. The third cat was not as friendly, and ACO Jennings had to set a trap to catch it. Once it was trapped, the cat was placed in a barn home (rather than being euthanized due to no shelter space).

The rest of the month was filled with three barking dog complaints, six loose dogs, two found dogs (held by residents), one missing cat, and one bat in a house.

STATISTICS:

K9 Team:

- Synagogue Related: 46
- Church Related: 13
- Traffic Stops: 6
- Business Checks: 2
- Dispatched Runs: 7
- Community Service: 10
- Training Drills: 27

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
1/1/2025	1/8/2025	8	308	271	579	21	5	2	28	3	2	1	1
1/1/2024	1/8/2024	8	277	93	370	18	12	4	34	7	2	0	0
1/9/2024	1/8/2025	366	15303	6952	22,255	795	315	194	1,304	223	40	52	8
1/9/2023	1/8/2024	365	15162	3470	18,632	987	365	190	1,542	265	53	69	9