



Council Update –Chief of Police

March 11, 2025

Communications Center – Dispatcher Canfield is in her 6th week of training. She recently started taking calls and dispatching runs. She is doing a great job! She will spend a few more weeks on A Company with Dispatcher Holley before moving to B Company.

The 2025 Radio Dispatchers Labor Union Contract has been finalized.

Emergency Management – Lieutenant Overly is working on the following items:

- Community Alerts Program
- Marketing the Bexley Safe at Home Program
- Communications Center Radio Interface Program

HeartSafe – The City's first SaveStation is up and running.

St. Charles SRO – Four students were caught smoking marijuana in the bathroom. St. Charles administration suspended 3 and 1 was expelled.

Officer Grimes finalized plans with construction and security companies to implement a door access system and cameras for the new Brotherhood Center at St. Charles.

In addition to SRO duties, Officer Grimes is the lead instructor for the upcoming Active Threat training. Officer Grimes developed the training plan and an incident action plan. He is also working on updating the department's firearms policy.

Guest Reader – Last month Officer Shawver read “Police Officers on Patrol” to children at the Bexley Library last month.



K9 Team – Officer Shawver and Pia participated in Homemade Explosives training at Columbus Division of Fire. Pia was the top performer!

We celebrated Pia's third birthday and Flirt's (ACO Jennings dog) first birthday with a cake ACO Jennings brought in from The Cakehound.



Community Liaison Officer – Officer Adams assisted with organizing the Maryland Elementary Fun Run scheduled for March 13th, 3p.m. - 5 p.m.

Officer Adams, Lieutenant Overly, Sergeant Fleming, Officer Haggard, and Officer Shih participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge last month.

Officer Adams attended the following local events:

- St. Charles Senior Lunch
- Active Threat training at the OSHP Credit Union (along with Officer Grimes).
- Bexley New Residents

Officer Adams is working on several community events such as Coffee with a Senior, Vehicle Safety, and the BPD Retiree's luncheon.

Detective Bureau – Detectives sent four items to the lab for analysis, presented four cases to the Grand Jury, submitted eleven cases to Franklin County Prosecutors for possible indictments and executed two search warrants. Detectives also filed nine subpoenas for information pertaining several cases and issued an arrest warrant for a sexual assault suspect. Detectives also conducted twenty-eight in the field follow ups on various cases they are investigating. Detectives also met with investigators with the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities to create a partnership in investigating crimes against individuals with disabilities. Detectives were also able to identify and charge a juvenile suspect that robbed an Uber driver.

Animal Control – Several dogs were reported loose in February, and those that were located were returned home. There were two barking dog complaints.

The two cats that were removed from an apartment in Bexley a couple of months ago are doing well at the Fairfield County Dog Shelter. They are available for adoption through Tails of Second Chances Pet Rescue.

We received a report of loose chickens, however, the owner got them back in their yard before ACO Jennings arrived on scene. He will be working on securing the coop.

There was a report of an injured deer in a resident's yard. It had a broken leg but was still moving well. In another wildlife call, there was a raccoon stuck in a window well grate, however, when ACO Jennings arrived, it had moved itself to another area of the yard and to an underground tunnel. The residents never called back regarding the raccoon. Lastly, calls about skunks have started to come

in. Most of the calls were from one particular area of the city. ACO Jennings set traps for a few days to no avail. The residents reported that have not seen the skunks again, but will call the PD if they do.

Information Technology – IT Manager Erik McGuinness worked on the following items last month:

Cybersecurity

- Met with the City Attorney regarding Cyber Policy
- Met with Cyber Insurance Broker, Carrier, and Compliance Consultants to ensure the City is taking actions deemed under-writable and claimable in the event a Cyber Incident occurs
- Cyber Incident Response Policy updated accordingly to reflect updated Legal and Insurer Information
- Scheduling further engagement with the Ohio Cyber Reserve, including a Tabletop Exercise

IT Department Operations

- Beta testing Issue Tracking Ticketing System internally before deploying Citywide (approx. 80 issues entered from Jan 1 – Mar 6)
- IT Intern, Alex, is continuing to assist department with hands on in person live tech support as well as using his programming knowledge to script/automate manual processes
- A shipping pallet worth of old tech equipment from across the City was delivered to eRecycler

Projects

- Aquahawk deliverables and requirements established
- Mayor's Court Software Upgrade Contract signed
- VOIP Phone System Upgrade being scoped
- Phase 1 of 2025 Hardware Refresh units spec'd & ordered
- City Hall Redesign and its impact on IT established
- Building Plan Digitization Project is ongoing
- Police Radio Room Redesign and Temporary Relocation project completed
- T-Mobile & AT&T mobile broadband carrier testing ongoing with mixed results
- Police CAD-RMS Software Project ongoing

STATISTICS:

K9 Team	January
Synagogue sweeps	76
Church sweeps	10
Traffic Stops	5
Business Checks	2
Dispatched Runs	8
Community service related	18
Training drills	39

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	3/4/2025	63	2795	1499	4,294	139	75	22	236	25	7	5	3
1/1/2024	3/4/2024	64	2365	760	3,125	135	62	39	236	42	5	5	0
3/5/2024	3/4/2025	365	15702	7513	23,215	796	335	179	1,310	210	42	51	12
3/5/2023	3/4/2024	366	15020	3767	18,787	973	361	197	1,531	271	49	63	9