



Council Update –Chief of Police

May 13, 2025

Employee Recognition – Last month we celebrated and recognized our Dispatchers during Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and Animal Control Officer Jennings during Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week. We truly appreciate all they do.



Volunteer Recognition – Bexley Citizens Police Academy Alumni Member, Al Rosen, was given the first annual Volunteer of Year award. We appreciate Al for his commitment and hours spent helping the PD and community.



Internship – We welcome our summer intern, Olivia King, to the BPD staff through mid-July. Olivia is a senior at Bowling Green University and majoring in Criminal Justice. Olivia is currently assisting our Detective Bureau with various projects.



Super Saturday – Officer Vermaaten and Dispatcher Gilmore welcomed nineteen Scouts from ten troops to the merit badge event. The Scouts were awarded a total of fifty-eight merit badges in the following categories: Emergency Preparedness, Family Life, Law, and Photography.



Driving Class – The Teen Driver Safety Class was held at St. Charles on April 19, 2025. Twelve students participated in the program and received training in basic vehicle maintenance steps, basic driving waws, what to expect during traffic stops. Each student was given the opportunity to use a driving simulator



DEA Take-back Day – Lieutenant Overly and volunteers Linda and Nelson Kopp, collected 105 pounds of medication (both prescription and non-prescription).

St. Charles SRO – Officer Grimes dedicated significant time in monitoring and assisting with the well-being of several students.

SRO Grimes is working on Safety Plans for the Brotherhood Center.

He conducted the following investigations:

- Theft of a student's unsecured \$1700 bike that was stolen from the football field area. The owner had hidden an air tag on the bike, however it did not assist in the recovery of the bike.
- A viral video sent to St. Charles regarding a groom hosting a wedding reception at the school. It was found that the video was AI generated by a hostile individual from the UK and was due to an online video game dispute with the groom. No crime occurred; however, it has raised concerns for the safety of those attending the wedding.
- A traffic accident on school grounds between students. There are conflicting statements.

K9 Team – Last month, Officer Shawver and Pia conducted Home Made Explosive training and assisted OSUPD during the sweep of the OSU 4-Miler race.

Community Liaison Officer – Officer Adams is meeting with the Diverse Learning Bexley City Schools PTO group to discuss building relationships with our Autism population. Assisting in developing understanding and how the Bexley Police Department can be involved with programming opportunities.

Emergency Management – Lieutenant Overly attended a two-day conference hosted by the Emergency Management Association Ohio (EMAO) and the Ohio EMA.

She continues to work with Everbridge in developing the Bexley internal and external notification system, in addition to troubleshooting a few programming bugs with the Bexley Safe at Home program.

Detective Bureau – Collectively, detectives sent thirteen felony cases to the prosecutor's office for indictment, presented one case to the grand jury, submitted four items to the lab for analysis, issued three subpoenas for information and issued two arrest warrants. The detective bureau executed a search warrant on a house in Gahanna to look for jewelry that was stolen from a Bexley resident. Detectives were also called in several times throughout the month to include interviewing juvenile suspects from a stolen car, process a breaking and entering scene, and to process a potential burglary scene. Detectives also worked with a local shipping agency to "deliver" a MacBook that was bought using a stolen credit card.

Animal Control – ACO Jennings has received a few calls regarding baby bunnies. She has been educating residents on what to do when they find a bunny nest in their yard. She also had a conversation with a resident who wants to get a pet capybara. After researching them and sharing her findings with the resident, the resident decided not to pursue one as a pet as they can be very destructive to trees. (ACO Jennings spoke with the Ohio Department of Agriculture and they informed her that there are no restrictions on having a pet capybara!)

Three loose dogs reported last month. One dog was not located and the other two were picked up together. One had a microchip, but it was not registered. Both dogs were taken to Franklin County Animal Care and Control.

A report of neglect was called in on a known party, but the dogs were all in good health. ACO Jennings spoke with the owner about the noise ordinance, keeping the area clean, and making sure the dogs have fresh water at all times. The calling party also complained about his neighbor's new "aggressive" dog (this is a common back and forth dispute). She also spoke with the dog owner about keeping his dog leashed and away from the neighbor.

In addition, the following reports/calls for service were received:

- Dog bite: The bite was minor and it occurred on the owner's property.
- Registration: New residents to Bexley obtained a registration for their pit bull dog.
- Barking dogs: There were three complaints investigated.
- Leash law: Two warnings were issued.
- Deceased animals: A cat was picked up and disposed of. The cat had no microchip and no owner came forward looking for the cat.
- Injured wildlife: An injured goose and injured opossum were taken to Critter Control for humane euthanasia. A deer got caught on a resident's fence had to be dispatched.

STATISTICS:

K9 Team	March
Synagogue sweeps	67
Church sweeps/contacts	11
Traffic Stops	5
Business Checks	4
Dispatched Runs	10
Community service related	18
Training drills	47

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	5/7/2025	127	5709	2617	8,326	246	163	49	458	49	11	9	5
1/1/2024	5/7/2024	128	4887	1691	6,578	259	98	72	429	77	10	12	2
5/8/2024	5/7/2025	365	16094	7700	23,794	777	386	173	1,336	199	41	48	12
5/8/2023	5/7/2024	366	14934	4208	19,142	970	339	185	1,494	269	47	60	10