



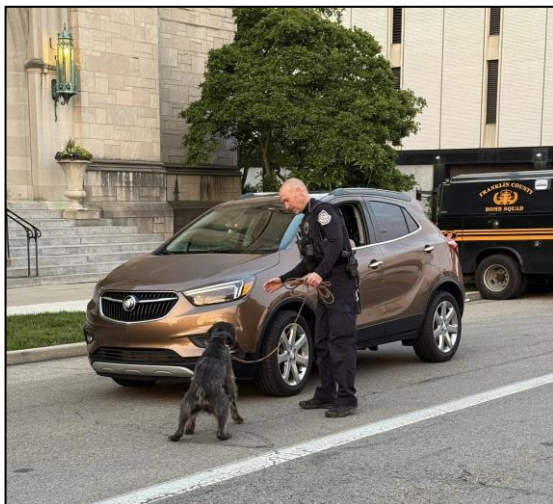
Council Update –Chief of Police

June 10, 2025

Honor Guard – The BPD Honor Guard participated in City’s Memorial Day service at Drexel Circle as well as the memorial service at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA). Each year, officers from across the state gather to honor the sacrifices of fallen officers across Ohio.



North Atlantic Treaty Organization – The 2025 Spring NATO meeting was held in Dayton, Ohio and law enforcement agencies from the state were called upon to support the effort. Officer Shawver and bomb detection K9 PIA were part of the safety and security measures put in place over the four-day event.



Light Ohio Blue – Sergeant Fleming participated in the annual “Light Ohio Blue” event. This statewide campaign honors law enforcement officers that have died in the line of duty.



Bike to Work Day – Sergeant Otte and Officers Adams and Haggard joined Whitehall PD Officers and Whitehall Yearling High School students for "Bike to Work Day." The students and officers rode over 20 miles with a stop at OSU Stadium for a behind the scenes tour.



Cops and Kids Day – Several families visited the department and participated in various activities with Officers Adams, Shawver, and Shih.



Ice Bucket Challenge – Chief Lewis participated in the challenge alongside Ohio State Patrol Lt. Harris. The challenge is to raise awareness for Mental Health.



Retirees' Cookout – Despite unfavorable weather conditions, the department hosted its third annual retirees' cookout last month. During the event, five active officers were presented their 25 years of service plaques.



Communications Center – Dipatcher Holley, the department's Terminal Agency Coordinator for Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS), reported that the PD passed its annual audit.

Detective Bureau – Since our last update, detectives have sent six items to BCI for analysis, submitted nine cases to the Grand Jury Prosecutors for review for indictments, presented three cases to the grand jury and issued seven investigative subpoenas. Along with this, detectives issued a warrant to arrest a suspect on felonious assault charges. The suspect was later arrested by Columbus Police, as she was a passenger in a vehicle they pulled over. Detectives also arrested another suspect who was wanted for felonious assault. Detectives interviewed a suspect at the Franklin County Jail.

The Bureau also helped out a local high school student who wanted to interview a detective for a school project.

Our juvenile detective met with a concerned family about some online activity pertaining to one of their children.

Patrol officers called in a detective during third shift to help process a stolen vehicle that was recovered. Several items were collected and sent to the lab to possibly identify suspects.

Animal Control – Last month, there were nineteen loose dog reports. One was taken to Franklin County Dog Shelter, some were reunited with their owners, and others reported were not located by Animal Control. One dog was hit by a car and had minor injuries. Bexley Animal Hospital took the dog in. The owner did not come forward, so the hospital will find it a home.

Two residents reported they had found loose dogs and the dogs were reunited with the owners. Also, two other residents reported their dogs as lost. The dogs were found quickly.

Other dog related reports included one dog left in a car, four barking complaints, and one leash law warning.

One resident reported having behavioral issues with their dog and ACO Jennings assisted them and their trainer with some dog reactivity training. She also assisted a resident with rehoming her dogs because she was moving and couldn't take her dogs with her.

There were three calls for service to help with sick and/or injured wildlife, as well as a call for a wild animal that needed released from a trap.

ACO Jennings took many phone calls regarding wildlife as well as a few lost cat reports.

Information Technology Quarterly Update

Cybersecurity:

Unfortunately, further engagement with the Ohio Cyber Reserve has been difficult, presumably due to Federal and State Grant Issues. IT Manager Erik McGuinness is currently evaluating whether Bexley can rely on OCR as a reliable partner going forward.

The firewall licensing has been renewed and replacement scheduled to maximize budget and security.

IT Department Operations:

- The new Tracking Ticketing System has captured approximately 225 issues from 1/1/25 to 6/9/25.
- Intern Alex Leyland continues to assist the IT department with much needed support.
- A batch of old tech equipment from across the City was eRecycled during the City's annual Green Bexley Day.

Projects:

- The Aquahawk Water Project has encountered some issues and the City's Water Utility Biller is not cooperating. A data exchange workaround is proposed.
- Mayor's Court Software is kicking off and will "Go Live ETA" in late Summer '25.
- VOIP Phone System Upgrade is in process. A new server has been installed and we are working with the vendor on deployment.
- The 2025 Hardware Refresh continues with 6 new units deployed across the City. More are on order.

- The Bexley PD office reorganization has been supported and IT equipment moved as needed.
- Council Chambers AV refresh project is ongoing with Matt Klingler taking point on this.
- Building Plan Digitization Project is ongoing.
- T-Mobile & AT&T mobile broadband carrier testing is ongoing. T-Mobile is finally working after 3 months of problems
- Robot Lawnmower Project with Recreation Department is being deployed.
- Police CAD-RMS Software Project training room setup is planned with Sgt. Otte.
- We are planning and testing for the July 4th Event EOC Operations Center Tech requirements.
- Fiber - We are awaiting an answer from the City of Columbus regarding partnership with the City of Bexley to make a required connection in Gahanna. After a few meetings with both consultants and Columbus, they're supposed to let us know within the next few weeks.

STATISTICS:

K9 Team	May
Sweeps	81
Synagogue Related	65
Church Related	12
Traffic Stops	2
Business Checks	7
Dispatched Runs	26
Community service related	14
Training drills	57

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	6/3/2025	154	6945	3064	10,009	299	205	55	559	63	13	12	5
1/1/2024	6/3/2024	155	6136	2314	8,450	338	128	86	552	101	12	16	2
6/4/2024	6/3/2025	365	16081	7524	23,605	751	398	165	1,314	189	41	47	12
6/4/2023	6/3/2024	366	15016	4489	19,505	975	339	178	1,492	277	46	57	9