



## Council Update –Chief of Police

August 12, 2025

**Pedal for Pancakes** – Officer Adams worked with Service Department staff and event organizers to develop a safety plan and establish course routes. This annual event in support of Pelotonia Kids was held in early June.



**Fourth of July** –Officers, dispatchers, retirees, and volunteers worked this event and helped to make both the parade and fireworks a huge success!

During the festivities, Al Rosen was recognized as the 2025 volunteer of the year. We appreciate Al and thank him for his contribution to our department and the community.



**National Night Out** – The third annual NNO was held on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The event was greatly supported by the community. Earlier in the day, BPD partnered with Jeffrey Woods Camp for an afternoon session. Many thanks to the employees, other agencies, and volunteers who worked the event.



**Golf Outing** – The department hosted a golf outing for city employees, retirees, friends, and family earlier this summer at Pine Hill Golf Club. Congratulations goes to Team Donovan, who took home the trophy!



**Detective Bureau** – In June, the detective bureau was short-staffed due to Detective Byrd being on light duty for the entire month and Detective Briley being on light duty early in the month, followed by two weeks of scheduled vacation.

Eight Matrix submissions were completed, and four cases were read to the grand jury. Evidence from eight cases was submitted to BCI, six search warrants were executed, four arrest warrants were issued, and the court issued 12 subpoenas. Detectives also completed 19 in-the-field follow-ups, completed two E-Traces, and returned four property items to the original owners.

Thirty-three property disposals were completed, and detectives were called after hours three times and were called in once. Twenty-four cases were closed by detectives, and 107 were closed by officers.

Detective Briley completed a diversion packet for the court, issued a burglary warrant, and visited several pawn shops to gather video evidence. The majority of his time was spent investigating an alleged rape offense. Two search warrants on apartments were completed, two arrest warrants were sought, two DNA search warrants were granted, several interviews were conducted, photo line-ups were shown, and crime scene collection took place, including trash pulls.

Detective Byrd, while on light duty, interviewed an ID theft victim, reviewed several bank records, completed a DNA search warrant, watched several CPT courses, and conducted a photo line-up. Detective Byrd completed the majority of the twelve subpoenas for the month.

Sergeant Otte conducted two jail interviews, assisted Detective Briley with the rape investigation, met with a victim's advocate, and went to several pawn shops looking for stolen items and gathering video. He assisted with a follow-up on an arson investigation, taught a two-day bike course, and fixed all the IBR errors. Sergeant Otte also attended numerous Pro Suite (new CAD/RMS

software) meetings, oversaw the configuration and testing of the new system, and completed all data mapping for the software.

Collectively, detectives attended several Fourth of July meetings, worked unmarked details on third shift, attended leadership training, completed work-ups on two individuals who made anti-Semitic comments, organized the new hire background packets, and shadowed Prosecutor Jwayyed at the Franklin County Municipal Court.

The bureau continued to work short-staffed throughout July. Eleven Matrix submissions were completed, and three cases were read to the grand jury. Evidence from three cases was submitted to BCI. One search warrant was executed, two arrest warrants were issued and later served, and the court granted six subpoenas. Detectives also completed twenty-six in-the-field follow-ups, completed two E-Traces, and returned six property items to the original owners.

Twenty-two property disposals were completed, and detectives were called after hours three times and were called out twice. Eighteen cases were closed by detectives, and ninety-four were closed by officers.

Detective Briley conducted one background check for a potential new hire, handled a juvenile diversion, clerked juvenile citations several times, and conducted a home interview. He completed a search warrant on a phone dump, took the DMT test, conducted a jail interview, and issued a warrant on a fleeing and eluding suspect from the third shift. Several attempts to arrest the suspect were made, but the suspect remains in hiding. Detective Briley also handed the Bomb Threat complaint, conducted a jail interview, traveled to several homeless shelters looking for a suspect, took a pandering obscenities report, and is currently the lead detective on the shooting incident on Mayfield.

Detective Byrd conducted three new hire background investigations and took the DMT and LEADS tests. Detective Byrd will be off for some time, and he focused on getting caught up and closing some of his case load.

Sergeant Otte spent a tremendous amount of time working on the Pro Suite software conversion. He corrected all the IBR errors, set up the training schedule, completed the data mapping, and set up all the computers in the training room. In addition to the Pro Suite conversion and his caseload, Sergeant Otte also completed five discovery requests for the prosecutor's office and handled three redaction requests.

Collectively, all detectives worked the Fourth of July festivities, conducted a money audit and a random audit of the property room, attended leadership training, took eight hours of online FEMA training, and investigated a citizen's complaint. Detectives closed out an unknown death report when the autopsy was returned, attended the "after-action" meeting for Independence Day, completed a property destruction of 273 items, and investigated an alleged robbery that took place on E. Main St. Several CPT classes were completed by detectives, and many CALEA policies were reviewed and corrected.

An opening for a Detective assignment was posted late July and closed on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The interview process for the position is tentatively scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**K-9 Team** - Officer Shawver and Pia attended "Home Made Explosive" training and completed training drills with Columbus Fire Department.

The team provided mutual aid during Red, White & Boom by sweeping vehicles and conducted sweeps during the Bexley July 4<sup>th</sup> event. They also conducted sweeps at the Ohio State Fair and assisted Worthington PD in sweeping an office building.

They participated in the Fairmount Resource fair and attended the Williamsburg PD K9 funeral.

**Community Policing** – Officer Adams and/or Lieutenant Overly organized the July 4<sup>th</sup> Detail, the Pelotonia Detail, and the National Night Out event. Officer Adams took the Alumni Association members to tour the Franklin County Jail (JAK) and participated in the Franklin County's Cops and Kids event as well as the Fairmount Resource Fair. Our cruiser took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Cruiser Challenge at Cops and Kids day!

Additionally, Officer Adams met with officers from Springfield County PD to discuss how we manage our Community Relations programs and events.

Officer Adams and Lieutenant Overly visited the Childhood League Center to develop a partnership with the center for various programming.

Lieutenant Overly and volunteers from the Alumni Association assisted the Franklin County Board of Commissioners Office of Aging to distribute box fans to local seniors in need.

**School Resource Officer** – Officer Grimes conducted training with new St. Charles staff and faculty on safety and security procedures. He is currently preparing for a school wide safety training, which will be held during teacher in-service days.

Other projects include:

- Implementation of new access and camera control systems.
- Organization of AED placement and installation in new and existing buildings
- Research and drafting student accountability and visitor management systems
- Exploring and analyzing emergency management resources/programs
- Reviewing and updating Emergency Operations Plan
- Updating emergency binders
- Updating floor plans and mapping of evacuation/severe weather routes
- Researching and installing new front door intercom system
- Training new office staff on procedure to allow school visitors access
- Coordinating new parking lot project and striping/space numbering
- Assigning permit parking spaces for all students, staff and faculty
- Updating new school cell phones and updating FirstNet radio system
- Updating school floor plans on mass emergency management suite
- Coordinating and issuing Incident Action Plan for department wide firearms training
- Completed mandated state training
- Attended National Night Out
- Covered patrol shift shortages

**Animal Control** – ACO Jennings has been quite busy over the last two months. There were 21 loose dog calls. Ten were returned to their owners, four taken to Franklin County Animal Shelter, and five were unable to be caught, and two were not located. Other complaints included dogs in Jeffrey Park (owners left and took dogs to Wolfe Park), a leash law warning, one barking complaint, and two complaints of dogs in cars (cars were running).

Other dog related calls included a pet left in a car (car not located), a dog that someone found and was able to reunite it with the owner, an owner that saw someone hit her dog with their car (but didn't get a license plate and took their dog to the vet), a dehydrated dog during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events, and a new resident registered their pit bull.

Bexley Car Care reported they had a kitten in a car engine. When ACO Jennings arrived, the kitten was in a corner of the building. After talking to employees, they said the kitten had been there for a couple of days. ACO Jennings was able catch the kitten. She found a rescue to take it, but unfortunately the kitten was sick and had to be humanely euthanized.



The PD received several wildlife calls. There was a Great Egret (a large water bird) on S. Roosevelt that would not leaving the area. The bird was not flying, so it was captured and taken to the Ohio Wildlife Center. It was determined the bird was under-weight but otherwise healthy. On June 18th, ACO Jennings and an Ohio Wildlife Volunteer released it by the creek in Wolfe Park. Other wildlife complaints included an injured rabbit, an injured opossum, a deceased bird, and a squirrel in a building. A baby skunk fell in a window well and ACO Jennings removed and release it. There was a report of an injured deer that officers had to dispatch, a deceased animal in an alley, and an animal trapped in the north garden (the trapper was notified).

**Information Technology** – Intern Alex Leyland graduated from The Ohio State University, with honors, on August 3rd. A well-deserved and enthusiastic Congratulations to Alex!

The IT Department's physical presence at City Hall is being re-imagined as part of the City Hall construction project. Equipment was moved and processes were changed as a result.

Cybersecurity: Erik McGuinness, IT Manager, is scheduling tabletop exercises with the Ohio Cyber Reserve for some time in September.

The following tasks were accomplished:

- Reviewed the Cybersecurity training progress and sent out reminders to Department Heads of employees that have outstanding training and are out of compliance.
- Met with IT Directors of two neighboring public entities to discuss shared challenges and best practices in the Public IT sector.
- Met with members of Schottenstein Homes to discuss best practices in Cybersecurity and IT Solutions.



IT Operations: The July 4th event Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was successfully deployed and tore down.

The new Information Technology tracking ticketing system has captured approximately 337 issues 1/1/25 to 8/7/25; 112 since the last update on 6/9/25.

The Aquahawk Water Project is ongoing, Both IT and Water Department staff are working closely with Aclara to assist with their data requirements. The progress with this project is currently dependent entirely upon Aclara.

The Police LEADS technical security audit is scheduled for 8/12/2025. The pre-audit internal review is ongoing to ensure State & Federal compliance regarding managing criminal justice related data.

The SOLVE e-ticketing system was deployed.

Police CAD-RMS Software Project continues with bi-weekly meetings. A set-up for 11 users was completed in the PD Training Room (per vendor specifications). The final cut-over and go-live date is tentatively scheduled for late September.

The Mayor's Court Software upgrade is making great progress and still on schedule for late Summer.

The Finance Department software upgrade kicked off. The virtual server was created per vendor specs and we are working with the vendor on migration specifics.

The Building Plan Digitization Project is ongoing. 14.5GB of building documents and images were provided by digitizer. The City is to upload manually to OpenGov (the Building & Zoning Department's cloud-based system of record).

The VOIP Phone System Upgrade is in process. The vendor has encountered some issues and a final cutover is still to be determined.

The 2025 Hardware Refresh continues. Three new units were deployed across the City and more are on order.

We have a meeting scheduled with a vendor to discuss connecting Schneider Park with a Wi-Fi & IP Camera solution.

We continue to work with both public and private partners to most effectively leverage in-ground Bexley fiber assets and align them with City bandwidth requirements.

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### **STATISTICS:**

<b>K9 Team</b>	<b>July</b>
Sweeps	80
Synagogue Related	78
Church Related	6
Traffic Stops	4
Business Checks	10
Dispatched Runs	14
Community service related	15
Training drills	34

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	8/5/2025	217	9669	3927	13,596	426	305	73	804	112	20	14	6
1/1/2024	8/5/2024	218	8705	3573	12,278	477	194	114	785	138	24	27	3
8/6/2024	8/5/2025	365	16236	7128	23,364	739	432	155	1,326	201	36	38	12
8/6/2023	8/5/2024	366	14633	5018	19,651	924	339	173	1,436	262	51	57	6