



Council Update -Chief of Police

November 11, 2025

Swearing-in Ceremony – BPD welcomed Abigail Spradlin to the force last month. Ofc. Spradlin obtained her Ohio Peace Officer certification earlier this year and is a former Ohio State Patrol Police Officer. Officer Spradlin will be released from field training within the next few weeks.



Officer Recognition – We congratulate Officer Anderson, for receiving the STAR Award at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner. Sergeant Johnson nominated Officer Anderson for the award for his dedication to the department and the community.



Guest Reader – Officer Shawver visited Christ Lutheran Church and read his personally authored book, “I’m Pia” to the preschoolers.



Harvest Festival – BPD participated in the City's annual festival. Chief Lewis worked the meadow area during the festival and Lt. Overly led the hayride.



School Visits – Madi, Pia, and Officer “Batman” Shawver visited the schools to say howdy and save the day with costumes and candy.



Super Saturday – Officer Vermaaten led another successful Super Saturday, in which Scouts had the opportunity to earn various merit badges. Well done, Scouts!



Community Liaison Officer –Last month, Officer Adams engaged in the following events:

- Guest Gardener with Bexley Bloomers
- Safety meeting (Katalina's management requested a meeting to discuss safety issues with the homeless individuals that linger in the area.)
- DEA Take-Back – We accepted 69.5 pounds (4 boxes) of medication. We extend a thanks to the alumni volunteers
- Trunk or Treat - passed out Halloween candy at Maryland Elementary
- Day on the range as firearms instructor

St. Charles School Resource Officer – Officer Grimes completed the following:

- Diocesan Grant application
- Comprehensive threat and vulnerability assessment on Main Campus and West Campus
- Door Access and camera review with future plan development
- Experienced a school wide Cyberattack that required involvement with Federal authorities
- Safety and security planning and coordination of two funerals, Feast of St. Charles, and Borromeo Lecture
- Ohio School Safety Grant application
- Ohio Community/Public Correlation Safety Grant application

K-9 Team – Officer Shawver and Pia conducted the following:

- St. Charles sweeps for football games
- Pumpkin show sweep - mutual aid
- OSU Union sweep - mutual aid
- Training drills - with area K9 teams at Easton, CPD Impound Lot, Einstein Brewing, and Huntington Park
- Day on the range as firearms instructor

Administrative and Emergency Management Lieutenant – Lieutenant Overly accomplished the following:

- Dispatcher evaluations
- Leadership training
- OHLEG audit
- Scheduled and organized work to be completed at the new department substation
- Participated in the Bexley Schools Halloween parade
- Participated in the Cyber tabletop exercise
- Worked the Harvest Fest
- Performed AED function test

Detective Bureau - Outside the numerous lab submissions, subpoenas, search warrants and meetings with all agencies involved in the recent homicide, detectives also submitted three cases to the Grand Jury unit for indictment, present six cases to the Grand Jury, issued one subpoena for information and investigated an alleged sexual assault case.

Homicide Investigation - On October 20th, a pedestrian flagged down an officer after seeing what appeared to be a body located in the bushes at 540 N. Cassady Avenue. Investigators, in conjunction with the Ohio Bureau of Investigations (BCI) determined that the victim Demetrese Norgett, 18, of Columbus, Ohio succumbed after receiving multiple gunshot wounds.

Jimmy Wilson Jr., 22, of Norcross, GA was arrested in Gwinnett, GA on November 4th, following the investigation. Investigators said that in conjunction with the Columbus Police Department and the support of the Gwinnett County Police Department, information revealed his location and an arrest was made without incident.

Jimmy Wilson Jr., is currently being held in Gwinnett County, GA and is awaiting a court appearance and extradition back to Ohio, in which a Grand Jury will be convened to determine the charges.

Detectives are working with BCI, CPD and agencies in Georgia to compile all the data and evidence pertaining to the homicide to present their case to the Grand Jury.

Animal Control - In October, we received 14 loose dog complaints, 5 of which the owners got the dogs quickly. One dog was loose multiple times and the owner received a citation for dog at large. The dog owner was also given tie-outs to help mitigate this issue.

There were two dog on dog attacks. The first incident involved no injuries and in the second incident, one dog received minor injuries to its ear. An "Animal at Large" citation was issued for the first incident and the second one is still under investigation.

A complaint was received for suspected cruelty and neglect at Village Creek. The complainant reported she consistently hears the dogs barking in their apartment, but has never seen the dogs or the owner. The caller expressed concern for the dog's wellbeing. After further investigation, the complaint was not substantiated.

We received 1 barking dog complaint.

Due to a couple of feral cat complaints in south Bexley, we are working on trapping the cats and placing the cats with a rescue.

We received 6 calls to remove deceased animals.

There has been an increase in skunk complaints, although with minimal conflict. ACO Jennings is working with residents on things they can do to deter wildlife from their property, as noted below:

- Remove all food and water sources. Secure trash can lids, clean your grill, do not feed any animals outside, eliminate standing water, and etc.
- Seal up any holes near your foundation or porch, bury hardware cloth one to two feet deep to discourage digging, and clean up brush or firewood piles to eliminate appealing habitats.
- Motion activated lights and sprinkles can startle/scare away unwelcome wildlife.
- Place strong smelling (ammonia, commercial repellents, citrus peels, or strong-smelling soaps/deodorizers) rags where wildlife frequents.
- Noise (a radio set to talk radio at the den site or an ultrasonic repellent) can be a successful wildlife hazing method that encourages the animal to relocate.
- Putting a bell on your dog's collar, so wildlife hears you coming before they see you, can be an effective method to avoid conflict on a walk with your dog.

STATISTICS:

K9 Team		October
Synagogue Sweeps		54
Church Sweeps		8
Traffic Stops		4
Business Checks		7
Dispatched Runs		15
Community service		18
Training drills		32

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	11/5/2025	309	18743	5286	13,457	612	399	87	1,098	161	28	23	6
1/1/2024	11/5/2024	310	18279	5579	12,700	699	279	169	1,147	196	37	43	8
11/6/2024	11/5/2025	365	22510	6481	16,029	703	440	114	1,257	192	31	31	7
11/6/2023	11/5/2024	366	20921	6091	14,830	842	329	190	1,361	234	50	51	8