

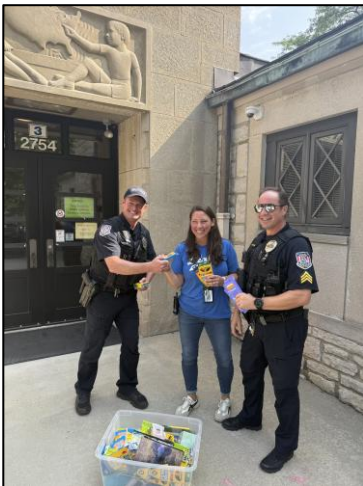


## Council Update –Chief of Police

September 9, 2025

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**Back to School Supply Drive** – Sergeant Hanna and Officers McCollam and Adams assisted the Bexley Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (BCPAAA) at by helping to distribute supplies to the elementary and middle school.



**PD Night Out** – We extend thanks to the BCPAAA for treating officers and their families to a Columbus Clippers game in August. Much fun was had by all!



**Community Liaison Officer** – In addition to Back to School Supply Drive, Officer Adams assisted the BCPAAA at Jazz in the Park selling hotdogs, chips and water.

Officers Adams and Grimes instructed the Teen Driver Safety course. It was held at the St. Charles Robotics Center and students learned very valuable skills such as common traffic offenses, how to handle crashes, basic roadside maintenance, and how to handle traffic stops.

Officer Adams assisted the Pataskala Police Department in training their officers to gain proficiency with both pistols and rifles.

**School Resource Officer** – Officer Grimes welcomed back St. Charles students in August. He trained staff on safety drills and procedures, performed a safety review and development after the Minneapolis Catholic School shooting, assisted with surveillance video review and replacement/upgrades. He has reviewed Emergency Operations Plan and distributed them to staff. He has prepared severe weather and evacuation maps for all learning spaces, and lastly, conducted school safety drills as mandated by the State.

**K-9 Team** – Officer Shawver and Pia conducted sweeps at the Ohio State Fair and OSU football game.

**Detective Bureau** – The Bureau welcomed in a new detective this month as Officer Mellison Davis transitioned from Patrol Officer to Detective. Congratulations to Det. Davis as she hits the ground running taking on new cases and attending classes to aid in her success in the new role.

Last month, detectives issued a warrant for the arrest of a suspect in an assault case, submitted seven items to the lab for analysis, presented five cases to the grand jury for indictment and submitted 12 new cases to the prosecutor's office for review. Detectives also conducted numerous follow ups in the field, including investigating a sexual assault and being called in to process the scene of a burglary.

Detectives have also noticed quite a few scams pop up that involved the victim depositing money into various crypto currencies like bitcoin. If you get a phone call that seems a little off and then the person asks you to transfer them money into a crypto currency ATM, pause and think hard that it might be a scam. Thieves tend to gravitate towards using crypto currency ATMs as it is difficult to track where the money goes once it hits their crypto wallet. Be cautious and be safe.

**Animal Control** – ACO Jennings is working on the Bexley Paws in the Park event and it is shaping up to be a great event! Flyers will be distributed to local businesses and more details will be posted on Facebook and the City's webpage.

ACO Jennings handled the following calls last month:

**Wildlife** – She assisted a resident who had a bird in their house. She was able to catch it in a net and release it. She also fielded calls regarding deceased wildlife, deer in central Bexley, a squirrel in the engine of a car, and many rabbits in a resident's yard.

**Dogs** – There were seven loose dog calls in August. One dog broke its tether and got out into the alley, three dogs were returned to their owner, one dog was found by its owner, one dog was not located, and one dog was taken to Franklin County Dog Shelter.

Other calls included a barking dog, two dog bites, and one dog theft (the dog was returned to its owner).

The dog bite calls were minor in nature. One call involved an older Bernadoodle and the other a one-year old Rhodesian Ridgeback.

**Cats** – There was a complaint of a cat that roaming around Havenwood Park. The cat clawed through a screen and escaped. The owner has been trying to catch it but the cat is feral (he did not

realize this when he took it in from a rescue) and was unable to catch it. He will continue to attempt trapping it.

Chickens – There was a report of a loose chicken but it was not located.

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### **STATISTICS:**

<b>K9 Team</b>	<b>August</b>
Miscellaneous Sweeps	73
Synagogue Sweeps	61
Church Sweeps	9
Traffic Stops	2
Business Checks	2
Dispatched Runs	12
Community service	15
Training drills	33

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>	<b>Calls for Service</b>	<b>Business Check</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Incident &amp; Offense Reports</b>	<b>Arrest Reports</b>	<b>Crash Reports</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Theft</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	<b>Burglary/ B&amp;E</b>	<b>Robbery</b>
1/1/2025	9/3/2025	246	10984	4430	15,414	485	333	78	896	130	23	19	6
1/1/2024	9/3/2024	247	9919	4259	14,178	542	226	133	901	152	27	34	5
9/4/2024	9/3/2025	365	16337	6945	23,282	733	428	141	1,302	205	36	36	10
9/4/2023	9/3/2024	366	14603	5406	20,009	886	348	181	1,415	245	50	63	8