



Council Update -Chief of Police

October 14, 2025

First Responder's Night Out – BPD participated in Minerva Park's First Responders Night. Officer Adams took cruiser L-3 and was awarded third place in the cruiser competition!



Capital University Event – Chief Lewis, Sergeant Fleming and Officer Adams attended Capital University Police Department's "Brew with the Blue" event. This community event was held to promote and build relationships between law enforcement and the faculty, staff, and students.



Paws in the Park – This annual event was held by BPD in conjunction with Fairfield County Animal Control and local businesses. Animal Control Amy Jennings and Officer Adams contributed to making this event a success!



Leadership Retreat – The BPD command staff attended the second annual Leadership Retreat, held locally at the Thurber House. Many thanks to our speakers, Director Andy Wilson (Ohio Department of Public Safety, Sheriff (retired) Russell Martin, Franklin County Municipal Court Judge Jodi Thomas, and Bexley Prosecutor Jwawayyed Jwawayyed.



Training – Sergeant Fleming attended State of Ohio Accreditation Resource Conference as part of the department's ongoing efforts to meet the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) national standards.



Community Liaison Officer – In addition to attending First Responders Night and Brew with the Blue, Officer Adams attended the following events:

- Firearms training
- Safety talk for the Berwick area Realtors Association for Realtor Safety Month
- Active Threat training for the Jeffrey Mansion Preschool Staff
- Smoke and Fire Festival
- Paws in the Park
- Maryland Elementary Fall Fun Festival

He also began special duty patrols at Bexley City Schools.

St. Charles School Resource Officer – Officer Grimes has been collaborating with a security company on enhancements to the Brotherhood Center's access control and camera systems. Additionally, he submitted the application to secure a \$125,000 grant through the State of Ohio Innovative Community-Public Safety Partnerships and has initiated the grant process for \$150,000 through the Ohio Security Grant Program.

He is currently conducting threat assessments for both the Main Campus and the West Campus training facilities.

He also conducted a fire inspection with the CPD Fire Inspector and a plan was formulated to designate a specific area of the St. Charles property as a documented fire lane.

Officer Grimes also coordinated funeral services and security for a former student.

In addition to St. Charles related projects, he also completed the following:

- Instructed Diocesan school resource officers on current trends in local schools.
- Facilitated a comprehensive threat assessment at Jeffrey Mansion, encompassing the Parks and Recreation department and the Jeffrey Mansion preschool, and subsequently provided security recommendations to the preschool and Mike Price.
- Conducted an Active Threat training session with Officer Adams for the Jeffrey Mansion Preschool.
- Completed the next stage in department-wide firearms.

K-9 Team – Officer Shawver attended the Annual K9 Conference in Nashville, TN last month. He also attended firearms training, and Homemade Explosives training. Officer Shawver and Pia completed an OSU football sweep and assisted Columbus Fire with a sweep at the Convention Center.

Emergency Management – Lieutenant Overly shadowed the Columbus Regional Airport Authority Emergency Preparedness Senior Specialist Helena Nova-Thatcher as well as Prosecutor Jwayyed Jwayyed during sessions at Franklin County Municipal Court.

Detective Bureau – Detectives sent ten items to the lab for analysis, submitted one search warrant, and three investigative subpoenas. Detectives submitted eight cases to the prosecutor's office for indictment and presented three cases to the Grand Jury. They also completed eighteen in the field follow ups and made an arrest for Receiving Stolen Property after a comprehensive investigation.

Detectives have also been working through background investigations on nine police officer applicants. Along with combing through their background packets, Detectives have been speaking with their references and conducting home visits to get to know each candidate.

Animal Control – Officer Jennings responded to several calls for service related to canine issues. This included thirteen loose dog incidents and the pickup and release of one adult and three

abandoned puppies. The puppies were found in Schneider Park and released to Franklin County Care and Control (FCACC). There was also an incident involving an owner walking her two dogs. They got away from her and attacked a dog being walked by her neighbor. The owner was cited through Bexley Mayors Court.

A noise complaint was received about a rooster in the area of south Bexley. The rooster was relocated per ordinance 618.24.

The “rut” season is approaching, which means increased deer activity. We’ve received several complaints about bucks, primarily concerning the safety of young children playing in backyards with the wildlife around. Another concern is a leg injury to one of the bucks but deer often recover on their own and can live many years with only three legs. Also, with cooler temperatures coming that can mean wildlife looking for their winter home. We have received calls of wildlife burrowing under porches, in chimneys, or even in downspouts. A professional pest control company can assess risk areas and help get them secured against unwanted wildlife.

Safety Town was hosted for incoming kindergarteners, teaching them basic safety skills and awareness, including bike safety. Due to weather, Montrose Elementary’s Safety Town event has been rescheduled to October 3rd to ensure full participation in all valuable activities.

A future event is in the works with the Franklin County Auditor’s Office to give residents a quick and convenient way to get their dogs licensed for 2026.

There were four calls for deceased wildlife removal and two calls to euthanized injured wildlife.

Lastly, Lieutenant Overly is currently working with Animal Control Officer Amy Jennings on implementing a comprehensive standardized process. This includes developing clear protocols and procedures consistent with best practices. This will ensure accurate and thorough record keeping from initial response to resolution. In addition, to aide in transparency and ACO interactions, a body worn camera will be issued for daily use.

STATISTICS:

K9 Team		August
Synagogue Sweeps		43
Church Sweeps		7
Traffic Stops		0
Business Checks		3
Dispatched Runs		9
Community service		9
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	10/7/2025	280	17269	4905	12,364	554	368	85	1,007	148	28	21	6
1/1/2024	10/7/2024	281	16441	5009	11,432	621	255	153	1,029	176	31	36	7
10/8/2024	10/7/2025	365	22874	6670	16,204	723	434	128	1,285	199	37	36	8
10/8/2023	10/7/2024	366	20497	5775	14,722	865	332	186	1,383	242	46	57	9