



Council Update – Chief of Police

January 10, 2023

Bomb Detection/Canine K9 – Thanks to funding from both the Whitehall/Bexley Rotary and the Bexley Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, the Bexley Police Department will be able to introduce a canine (K9) unit. A bomb detection K9 will be added as part of the department's safety efforts geared towards the community. The increased threats of violence create the need to have an explosive-detection canine capable of detecting these types of threats.

The Bexley Police Department and its community has four (4) Jewish Synagogues, Capital University, two premier academic institutions, Bexley High School, the Governor's Mansion, etc., all within this area which increases the need to utilize such a resource.

The canine handler will be selected from an officer within the rank and file who has expressed an interest in the role. This is a three-year commitment for the officer once selected.

Upon completion, the canine and handler will undergo 10-weeks of intense training which will be under the leadership of the Ohio State Highway Patrol at no cost to our agency.

The officer and canine will perform proactive sweeps as well as reactive response if and when the need should arise. The Officer and K9 will work Tuesday - Saturday, mid-day shift coverage with mutual aid and support responsibilities.

Detective Bureau – Sergeant Otte transitioned fully into his new role as Detective Sergeant as Detective Sergeant Brickey prepares for his retirement. We all wish Sergeant Brickey well in his retirement. Detective Evans transitioned to Patrol and is assigned to first shift. Officer Jon Byrd has been assigned to the Detective Bureau and has big shoes to fill the vacancy left by Detective Evans.

Detective Briley obtained a search warrant for a house in Columbus in an attempt to recover a laptop that was stolen in Bexley. Unfortunately, the laptop was not recovered, but officers discovered that a known theft suspect is associated with this house, which should aid in investigating other cases.

OVI Task Force – Over the holidays, officers conducted OVI saturation patrols making numerous traffic stops to ensure motorists were not driving impaired. During these patrols, Officer Grimes recovered a stolen vehicle and made two felony arrests for possession of illegal narcotics.

Dispatcher Training – Dispatchers are scheduled for Public Records and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) training.

Alumni – The Citizens Police Academy is kicking off 2023 with its first meeting on January 19th.

Shop with a Cop – On December 17th, twenty-two kids had the opportunity to shop with officers at the Target in Whitehall. After shopping, everyone came back to the department for pizza.

Statistics:

Start Date	End Date	Calls for Service	Business Check	Total	Incident & Offense Reports	Arrest Reports	Crash Reports	Total	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Burglary/ B&E	Robbery
1/1/2023	1/8/2023	318	41	359	21	5	1	27	3	4	2	0
1/1/2022	1/8/2022	268	0	268	21	4	1	26	6	1	2	0
1/9/2022	1/8/2023	12788	595	13,383	984	386	188	1,558	241	68	59	10
1/9/2021	1/8/2022	12483	7	12,490	1,147	463	223	1,833	309	29	72	11