



Council Update – Chief of Police

March 7, 2023

Training – The department recently implemented a voluntary wellness program in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS). Steve Click, Director of Ohio's First Responder Wellness, conducted the first session on February 22nd. The next session is scheduled for March 15th.

The Department is partnering with OSUPD for in service training. The subject matter will be determined in the near future.

Chief Lewis will be representing BPD at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) annual conference this fall.

Cruiser Wash – Officers have been granted access to the Franklin County wash bay. In addition to car washes, interior detailing can be done with no cost to our department. We extend much appreciation to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for this opportunity.

Radios – We should be fielding 8 new radios (received via grant funding) for patrol as soon as they receive MARCS state programming.

New Cruisers – Two hybrid cruisers are scheduled to be in service before the end of the March. They are currently being outfitted at the accessory shop.

Emergency Management – Lieutenant Overly is currently working on the BPD/City Emergency Operations Plan. She is attending various EOP training classes and will also create an Emergency Management Facebook page.

Community Program – An overview of the Community Emergency Response Team Program is scheduled for March 7th at the Bexley Police Department. This overview has been offered to alumni and block watch members and select school administrators.

Citizens Police Academy Alumni – Members participated in presentations presented by the Franklin County Human Trafficking Task Force. Members attended an FBI presentation regarding Sovereign Citizens.

New Resident Event – Representatives from BPD welcomed new residents at the meet and greet last week.

Detective Bureau – Each detective is conducting background investigations on fourteen of the candidates that applied for the open police officer positions. In the upcoming weeks, they will be interviewing not only the candidates, but their employers, neighbors, and references to find the best candidate to serve the Bexley community. Along with the heavy task of doing background checks, each detective is still maintaining their caseload.

Detective Fleming issued one warrant, one direct indictment and sent two cases to be presented to the Grand Jury for indictment. He completed three search warrants and was called in for a breaking and entering to process the crime scene. He also recovered a stolen car on 2-19-2023, an hour after it was stolen.

Detective Briley issued one warrant, one direct indictment for felony theft and submitted one case to the Grand Jury for presentation for indictment for drug trafficking and improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle. He also submitted drugs to BCI for analysis.

Detective Briley and resident Deborah Grayson shared the “Be Smart” message with parents/guardians at the Bexley High School on February 28th. Topics included gun and social media safety.

Detective Byrd has taken on the task of looking into many of the financial crimes that are reported. He issued eight subpoenas to gather information for those cases. He has developed a suspect out of a forgery case and is in the process of tracking that suspect down. He also received the return information on a previously issued subpoena and is combing through that information in hopes to develop a suspect to follow up with.

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	3/1/2023	2855	395	3,250	142	50	26	218	26	11	13	0
1/1/2022	3/1/2022	2004	0	2,004	140	60	24	224	36	3	13	0
3/2/2022	3/1/2023	14143	951	15,094	985	375	190	1,550	233	73	59	10
3/2/2021	3/1/2022	12606	5	12,611	1,094	467	216	1,777	317	28	76	6