



Council Update – Chief of Police

April 25, 2023

Personnel Update – On Monday, April 24th, Police Officer Melissa Winnegrad experienced her first day, and on Monday, May 1st, Luke Schwarz will begin his tenure with the Bexley Police Department. Melissa is a Bexley native and previously served the Delaware City Police Department; and Luke is joining us from Whitehall Police Department. An official ceremony with the City Council will take place on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

Lastly, the interview, background and final phases for the new recruits continues and is down to the final four candidates - two (2) additional recruit/candidates will be part of the final selection process to occur sometime in July 2023.

Grant Awarded – The Bexley Community Foundation awarded BPD a \$4,000 grant. The grant will help fund the new community program "Super Saturday". This program is for scout groups to earn the following merit badges: Fingerprinting, Crime prevention, and Personnel Safety. Officer Ben Vermaaten will be overseeing the new program. In addition, the grant will fund two individuals to participate in the National Alumni Association conference that will be held in Virginia Beach this fall.

Alumni – Bexley Alumni members volunteered to assist with the DEA Take-Back/Clean up Bexley event on April 22.

Detective Bureau – Now that applicant backgrounds have been completed, the bureau has hit the ground running catching up on cases and taking on new ones.

Detective Fleming spoke at a College Success Summit for current high school students that were hosted by St. Charles. He spoke about the potential dangers of drugs and alcohol while attending college along with current and common financial scams used to take advantage of college students. He also assisted with an identity fraud case and submitted two cases to be read in front of the Grand Jury. Detective Fleming also worked in concert with Detective Byrd to help a victim recover their stolen items from various pawn shops around the Columbus area.

Detective Byrd attended training along with developing suspects out of fraud cases from 2022. He also followed up on a forgery case and went and attempted to interview some suspects at their house.

Detective Briley submitted evidence to BCI and submitted a case to be presented to the Grand Jury. He was also advised of threats made by a juvenile on social media towards a victim in Bexley. He is working on formal charges out of the incident. He also attended RAD training to certify him in teaching self-defense classes.

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	4/19/2023	5222	737	5,959	242	103	61	406	58	14	18	1
1/1/2022	4/19/2022	3733	0	3,733	250	111	46	407	57	7	16	0
4/20/2022	4/19/2023	14781	1291	16,072	975	377	203	1,555	244	72	61	11
4/20/2021	4/19/2022	12667	5	12,672	1,036	452	215	1,703	302	28	77	6