



Council Update – Chief of Police

December 5, 2023

Steering Wheel Locks – Due to the increase in Hyundai and Kia motor vehicle thefts, BPD is providing free steering wheel locks to residents. Ten clubs have been issued as of Friday 12/1.

Citizens Police Academy – The 8th Citizens Police Academy graduated on November 28th. The participants were recognized in front of the City Council. Afterwards, several alumni members provided refreshments.

Citizens Police Academy Alumni – Lin Duren, Jeannie Long, and Melissa Keck decorated the Christmas tree and training room in preparation for the upcoming “Shop with a Cop” event.

Detective Bureau – Detectives processed two different vehicles that were stolen in Bexley and subsequently recovered. Evidence was sent to the lab in hopes to discover the thieves. Detectives submitted two cases to the Grand Jury Prosecutors for indictments. Det. Byrd interviewed victims that reported they had been sexually assaulted. He will continue to work with the victims to investigate their incidents.

Update from Animal Control Officer Amy Jennings: I picked up two owned dogs that the owners did not claim. The first one was loose and found near Bexley Animal Hospital. I took her in to see if they could ID her as a client. They did know the dog and a message was left with the owner. The vet hospital agreed to hold the dog overnight. Owner did not want the dog back and signed a release of ownership form. I lined up a rescue for the dog but after they took the dog they decided she was not a good fit for them. The vet hospital was closed at this time so I took the dog for the night and was able to line up another rescue for the dog the next afternoon. The second dog was caught in south Bexley and had a microchip. When contact was made with the owner she said she had given the dog to a friend but did not know that friend’s number. She said she would message her on Facebook and there was no response to us. The dog was taken to the Franklin County Dog Shelter. Franklin County Dog Shelter no longer takes in owner surrenders, and have limited their field work, so I do wonder if owners “dumping” dogs will start increasing.

Seven different residences had dogs get out of their yards and I was able to catch and get them home to their owners. There was one report of 2 loose dogs that were not found.

There were two separate cases of sick/injured cats. The cats were taken to OSU Vet Hospital under their Good Samaritan program for sick/injured pets in urgent need of medical care. One had no identification and the other had a microchip. The one with the microchip had owner information in Newark and I wasn’t immediately able to get in touch with them. Once I was able to get in touch with the owners they said they had not seen the cat since 2018 and would like to have the cat back. They were given the contact information for OSU Vet Hospital.

I had one sick opossum found in a resident’s yard. The opossum was taken to Critter Control for humane euthanasia. Cost of euthanasia is \$40. I also had a senior resident that lives alone reach out for help trapping a raccoon in her garage. She had been trying to do it herself with no success. I tried trapping for

over 2 weeks and there has been no sign of the raccoon. She has a handyman fixing the entry ways to keep the raccoon out.

A resident asked for my assistance to get their German Shepherd dog into their vehicle so they could take him to the vet. The dog had emergency surgery on a flipped stomach several days before and now was not able to get up. He was snappy and they were not able to get him the car by themselves. I took a basket muzzle and stretcher and we were able to get the dog loaded in their vehicle.

I have 2 residents I have been working with that have open cases, one with Bexley Mayors Court and the other with Franklin County Courts. The one in BMC has been working to get her pit bull registered and has recently said she is trying to move out of Bexley so she does not want to neuter her pit bull. The Franklin county case the dog were impounded so I have been working with them and JJ on a resolution for the victim, the city, and the dog owners.

I have also assisted, when needed, with various city events, programs, etc... I work the desk at Bexley Mayors Court on court days, I attended the Ohio Community Wildlife Cooperative conference on October 16, and take/return any phone calls.

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	11/30/2023	17118	3121	20,239	930	333	177	1,440	244	54	67	9
1/1/2022	11/30/2022	12100	410	12,510	903	355	172	1,430	222	61	53	10
12/1/2022	11/30/2023	18310	3267	21,577	1,008	362	193	1,563	264	58	73	9
12/1/2021	11/30/2022	13075	410	13,485	994	396	183	1,573	248	66	59	10