



BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT
Chief Gregory J. Gottschall
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MANPOWER REPORT:

- New police officer employees Jacob Farrell and Thomas Kohler graduated from the police academy June 10, 2022 and began department field training June 12, 2022.
- New police officer employees Ryan Bevan and Amanda Stonehouse are scheduled to attend the next police academy session which begins July 6, 2022.

TRAINING:

- Officers completed biannual handgun/duty weapon qualifications at the Hellertown Sportsmen's Association indoor shooting range. The qualification session also includes a training review of low light handgun shooting techniques. This review includes shooting with available lighting under low light conditions and shooting techniques while using a flashlight.
- Corporal Jeremy Anderson attended supervisor training through the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association for conducting internal affairs investigations.
- Officer Bryan Tollinger completed his annual Police K-9 recertification training with his K-9 partner Freija.
- Officer Adam Ebner completed certification training to become a department Field Training Officer (FTO) so that he can help train our new officers.

MAJOR ARRESTS & INVESTIGATIONS:

- A BLOC medical marijuana dispensary employee was charged with theft after he stole medical marijuana while working.
- An arrest was made of an Allentown resident who paid parking ticket with a bad check.
- A felony arrest warrant has been issued for a Brooklyn, New York man who has been committing retail thefts in multiple states.
- Criminal Investigation Unit has a current case load of 147 active cases. 22 are sex crimes / offenses against children investigations.
- A stolen vehicle was recovered and resulted in the arrest of an employee of a local used car dealership. The investigation is ongoing in collaboration with the Pennsylvania State Police and the Lehigh Valley Auto Theft Task Force.

OFFICER AND DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION:

- Our Department hosted a three-day drug task force training conducted by the Northampton County District Attorney's Office. Approximately 30 officers from police agencies throughout the county attended the training which was held in the main township meeting room. Sergeant Shaun Powell taught one of the training sessions providing instructional information relative to drug delivery resulting in death investigations. Notable day one speaker was Trooper/Lieutenant Seth Kelly of the Pennsylvania State Police. Trooper Kelly was critically wounded by gunfire during a 2017 traffic stop on Rt. 33 in Plainfield Township. Trooper Kelly's survival was attributed to the fact that he was able to provide critical self-care to himself in the moments after the shooting by applying a tourniquet to himself to slow the loss of blood to his leg before losing consciousness. Prior to Trooper Kelly's critical incident, it was uncommon for officers in our area to carry tourniquets as part of the regular duty gear. Since this incident, tourniquets have become standard issued equipment and officers receive training on their use.
- Officer Tom Smith invited to participate in a career day event at Farmersville Elementary School. He spoke with 3rd, 4th and 5th graders about what it's like to be a police officer. The event was also attended by invited speakers from other career employment fields.

SEPTEMBER STATISTICS:

Traffic Accidents:	67	Traffic Citations:	65
Reportable:	14	Written Warnings:	143
Nonreportable:	53	Parking Tickets:	12
DUI Accidents:	0		
Deaths:	0		
Misdemeanor/ Felony Arrests:	23		
Summary Arrests:	6		
DUI Arrests:	3		

Submitted by:
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