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Chief of Police



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Traffic Stops	<u>81</u>
Traffic Citations	<u>8</u>
Traffic Warnings	<u>73</u>
Criminal Arrests	<u>9</u>

**DEPARTMENT NOTES:** (Significant non-routine types of incidents, just a sample of a few, brief description of the incident and outcome)

\* Father/ Son domestic. Father was upset that his son was using marijuana in the house. A physical altercation commenced and there was proof of such. The father was cited for harassment and the son to be charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and a small amount of MJ.

\* A resident had her bank card come up missing and it was used to open up a fraudulent account with another bank. It was discovered that two suspects that Police stopped on a traffic stop were involved in a wide variety of significant sized identity thefts in Centre County. A search warrant of the suspects residence produced several stolen PA driver's licenses of several Borough residents, social security cards, death certificates, stolen firearms, credit cards, blank credit cards and magnetic strips to make them work. All of which were located next to a smart access device card reader and or writer, a computer that was used to commit felony fraud crimes, Also located was a black electronic device with a slide/swipe orifice consistent with reading /writing magnetic strip access device cards ( credit cards) Several other agencies were able to tie our suspects to a number of crimes occurring in their jurisdictions. Suspects are from out of state with significant violent criminal histories. Both lodged in the Centre County Correctional Facility.

\*Maintenance manager of a large downtown office/apartment building had concerns of tenants possibly manufacturing meth. Coupled with previous arrest for possession with the intent of delivery of drugs, along with intelligence gathered on the suspected for other drug delivery activities, Chief and Detective conducted a surreptitious building inspection of the suspected area of operation. The inspection indicated that there was no evidence to suggest any drugs being manufactured in the building. Owner and manager were pleased to know the results.

\*Alleged assault in Talleyrand Park. A juvenile reported that a male had pulled her aside and attacked her as she came out of the restroom. Reported that the suspect stated " I told you that I would be back for you" as he assaulted her by scratching her in the face.

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The victim stated that this person had been watching her the day before and followed her throughout the park

The officer who took the report was directed to view the video footage of that area. Bellefonte Public Works electrician came in to assist download the information from the Borough's security cameras. Investigation resulted in an immediate finding of a false report to police.

\* The Verizon store called for a suspicious activity in progress. There was a male there who gave a name that when the store entered him into their system, it flagged him as being involved in fraudulent activity. The male was taken into custody as he provided false information. When his identity was known via fingerprinting, we were provided with warrants out of Michigan for Felony Robbery. Individual was involved in multiple credit card scams throughout the Country. Taken into custody.

\*355 South Allegheny st. We have been dealing with a home owner who has had a number of complaints filed against her regarding the heavy odor of cat excrement. In the past the owner has had well over 20 cats, and several ducks removed from her house, which is vacated. She continues to defy the Judges orders. Ongoing issue with her.

**Use of Force:** (how many and brief description of each)

There were no incidents in which the use of force was needed to effect an arrest

**Trainings & Seminars:** (Name of officer, # of hours attended, location, course description)

Dark Web training Seminar- Officer Igoe, Officer Lefevre  
Intelligence Law Enforcement Liaison Officer training - Officer Igoe  
Centre Region Tactical Team Training- Detective Witmer  
BASD Safety Committee Meeting- Officer Lyons  
Swab Tek Drug Testing Training- Officer Lyons, Officer Luse

**Community Relations/Special Events:** (will be listed)

**Overtime Report Monthly**

Hours

Overtime: 8- OT,14 -comp

Sick: 20

Vacation: 38

Hours used by Department 58 hours

**Comments:**

Dear Borough Residents and the general public to whom we serve,

With warmer weather right around the corner, the Chief would like to remind both pedestrians and motorists to follow the rules of the road when traveling in the downtown area. Vehicles MUST stop for pedestrians that are within a crosswalk legally. Pedestrians MUST not enter into the crosswalk unless it is safe to do so. Waiting for a break in traffic is the best course of action for the pedestrian. Police will be strictly enforcing the pedestrian traffic laws for both motorists and pedestrians. Be safe, be aware, take your time and pay attention to what you are doing!

ALSO:

Often times police, firefighters and EMT's are dispatched to real life emergencies. These instances require a safe but prompt police response. Sometimes seconds truly make a difference in the outcome of such incidents. There have been too many instances in which we cannot locate the house number of the complainant, victim or witness of such incidents. The reason why? The house, apartment or business, is NOT properly numbered ,or no numbers are on it at all. This is especially difficult at night during a high stress emergency response. Imagine if your loved one was having a cardiac arrest. A highly trained emergency responder is literally seconds away,however they are delayed significantly ( what seems like hours) in locating the victim, your loved one. This could mean life or death. This is very frustrating for Police as we are here primarily to protect and serve this community and it's residents.

Help us help you by making sure that your house numbers are installed where they can be seen from the street. That their color contrasts with the building and are large enough to be read from at least 60 feet away. These can be purchased at any local hardware store. Failure to properly display your house number is a violation of the Borough ordinance and violators may be fined accordingly.

Regards,

Chief S. Weaver