

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

December 2023



HIGHLIGHTS

December was a very busy month for the town as well for the Department. The holiday season brought numerous events in the downtown area, the train station area of town as well as the surrounding areas.

These events included : multiple train rides, Victorian Christmas, and the tree lighting ceremony. These events brought hundreds of people into our town to enjoy a small town atmosphere.

Officers were more than happy to attend these events, conducting foot patrol , assisting with traffic control and ensuring the safety of the visitors and vendors. Our officers did a great job at “ community policing.” We take great pride in our community policing efforts.

It is paramount to our Department’s mission to be accessible to our community as a whole. Preserving our small town’s charm goes hand in hand with preventing quality of life incidents and crimes. If unchecked, It is often the lesser serious crimes that tend to deteriorate a town’s image. Therefore , vandalism (criminal mischief), public drunkenness, disorderly conduct, are just as important to us as the more serious crimes.

Chief’s message : In our world of technology, social media, and the seemingly easy access to personal information, crimes of Fraud are on the rise. Scams via phone, computer and telephone are being reported at an all time high. These scammers are highly sophisticated and are becoming more successful. Tips:

- Never respond to texts from an unknown source

- Scammers are “spoofing” telephone numbers. Caller I.D. will show that the text or caller’s number is one that is known to you, usually has a false name associated with it.
- Legitimate agencies do NOT ask for cash, gift cards, credit card numbers to be used for payment of debts.
- If something seems too good to be true... it is a scam.
- Never accept or cash a check sent to you with a request to send portion of it back.
- Never allow anyone to access your computer
- Texts from credit card companies indicating that your bank or credit card was fraudulently used often are scammers attempting to elicit your account information. Make sure you verify that they know your pre set verification answers.
- Never send cash in the mail
- The IRS does not call, they use the mail system
- Report any and all suspicious calls to the police immediately, before you do any transactions.
- Limit your social media access to known friends, close relatives
- Research internet retailers before making purchases online
- Scammers are more likely to be foreign. Listen for foreign accents, proper English.
- In emails or letters; Look for non-American English words that are commonly used by British English speaking people.

**** If you feel that you have been victimized by a scammer, report it immediately.

Time is of the essence.

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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

CALLS	533
SUPPLEMENTS	40
ASSISTS (STPD)	5
CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS	5
NON-TRAFFIC CITES	5
PERSON STOP	2
ACCIDENT REPORTS	15
WARRANTS ATTEMPTED	1
WARRANTS SERVED	1
302 WARRANTS SERVED	0
TRAFFIC STOPS	81
TRAFFIC CITES	8
TRAFFIC WARNINGS	72

CRUISER	MILEAGE
1 - 3416	187
2 - 3408/3421	1112
3 - 3407	701
4 - 3411	642
5 - 3410	625
6 - 3424/3415	1002
7 - 3412	820
8 - 3400	220

OFFICER	HRS SCHEDULED	HRS WORKED	# OF INCIDENTS	PTO	OT HRS	TRAINING
3400 WEAVER	160	124	26	36		4
3407 WITMER	160	131.5	26	28.5		
3408 NEIDEIGH	190	170	88	30	17	
3410 LYONS	168	120	33	40		
3411 WALTER	170	160	56	20	20	
3412 BROWER	180	165	54	25	11	
3415 HURD	74	74	102			
3416 LUSE	160	157	46	3	16	
3421 HOLT	180	160	34	30	15	
3424 POLLOCK	180	180	59	10	11	

DEPARTMENT OVERTIME						
COURT	SHIFT COVERAGE	HELD OVER	TRAINING	REIMBURSED	HOLIDAY	TOTAL
6	30	4		1	55	96

Total Calls by Call Type From: 12/1/2023 To: 12/31/2023

Call Type	Total Calls
800 PHONE MESSAGE	30
911 NO VOICE	2
ACCESS DEVICE FRAUD	1
ALARM BURGLAR	10
ALCOHOL	2
ANIMAL	6
ASSAULT EARLIER	1
BAD CHECKS	1
CHILD ABUSE	1
COMMUNITY RELATIONS	38
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	2
DEPARTMENT INFORMATION	5
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	3
DOMESTIC (NON ARREST)	1
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	7
DRUG LAW	4
DUI	3
HARASSMENT	10
HEALTH AND SAFETY EMS ASSIST	49
HEALTH AND SAFETY FIRE ASSIST	7
HEALTH AND SAFETY	24
IDENTITY THEFT	1
ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	2
OUTSIDE AGENCY ASSIST, 35 ROUTINE	2
OUTSIDE AGENCY ASSIST, 35 URGENT	3
OUTSIDE AGENCY ASSIST	12
PARKING,	18
PERSON STOP	2
PFA RECEIVED	2
PROPERTY FOUND	7
PROPERTY LOST	4
PROPERTY, LOST OR STOLEN	1
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE	1
RETAIL THEFT	1
RFA CIVIL DISPUTE	2
RFA KEYS IN VEHICLE	5
RFA LOCATE/CONTACT	3
RFA OTHER	34
RFA TRANSIENT	1
ROBBERY	1
SCHOOL CHECKS	1

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SUPPLEMENT	40
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	12
THEFT	4
TOBACCO, SELL OF / FURNISHING	1
TRAFFIC STOP	80
TRAFFIC	65
TRAINING	1
TRESPASS	2
UNSECURED PROPERTY	2
VEHICLE CRASH HIT AND RUN	3
VEHICLE CRASH NO INJURIES	10
VEHICLE CRASH UNKOWN	1
VEHICLE CRASH W/INJ	1
WARRANT SERVICE	1

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