

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 2024



HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Bellefonte Police Department participated in a mock DUI accident in front of the Bellefonte Area High School students. This was to bring awareness and caution to all the end-of-the-year school activities.
- The Bellefonte Police Department hosted and participated in the Bicycle Safety press conference at Talleyrand Park.
- The Bellefonte Police Department hosted the annual Police Officer Memorial ceremony at Talleyrand Park for 2024.
- The Bellefonte Police Department participated in a mock emergency drill with Columbia Gas on W. Curtin Street.
- The Bellefonte Police Department hired two full-time police officers. We welcome Officer Lisa Larkin and Officer Andrew Hurd to the police force.
- Bellefonte Police School Resource Officer Luse organized a special day for a Bellefonte Area Middle School student and his classmates who attend the Autistic support program. Officer Luse coordinated with the Pennsylvania State University to have one of their blue buses pick up the students from the Middle school and transport them to Musser's Dairy for ice cream.

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

OFFENSES OCCURRED	MONTH	2024 YTD
Alarms	3	29
Assault	3	5
Child Abuse	3	10
Criminal Mischief	1	14
Disorderly Conduct	9	51
Domestics	7	48
Drug Related	1	5
DUI	5	11
Harassment	5	31
Suspicious Activity	13	75
Theft	3	20
Trespass	0	10
All Others	390	1828
TOTAL	443	2117

TRAFFIC	MONTH	2024 YTD
Stops	22	182
Citations Filed	33	165

PAYMENTS RECEIVED	MONTH	2024 YTD
MDJ	\$897.93	\$4,635.15
Probation	\$162.84	\$1,154.76
TOTAL	\$1,060.77	\$5,789.91

ACCIDENTS	MONTH	2024 YTD
Reportable	2	11
Non-Reportable	3	45
TOTAL	5	56

CALLS	MONTH	2024 YTD
Handled by BPD	443	2117
Off Duty	12	39
TOTAL	455	2156

OFFICERS' TIME	MONTH	2024 YTD
Regular Hours	962	6784
Overtime Hours	30	335.5
Reimbursed Overtime	4	25.5
Training	0	144
TOTAL	996	7289

ARRESTS	MONTH	2024 YTD
Felony	0	1
Misdemeanor	8	25
Summary	6	30
TOTAL	14	56

SRO	MONTH	2024 YTD
Number of Incidents	103	390
Arrests	4	17
Traffic (School Zone)	8	56
Hours Worked	296	1654

MILEAGE	MONTH	YTD
34-1	260	110,648
34-2	541	83,969
34-3	0	125,932
34-4	642	78,453
34-5	708	1,940
34-6	615	32,163

PARKING	MONTH	2024 YTD
Hours Worked	168	923
Tickets Issued	199	1607
Revenue	\$1,821	N/A

Fwd: Thank you for your Support

Luse, Shawn <sluse@basd.net>

Thu 5/30/2024 9:48 AM

To: Bill Witmer <bwitmer@bellefontepolice.net>

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From: **Smith, Jamie** <jsmith@basd.net>

Date: Wed, May 29, 2024 at 7:49 PM

Subject: Thank you for your Support

To: Shawn Luse <sluse@basd.net>

Officer Luse,

This week, both Jen and I have received numerous emails praising the exceptional support you have provided, not just for our special education students, but also for those with the highest needs in our Life Skills program. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and we are extremely grateful for all that you do. The students and our department appreciate having you on our team.

Thank you very much!

Jamie

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Jamie Smith

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Officer Shawn A. Luse, SRO

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The letter sent to Penn State:

Keith, thank you for taking the time today to hear my request.

I'm Officer Shawn Luse of the Bellefonte Borough Police Department, I'm currently assigned to one of the two SRO positions within our department. I'm stationed at the Bellefonte Area Middle School where there is an Autistic Support program.

We have a student named Hank Miller who's 14 years old in the Autistic program. For over a year Hank displayed a fascination with blue buses to the degree that he makes them repeatedly every day. He makes a point every day to stop at my office on his way home, revealing his latest creations. I had recently learned that his mother is a graduate student at Penn State and takes video of the blue buses on campus sharing them with Hank. She has shared his reactions and desire for more videos of her sittings while on campus. Hank shared with her that one day he's going to attend Penn State.

On December 18th of 2023, Hank lost his older sister Elliana who succame to a sudden cardiac event after a long history of cardiac issues. When I arrived at the residence, I was directed to Hank, he was found in his bedroom making blue buses, relating to the bus he had made on poster board. He was so proud of his creation, stating I made this one for Elli.

Hank always has a positive outlook and willingness to share his creations with others, asking for little to nothing in return during his time at school and through the passing of Elli. Before his bus fascination, he was fascinated with police cars as I would find my door covered with police cars.

In a collaborative effort to make a very special surprise for Hank, we concluded that a ride in a blue bus would make Hank overwhelmed with joy. Learning of his desires for ice cream, I have reached out to Musser's Farm Market here in Bellefonte. Upon sharing my intentions, Musser's were willing to donate ice cream to the entire autistic class.

The endeavor began on finding a blue bus. I reached out to the school district's contracted bus company Fullington Auto Bus Company, as I had observed a blue bus at their depot. They responded that they indeed have a blue bus, however it's been modified and is not passenger worthy as it's utilized for Penn State tailgating.

So, the search continues leading me to Penn State; I'm reaching out asking for your assistance in making a special day for Hank and his classmates. A short field trip from the Middle School to Musser's Farm Market on Musser Lane here in Bellefonte. The trip would more than likely have around 20 passengers lasting approximately 1-2 hours.

Is there a possibility of assisting with making this day a success? I know that this is short notice as school will be concluding in the next two weeks.

I appreciate your consideration in my request and look forward to hearing from you in hopes you will be able to facilitate this component.

Respectfully,
Officer Shawn A. Luse, SRO
Bellefonte Borough Police Department
Bellefonte Area School District SRO
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