

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Brunswick Hills Police Department

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It is a great honor to serve the residents of this community as the Chief of Police. It is my privilege to submit the annual 2021 report for the Brunswick Hills Police Department.

During the 2021 year, I reached another milestone in my 27th year in Law Enforcement by achieving 10 years serving Brunswick Hills. I am extremely grateful for being a part of the hard working team of professional officers that want to continue to grow with the community and be there when called upon.

2021 was not any different then 2020 when it came to dealing with the worlds pandemic, it remained challenging and difficult for everyone. I commend the officers for their safe operations over the past year keeping the peace, adhering to the rule of law, following the departmental policies while maintaining a high standard of professionalism.

It is impossible to recap everything that an officer does on their day to day operations while on duty. This report is a descriptive summary of activity and several services provided to the Brunswick Hills Community, Residents and Guests.

We have some very dedicated men and women at the Brunswick Hills Police Department that are committed in providing the best possible police service to you. It is our goal to continue to grow and build our police department's relationships with the public through our integrity and respect for the community.

I look forward to continuing to lead this Department while working together to keep everyone safe and secure.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Sopkovich

Chief of Police



Brunswick Hills Township

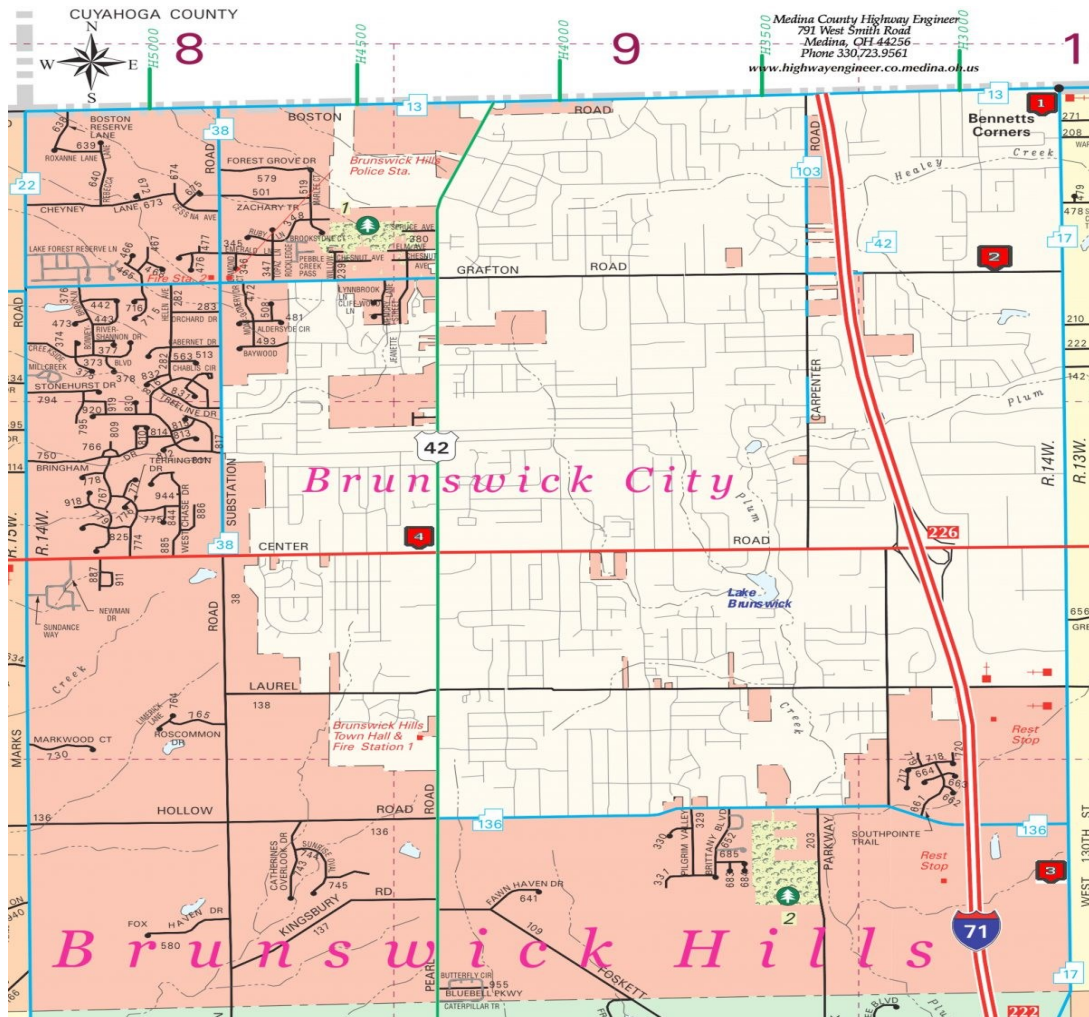
Medina County, Ohio 44212

10,760 as of July 1, 2020 —ohio.hometownlocator.com

12.1 square miles— Census Reporter (2019)

5,466 - (2000) brunswickhillstwp.org - Comprehensive Use

Brunswick Hills Township was originally called Brunswick Township, and under the latter name was established in 1818. It was refounded as Brunswick Hills Township in 1960



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"Enrichment Through Diversity"

Established 1960



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DEPARTMENT VALUES :

PROFESSIONALISM

We take pride in ourselves, our profession and our community. Working as a team, we will be role models for our community by enthusiastically excelling in quality performance.

RESPECT

We consistently treat all people with dignity, compassion, courtesy, and without prejudice. We will protect the constitutional and civil rights of everyone through impartial enforcement of the law.

INTEGRITY

We uphold the public trust by being honest, competent, and consistent in our belief and actions. We hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct.

DEDICATION

We dedicate ourselves to improve the quality of life by developing a partnership with the community. We are committed to protecting life and property, reducing fear, and providing a safe environment for all.

EXCELLENCE

We hold ourselves to the highest standards of law enforcement. We will continuously improve the quality of our services through education, training and development.



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Agency Organizational Chart

Chief

Tim Sopkovich #1301

Lieutenant

Vacant #1305

Patrol Sergeants

Sgt. Piekut #1309

Sgt. Sanford #1307

Sgt. Salveter #1306

Patrol

Ptl. Stask #1311

Ptl. Balli #1312

Ptl. Fisher #1317

Ptl. Makrinos #1323

Ptl. Kashi #1319

Ptl. Domingez #1321

Ptl. Getto #1316

Ptl. Milford #1320

Ptl. Nicolai #1318

SRO Ptl. Walsh #1325

Part-Time Patrol

Ptl. Chalupa #1322

Admin Secretary

Ellen Young

The Brunswick Hills Police Department patrol unit is made up of three (3) full-time Patrol Sergeants and ten (10) full-time patrolmen with one (1) part-time patrolman.

There are 3 eight-hour shifts with one Sergeant and three patrolmen assigned to each shift.

These uniformed Sergeants and patrolman are dedicated to all patrol duties responding to all emergencies and calls for services.

The Reserve and Auxiliary Officers are assigned to various community events and assist during emergencies.

Auxiliary Officers

Aux. Ofc. Davidson #1345

Aux. Ofc. Brubeck #1346

Aux. Ofc. Asad #1347

Aux. Ofc. Barnhardt #1348

Reserve Officers hold the same Ohio Peace Officers Certifications as the full-time officers.

Reserve Ptl.

Ted Makrinos Sr. #1354

Bryan Ryks #1355

Joe Manning #1356



PROMOTIONS / APOINTMENTS



On March 23, 2021 Przemyslaw Piekut who has been serving the Brunswick Hills Community since 2014 was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.



Ptl. Ted Makrinos was appointed as BHPD K9 Handler. Ptl. Makrinos completed 8 weeks of specialized police canine training with K9 Ajgo.



Both Ptl. Ray Nicolai and Ptl. Nick Balli were appointed to the Medina County Sheriff's SWAT team after successfully passing the mandatory SWAT qualifications.



BHPD Patrolman Appointments



Ptl. Nicholas Kashi - March 23, 2021.

Ptl. Jared Dressler—December 28, 2021

Ptl. Michale Fairhurst—December 28, 2021



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Accreditation

Governor Kasich signed executive order 2015-04k on April 29, 2015. That executive order created the Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board (Collaborative). The Collaborative is a multidiscipline group consisting of a diverse group of Ohioans including, law enforcement, community members, elected officials, academia and the faith-based community. The Collaborative was created after the Governor's Task Force on Community Police Relations completed its work and produced a report with recommendations on how to improve the important relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

At the end of 2015 , the department began the process of achieving the Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board accreditation.

2017– Final Certification

- **Use of Force/Deadly Force**
- **Recruitment and Hiring**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Body Worn Cameras**

2020 Full Certification

- **Bias-Free Policing**
- **Investigating Employee Misconduct**
- **Vehicle pursuits**
- **Executive Order— Use of Force/Deadly Force**

2021

- **Law Enforcement Response to Mass Protests/Demonstrations**
- **Agency Wellness Standards**
- **BWC Grant**



The **Brunswick Hills Police Department Policy Manual** provides the framework to perform our law enforcement mission. These policies have been established as a result of an ever-changing assimilation of legal and best practice principles in the law enforcement profession. Police department employees must read and sign that they have knowledge of the policy standards along with maintaining proficiency by taking monthly training by completing quizzes.

In March of 2021 Brunswick Hills Police Department was congratulated on earning the Gold Recognition for 2020 as part of the Lexipol Connect Customer Recognition program. This was earned by the dedication to the policy maintenance conducted by the Department and adhering to the yearly and monthly training requirements.



Accountability

Pursuits : Vehicle pursuits expose innocent citizens, law enforcement officers and fleeing violators to the risk of serious injury or death. The primary purpose of the Brunswick Hills Police policy is to provide patrolman with guidance in balancing the safety of the public and themselves against law enforcement's duty to apprehend violators of the law. Another purpose of the policy is to minimize the potential for pursuit-related collisions. Vehicle pursuits require patrolman to exhibit a high degree of common sense and sound judgment. Patrolmen must not forget that the immediate apprehension of a suspect is generally not more important than the safety of the public and pursuing patrolman (ORC § 2935.031).

In 2021 the Brunswick Hills Police Department assisted with 1 vehicle pursuits that was reviewed.

The Pursuit took place on August 22 at 4:40 am BHPD Officer assisted the Ohio State Highway patrol with a traffic stop that was going north bound on Pearl Road towards Boston Rd. BHPD officers were in the area the pursuit was heading and were instructed by their on duty supervisor to attempt to deploy stop sticks (Tire Deflation Device). The Stop stick were placed across the roadway and successfully deflated the two front tires of the vehicle. The incident was reviewed by a BHPD supervisor gathering the vehicle / body camera footage, reports, and evidence. The officers actions were in compliance with the Brunswick Hills Police Pursuit policy and no further action was taken.

Use of Force/Deadly Force: The use of force by law enforcement personnel is a matter of critical concern, both to the public and to the law enforcement community. Patrolmen are involved on a daily basis in numerous and varied interactions and, when warranted, may use reasonable force in carrying out their duties. Patrolmen must have an understanding of, and true appreciation for, their authority and limitations. This is especially true with respect to overcoming resistance while engaged in the performance of law enforcement duties. The Brunswick Hills Police Department recognizes and respects the value of all human life and dignity without prejudice to anyone. Vesting patrolman with the authority to use reasonable force and to protect the public welfare requires monitoring, evaluation, and a careful balancing of all interests.

In 2021 the Brunswick Hills Police Department had 3 Use of Force incidents and 0 Deadly Force incidents. The 3 incidents were when officers were arresting individuals and had to utilize the arm bar technique. All incidents were reviewed by a supervisor and all the officers actions were in compliance with the Brunswick Hills Police policy and no further action was taken

All BHPD officers received 8 hours of training in use of force defensive tactics and use of force. Officers reviewed the Use of Force Policies, completed Monthly Daily Training Bulletins (DTB'S), and qualification's with their weapons and Taser.

Officer Complaints / Discipline

Officer complaint: 0 There were no formal complaints filed against BHPD Officers or investigations in 2021.

On Duty Motor Vehicle Accident: 1— A on duty Officer was operating a department vehicle that was involved in a motor vehicle accident. The incident was reviewed by a BHPD supervisor gathering the vehicle / body camera footage, reports, and evidence. The Officer was rear ended while on a traffic stop by an individual riding a bicycle. The officers actions were in compliance with the Brunswick Hills Police policy and no further action was taken

On Duty Injury: 1— During training with the Medina County Sheriff's SWAT Team, A BHPD SWAT officer sustained an injury to his left eye when conducting force on force training with simunitions rounds. The officer recovered from his injuries all training safety equipment and training weapons will be evaluated to prevent this from occurring in the future.



Brunswick Hills Police Department Operates on 3 Police Levies

2002 Continuing -2.25 Millage—\$516,000.00

2008 Continuing –3.00 Millage—\$799,200.00

2021 5 year– Exp. 2026- 2.50 Millage—\$804,100.00

Total —\$2,119,300.00

Brunswick Hills Township Property Tax

General Fund - 1.40 Mills- \$405,700.00

Roads & Bridges —1.20 Mills -\$347,700.00

Fire– 5.20 Mills - \$1,293,500.00

Medina County Budget Commission Estimated Resources for 1-1-2020

Tax Distribution for Brunswick Hills

Brunswick City Schools 66.92 Mills— 59.84%

Brunswick Hills Township—15.55 Mills—20.57%

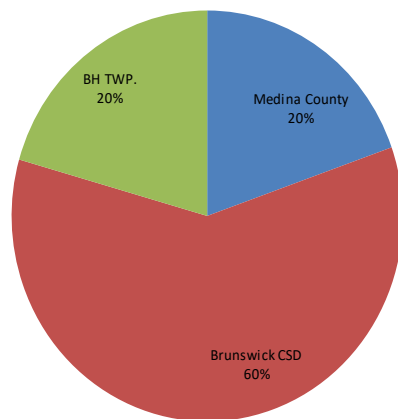
Medina County—9.04 Mills—12.02%

Medina County JVSD — 3.05 Mills —3.21%

Medina County Library—2.15 Mills—3.04%

Medina County Park Dist. —1.00 Mills—1.31%

Medina County Auditors Office 1-14-2021



2021 Appropriations

Final Appropriation **\$2,334,100.00**

Expenditures as of 12-22-21 - 86.543% - \$2,039,657.07 -

Unencumbered Balance \$211,178.01

2020 Appropriations

Final Appropriation \$2,196,400.00

2020 Expenditures \$1,755,963.78

2019 Appropriations

Final Appropriation \$2,126,200.00

2019 Expenditures \$1,856,148.13

2018 Appropriations

Final Appropriation \$1,985,800.00

2018 Expenditures \$1,755,245.00

2017 Appropriations

Final Appropriation \$1,935,850.00

2017 Expenditures \$1,507,290.02

2016 Appropriations

Final Appropriation \$1,581,850.00

2016 Expenditures \$1,278,007.86

2015 Appropriations

Final Appropriation \$1,670,675.78

2015 Expenditures \$1,319,639.59

2014 Appropriations

Final Appropriation \$1,624,155.88

2014 Expenditures \$1,491,007.70



Top 2021 Expenditures

<u>12-31-2021</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Salaries	\$ 1,173,840.50	\$ 1,065,941.72
Hospitalization	\$ 361,285.00	\$ 315,275.29
OPERS Retirement	\$ 180,501.43	\$ 177,386.90
Other Salaries	\$	\$30,307.35
Machinery Equipment	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 24,431.65
Payment to Political Sub.	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 71,738.92
Operating Fuel	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 33,009.12
Prof. Tech Svcs.	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 30,694.49
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,817.84



Past Top 2020 Expenditures

<u>12-31-2020</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Salaries	\$ 1,076,873.17	\$ 95,936.84
Hospitalization	\$ 365,000.00	\$ 281,110.89
OPERS Retirement	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 154,731.72
Machinery Equipment	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,795.35
Payment to Political Sub.	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 59,696.26
Operating Fuel	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 24,241.06
Motor Vehicle	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,260.00
Prof. Tech Svcs.	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 22,352.74
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,821.06



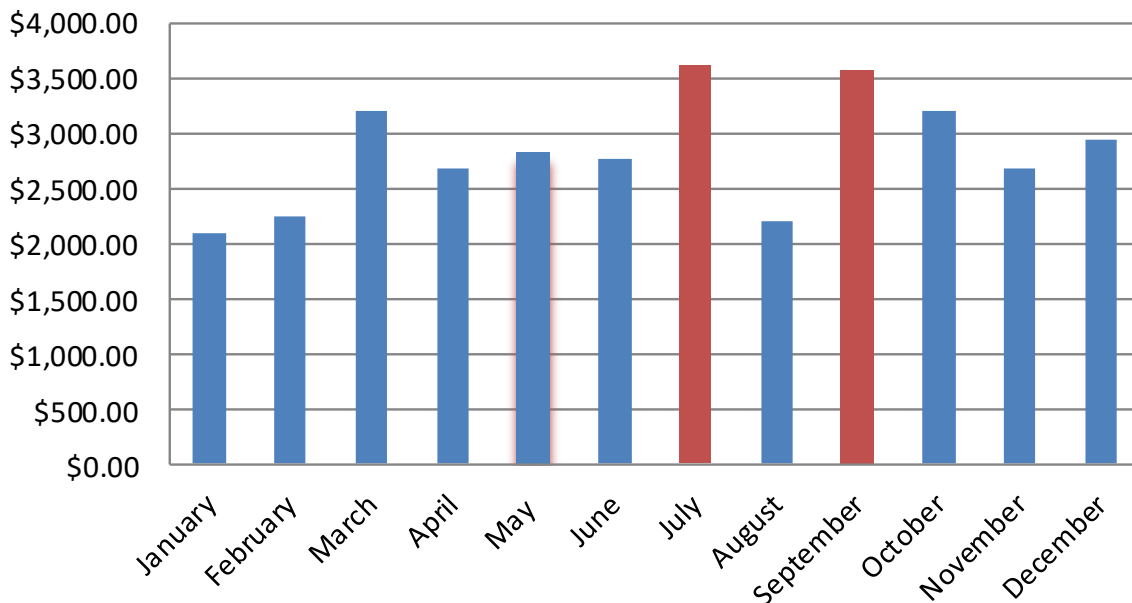
Vehicles

The Brunswick Hills Police Department currently has 10 marked patrol vehicles and 2 unmarked vehicles.

In 2021 the Police Department spent \$20,817.84 in vehicle maintenance and repairs on the patrol vehicles.



2021 Apprx. Fuel Cost \$33,993.15



Patrol Vehicle Miles

The Brunswick Hills Police Departments Total miles driven on patrol in 2021 is approximately 169,180 miles. This is almost 463 miles of patrol per day in a 24-hour time period.

Unit	Year/Model	10/27/21 Mileage	11/20/2020 Mileage	Total
1	2018 Fusion	34,254	27,385	6,869
2	2014 Explorer	118,643	112,390	6,253
3	2011 Expedition	157,896	135,005	22,891
4	2020 Explorer	36,859	13,970	22,889
5	2014 Explorer	134,732	124,592	10,140
6	2016 Impala	104,133	87,019	17,114
7	2021 Tahoe	1,039	0	1,039
8	2017 Explorer	106,864	87,373	19,491
9	2020 Explorer	41,217	25,151	16,066
10	2018 Explorer	75,000	52,197	22,803
11	2020 Explorer	8,239	0	8,239
12	2019 Tahoe	22,386	7,000	15,386



Time of Calls for Service

In **2021** Brunswick Hills Police Department handled **6869**

1st. Shift 0600-1400 2294

2nd Shift 1400-2200 2806

3rd. Shift 2200-0600 1769

2020 Brunswick Hills Police Department handled **6082**

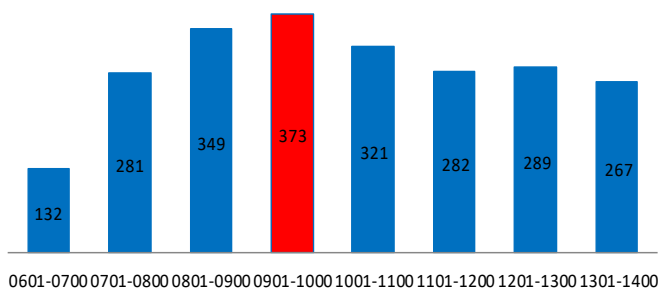
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2nd Shift 1400-2200 2313

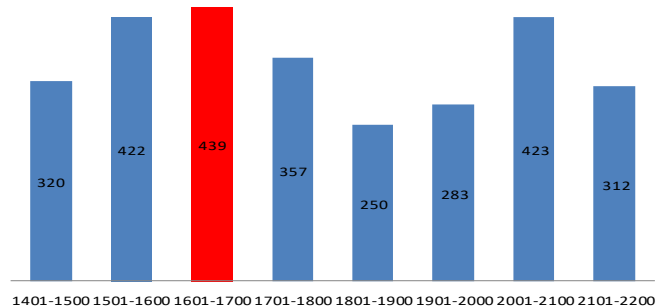
3rd. Shift 2200-0600 1384

Dispatched calls in 2019—6968—2018—7976

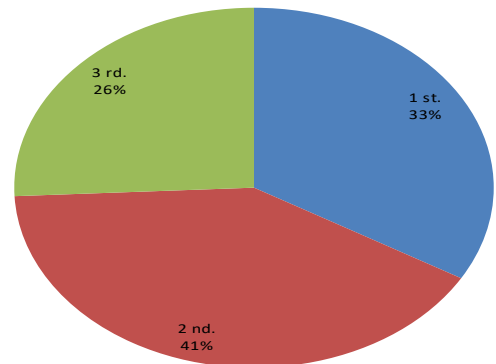
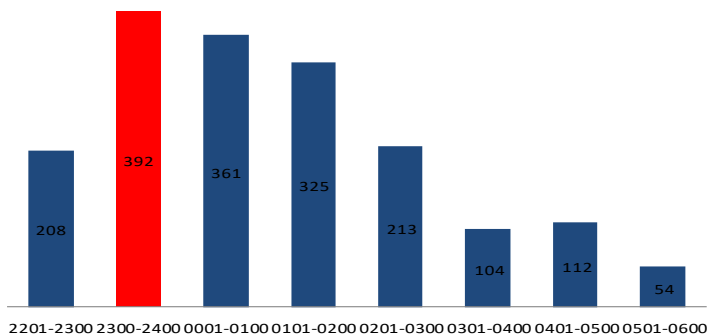
1st Shift Hourly Calls for Service Breakdown



2nd. Shift Hourly Calls for Service Breakdown



3rd. Shift Hourly Calls for Service Breakdown

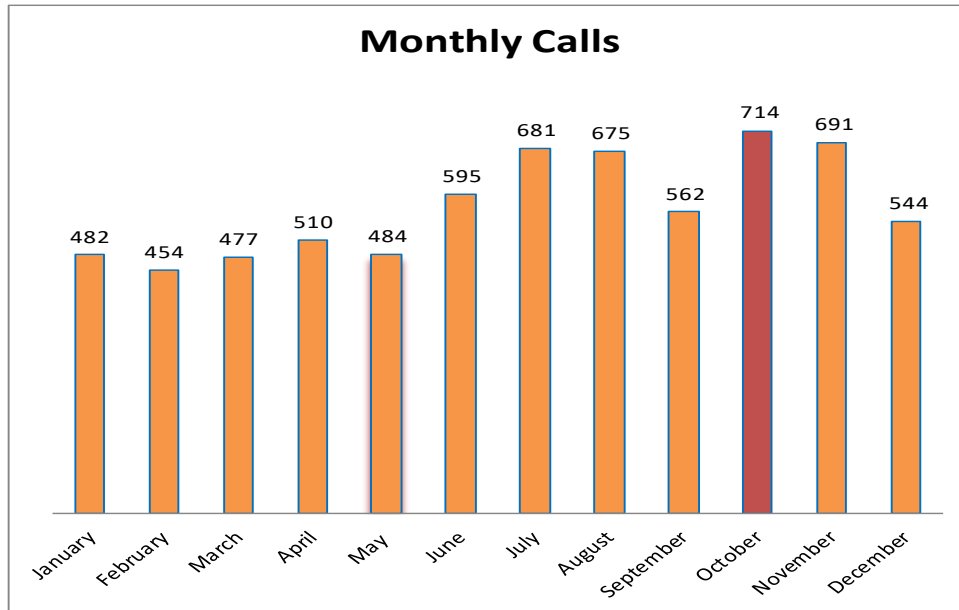


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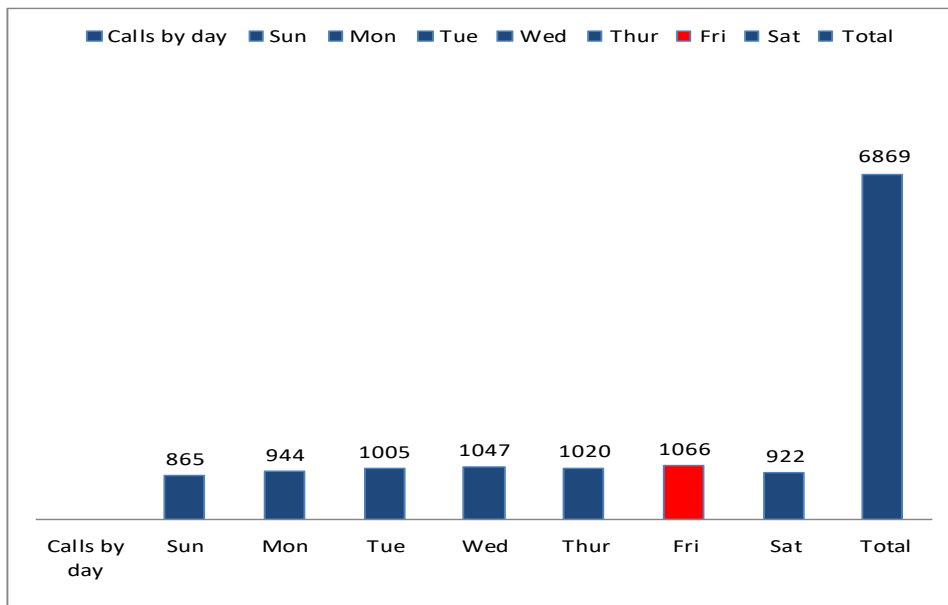
Monthly Calls for Service

The Brunswick Hills Police Departments average response time to calls was 3.85 minutes.



The Average total time on each call was 18.5 minutes.

CALLS BY DAY

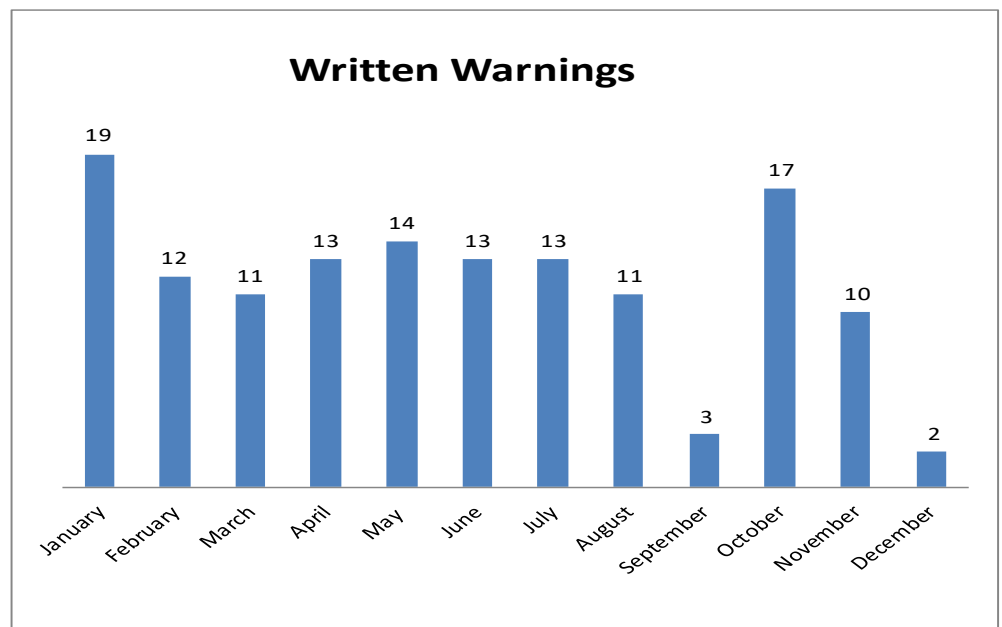
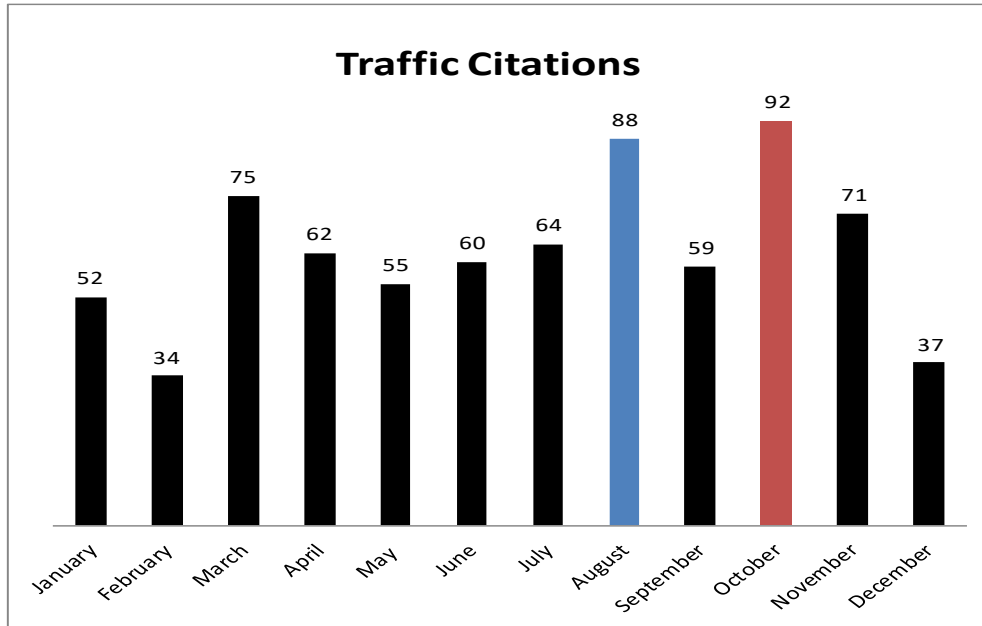


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Calls for Service Continued

Brunswick Hills Police Officers conducted **1267** traffic stops issuing **749** traffic citations, **138** written warnings.



ACCIDENTS

The Police Department handled a total of **141** motor vehicle accidents , **24** of those accidents people were injured and transported to the Hospital.

Accidents on main roads

Pearl Rd. —15

Substation Rd.—8

Marks RD. —10

Boston Rd. —5

Sleepy Hollow-10

Laurel—1

Grafton—4

I71—7

Center Rd.—15

Misc—8

07- Private Property Accidents **0—** Fatality



DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS

Substation / Center Rd. —9

Marks / Center — 17

Marks / Grafton —3

Pearl / Grafton —4

Pearl / Boston — 6

Pearl/Sleepy—5

Marks/Sleepy—1

Sub/Grafton—7



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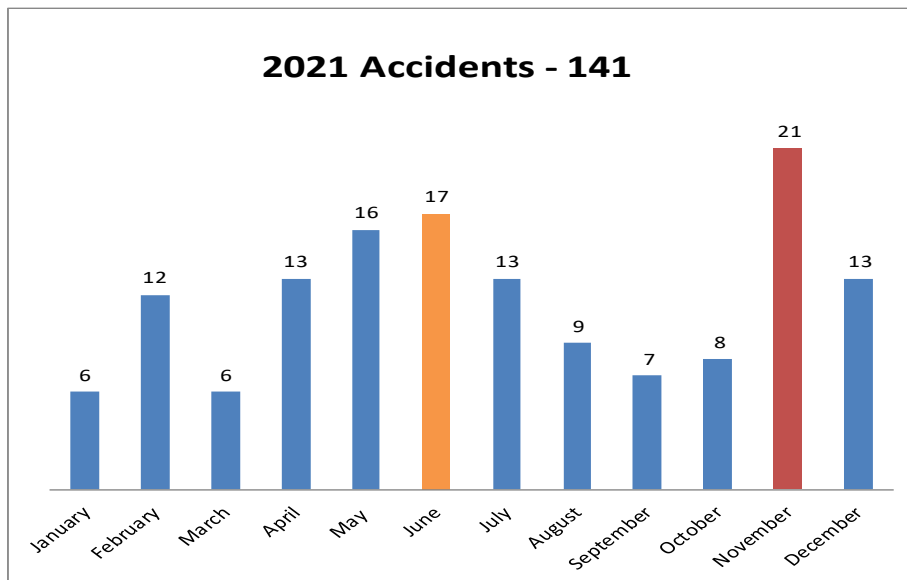
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Accidents

Ohio State Highway Patrol reported 1,358 Traffic Fatalities in Ohio.

Medina County had a total of 2,871 reported Traffic accidents.

12% of the Traffic Accidents in Brunswick Hills occurred between 2 PM and 6 PM.



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OVI ENFORCEMENT

BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT (B.A.C)

The B.A.C. Datamaster is an Infrared Electronic Breath Alcohol Measuring Instrument used for determining the alcohol concentration in a person's breath. The B.A.C Datamaster is approved by the National Traffic Safety Administration and by the Ohio Courts. The B.A.C. Datamaster measures the grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath. The B.A.C. Datamaster is an essential tool used for the prosecution of impaired drivers and for the prosecution of underage consumption. In the State of Ohio, the Prima Facie Evidence for a subject under the influence of alcohol is .08 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.

The B.A.C. Datamaster instrument check is required every seven days, not to exceed 192 hours. The operation and instrument checks are overseen by Sgt. Salveter. The instrument checks are done to ensure the integrity of the tests and the instrument. Brunswick Hills Police Officer are all Senior Operators that have been certified by the Ohio Department of Health.

Brunswick Hills PD—28 Medina County SO— 2 Ohio Highway Patrol—2
Arrests —32 Male— 23 Female— 9



Break Down of B.A.C. Results

Under .08 — 2

.08 to .169 — 6

.170 and up—14

Refusals— 9

Error— 1

Highest Test Results—Female .322

BHPD TOP OVI'S

Ptl. Balli - 7 OVI arrests

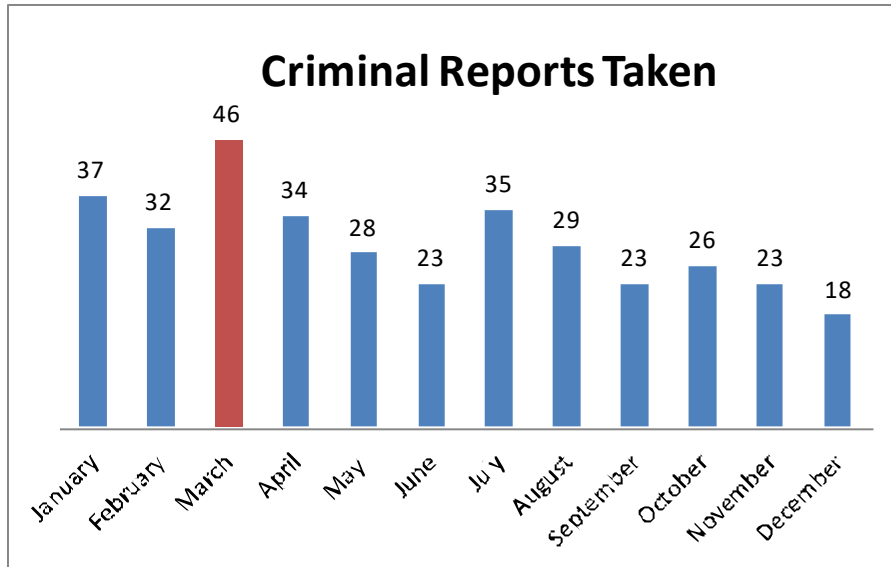
Ptl. Getto -8 OVI Arrests with 2 Felony Arrest resulting in vehicle forfeitures



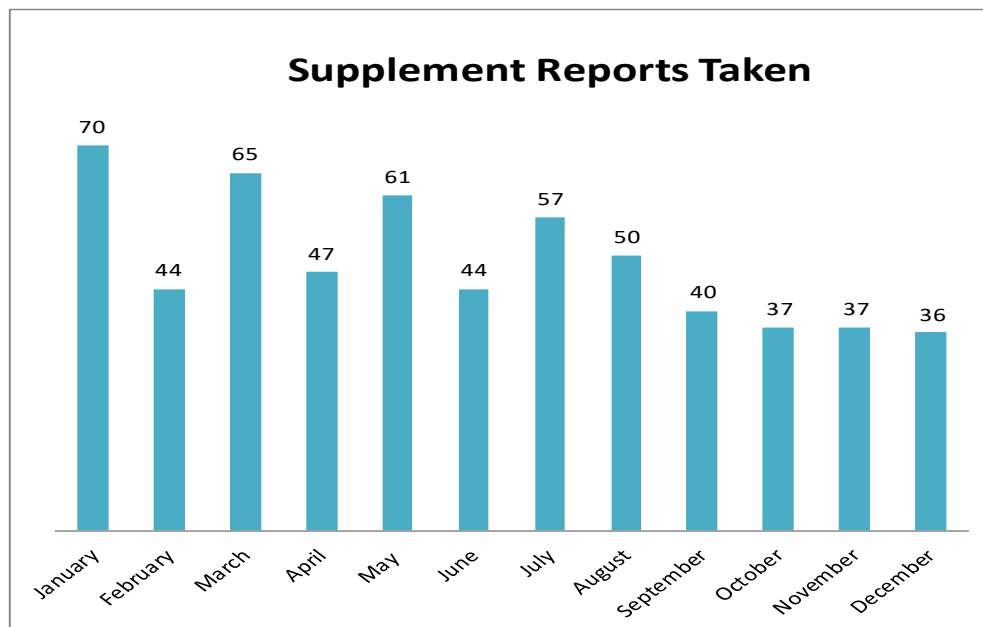
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354 Criminal Reports



588 Supplement Reports



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Types of Calls for Service

Calls for Service: 01/01/2021 Through 12/31/2021

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS 845

SUICIDE

ABANDONED VEHICLE 2

ACCIDENT HIT SKIP 12

ACCIDENT INJURY SQUAD CALL 22

ACCIDENT INJURY I71 ACCIDENT INJURY 24

ACCIDENT NO INJURY SQUAD CALL 110

ACCIDENT PRIVATE PROPERTY 7

ALARM AUTO 5

ALARMS POLICE RELATED ALARM 166

ANIMAL CONTROL 121

ANIMAL/MISC. 20

ASSAULT SQUAD CALL 3

ASSIST OTHER PD 8

ASSIST RESCUE SQUAD 0

ATTEMPTED B&E 1

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE SQUAD CALL 3

BAR CHECK 3

BICYCLE VIOLATION 1

BREAKING AND ENTERING 4

BURGLARY 4

BURGLARY IN PROGRESS 0

BUSINESS CHECK 671

BUSINESS FOLLOW UP 2

CAR SEAT INSPECTION 10

CARB MONOXIDE NO SYMPTOMS CARB 0

CARB MONOXIDE W/SYMPTOMS CARB 0

CHILD ABUSE 1

CITIZENS MISC. 76

CIVIL MATTER 32

COMPLAINT AGAINST OFFICER 0

COURT 27

CRIMINAL DAMAGE 28

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 6

DEBRIS ON STREET 40

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION 30

DETAIL ADMINISTRATIVE 11

DETAIL NON-TRAFFIC 175

DETAIL TRAFFIC 19

DIRT BIKES 10

DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE 86

DISCHARGING FIREARM / WEAP 6

DISORDERLY CONDUCT SQUAD CALL 6

DISTURBANCE 70

DOA AND BODY FOUND SQUAD CALL 5

DOMESTIC DISPUTE 25

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 5

DOMESTIC/ COURT ORDERS 22

DRUG ABUSE 4

DUI/ALCOHOL 15

DUMPING 3

E911 PERSONAL WELFARE CHK 44

FAMILY OFFENSE 2

ESCORT 2

FIGHT 2

FINGERPRINTS 12

FIRE STRUCTURE 2

FIREWORKS 31

FLOODING 2

FOLLOW INVESTIGATION 267

FOOT PATROL 29

FORGERY 1

FOUND PROPERTY 15

FRAUD 32

GAS LEAK-INSIDE GAS LEAK-INSIDE 1

GAS LEAK-OUTSIDE GAS LEAK-OUTSIDE 1

HARASSMENT 48 HOT RIDDING 1

IDENTITY THEFT 30

INDECENT EXPOSURE 1

IMMOBILIZATION 1

JUVENILES 35



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Types of Calls for Service

LOCK-OUT VEHICLE 97	SOLICITING 6
LOCKOUT HOME 2	SPECIAL ATTENTION 304
LOST PROPERTY 8	STALKING 3
LOUD NOISE 61	STREETS\SERVICE 4
LOUD PARTY 6	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY 55
MENACING 4	SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE/POWDER 1
MENTAL 18	SUSPICIOUS PERSON(S) 70
MISC. MISC. 35	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE SQUAD CALL 169
MISSING PERSON 13	SWAT CALL OUT 2
NEIGHBOR TROUBLE 39	THEFT-CREDIT CARD 1
NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK 503	THEFT/ FREE TEXT 30
NOTIFICATIONS 17	THEFT/ FROM AUTO 6
NSF CHECK 1	THEFT/ MOTOR VEHICLE 5
ODORS ODORS 6	TRAFFIC ALTERCATION 4
OPEN BURNING 4	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT MISC 33
OPEN DOOR/WINDOW 10	TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES 3
PARKING VIOLATION 41	TRAFFIC SPEED COMPLAINT 9
PATROL PARK 110	TRAFFIC STOP 1297
PEACE OFFICER 38	TRAINING/ IN SERVICE 7
PERSON WITH GUN 0	TRANSPORT BY POLICE 16
PEDESTRIAN VIOLATION 4	TRANSPORTED TO COUNTY JAIL 1
PREVENTATIVE PATROL 1	TRESPASSING 22
PROWLER 3	UNAUTHORIZED USE 0
PRISONER PROCESSING/RELEAS 12	UNRULY JUVENILE 13
PUBLIC ASSIST PUBLIC ASSIST 2	VANDALISM 3
PURSUIT 1	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE/WASH 3
RECKLESS OPERATION ACCIDENT 58	WARRANT 15
RECOVERED PROPERTY 2	WATER PROBLEM 4
REGISTRAION CHECK 16	WELFARE CHECK 154
SALVATION ARMY REF. 1	WEATHER EVENT 6
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER 47	WIRES DOWN WIRES DOWN 4
SEX OFFENSE 9	
SHIFT OBJECTIVRE 9	
SHOTS FIRED 4	
SHOOTING 1	
SNOW ICE 6	



SENIOR WATCH PROGRAM / OTHER SERVICES

“Check-In” program is when he/she will designate a day and time to call or check in with the Brunswick Hills Police Department. If the call is missed, a Police Representative will call back as soon as possible or, if phone contact is not made, visit the home to check on the resident. The benefit of this program is that the resident doesn't have to be home to call in.

“Elderly Call” program is where the senior citizen is part of our “elderly call” list. On Tuesday and Friday (between 8:00 am – 11:00 am) the police department will call the “residents homes” to check on their welfare. Again, if no contact is made an officer will be sent to the home to check on their welfare.

“Senior Watch” program is for seniors who may need our help more than others. These seniors may not have family to check on them or provide assistance. The Police Department or a designated volunteer would visit the resident once a week (or more) to check on their welfare.

Internet Purchase Exchange Location

To help citizens complete transactions safely, the Police Department highly recommends meeting in a highly visible location, public places and is offering up its parking lot and lobby as a “Safe Zone” for buyers and sellers of transactions to meet. No appointment is necessary .



Drug Drop Box– BHPD participates in the DEA National RX Take Back. A drug drop box is available 24 hours , 7 days a week in the police departments lobby. The drop box is for pills only. NO Needles and liquids.

Car Seat Inspections- BHPD has 3 officers that are certified Child Safety Seat Technicians through the Safe Kids Worldwide Organization and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Schedule an appointments to have your child car seat inspected and we will also show you how to install the child safety seats.



Community Engagement

BHPD was forced to limit many of our normal events due to the safety of our Residents and Officers during the COVID-19 pandemic. BHPD with the partnership with the Brunswick Hills Police Association were able to safely have our Barktoberfest K9 event that was held outside at Skyview Lodge on October 9th. The event featured BHPD Police K9 officer Ted Makrinos and K9 Ajgo that demonstrated their working relationship and the duties they perform in the Township. The event also allowed many local business's to participate in selling their pet supplies or offer their services and meet new friends in the community.

Events that were forced to be canceled in 2021 due to COVID-19, Easter Bunny Breakfast at the Skyview Lodge, Light-Up the Station, Annual Breakfast With Santa at Riverstone Tavern.



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Community Engagement

School Supply Collection The Brunswick Hills Police Station serves as a drop-off location for school supplies. The collected supplies are provided to students that are in need of them.



Brunswick Hills Police Officers helping to reunite your lost animal companion

Brunswick Hills Police Department has the technology to scan your lost pet dog or cat and if that pet has a microchip the officer will be able to make some phone calls to help reunite the pet with its owner.



Medical Emergency Alert ID Program The Emergency Alert card is an identification card that individuals will keep on them and use in the event of an emergency. The ID card provides first responders with key information on emergency contacts and critical health issues such as medication use, allergies, or pre-existing conditions

Brunswick Hills Food Pantry

The food pantry only exists because of the overwhelming and tremendous support from the Brunswick Hills Residents and the Brunswick Eagles all year around. Donations such as non-perishable food items gift cards and new packaged toys are collected at the Police Department and provided to any family in need.

A big special thank you to everyone that has helped us help those in need.



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Community Engagement



Safety Town - Volunteers from the Brunswick Hills Township assisted with the kids safety town at the Brunswick Middle School. Thank you to PD. Admin. Secretary Ellen Young, TWP. Secretary Amanda Cameron, BHFD Secretary Carol Bianchi, SRO Tom Walsh and Ptl. Wayne Fisher.

Shop with a Cop Medina FOP—

Brunswick Hills Auxiliary Officers Brubeck , Davidson and Barnhardt along with BH TWP. Zoning Inspector Evelin Czyz assisted the kids with their Christmas shopping.



Preschool Safety- Brunswick Hills Police Officers Walsh and Fisher conducted several safety presentations to the our local preschool students.



EAGLES 3505 Christmas Basket Program— Chief Sopkovich along with BHPD Auxiliary Officers helped pack and deliver the baskets on Christmas Eve.



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Medina County Sheriffs SWAT Team

The Brunswick Hills Police Department has members assigned to the Medina County Sheriff's SWAT team. The Team is comprised of 20 officers from 7 different law enforcement agencies in Medina County as well as the Life Support Team through the Cleveland Clinic.

BHPD currently has 3 active SWAT Members on the Team.

Officer Ray Nicolai, Officer Mike Dominguez and Officer Jeremy Milford



Reserve / Auxiliary Unit

Special Thanks to our Reserve/ Auxiliary Branch of the Department

- * Aux. Sergeant Chad Brubeck #1346
- * Aux. Officer Jim Davidson #1345
- * Aux. Officer Ted Asad #1347
- * Aux. Officer Austin Barnhardt #1348
- * Reserve Patrolman Ted Makrinos Sr. #1354
- * Reserve Patrolman Bryan Ryks #1355
- * Reserve Patrolman Joe Manning #1356



These units are used for many things and by multiple Departments in Median County.

- Provide escorts for funerals & parades
- Assists with traffic, special events and emergencies
- The Reserve Unit is on standby to assist the full-time staff
- During extreme weather situations they are out assessing the township, helping clear roads, reporting downed wires and traffic control



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Recognition



Brunswick Hills Police Department takes great pride in helping those in need. This could not and would not be possible without the overwhelming support from our friends and family in the Brunswick Hills community. Special thanks goes out to the following residents and business.

Celeste Compola– Ice Cream Raffles, Donations, Pumpkins

Skyview Lodge– Billy and Linda Hudson

Donations to the BHPD Food Pantry.—**Brunswick Prep Academy**— **Brunswick Eagles** — **Moscarino Group**— **Allen Close, Cleveland Communications**

Cub Scout Pack 3517, Lions, Future Lions and Wolves— For planting the wonderful flowers around the Police Station.

Center Marks Storage– For providing a secure location for extra police equipment and supplies.

Southwest Baptist Church—Kids backpacks/school supplies

Ted Clingan- Utilization of the range for qualifications and specialized training.

Greg/Lori Betz– For allowing us to use their building for Barktoberfest

Evelyn and Ben Czyz– shop with a cop

RED ONION— **Thomas McCarthy**– For their generous Donations to those in need



The 412th Civil Affairs

Battalion -Chief Sopkovich was recognized by the Office of the Secretary of Defense as a Patriotic Employer for contributing to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in American's National Guard and Reserve Force.



Thank you Trustee **Michael Esber** for your years of service to the Township as a Police Liaison.



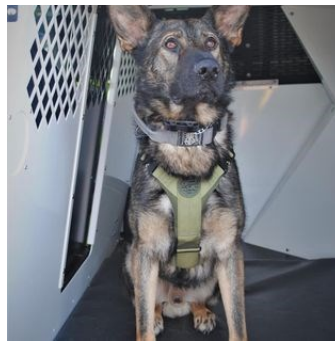
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BHPD K9 Team

In 2021 the Brunswick Hills Police Department reactivating the Police K-9 Unit with Handler Ted Makrinos and K9 AGJO.

The K-9 Team completed 8 weeks of training from Excel K9 Services in the following: Obedience, Agility, Tracking, Article Search, Building Search, Area Search, Aggression Control and Narcotics Detection. The handler Ted Makrinos completed additional training in several areas such as Canine Behavior, Drug Safety, Search Patterns, First Aid, Agitation Decoy, Crowd Control, Tactical Movements, Suspect Control, Legal Search/Seizure and Use of Force. The Police K-9 and handler met and exceed the certification standards set by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and the North American Police Work Dog Association.



Thank you to the non-profit Brunswick Hills Police Association for the generous donations in support of the BHPD K-9 program. Special thanks goes out to the following residents and business that have so kindly donated so far to the Police K-9 program: American Legion 234, American Legion 91, ABC Rental, Architectural Justice, Bil-Jac, Brookpark Warthogs MC, Carlson Funeral Home, Crimcheck, Cleveland Communications, Dog Gone Crazy Inc, Dee's Barber Shop, Paul Gnall's Insurance Agency, Hollos Papercraft, GTB Medical, Forest Hills Association, Tri-S Controls, Gun Owners Legal Defense Network, Santa Frank, The Cleveland Police Foundation, Plumcreek Assisted Living, Red Onion, Timely Construction, Wargo & Wargo LPA, Mike & Katherine Esber, George & Susan Derov, Christina Kusnerak, Bob & Trish Murphy, Sally Kriner, Nancy Van Gieson, Gary Teresi, Kim Bublik, Charles & Patricia Thomas, Thomas & Barbara Waryas, Andy & Madison Janovich, Lisa Budka, Dave Sawyer, James Walsh, John Prior, John & Joan Kipp, Joan Tomazic, Ferris Kleem, Scott & Michelle Craft, Florine Schults, Carol Jordan, Dan & Nancy Ihrig, LL Sumerfield & Detray, Robert & Diane Walker, Terry Smith, Amy Ballinger, Donna Hollo, Barley Jacks, Brady K9 Fund Operations, Happy Pups, Audrey Knight, Bert & June Frantz and Robert Girardi for getting us started back up.



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REMEMBRANCE



Dale Ponsford a retired Brunswick Hills Patrolman and Active Reserve Officer passed away on February 28, 2021.

Dale started his Law Enforcement career in 1987 working part-time with Medina Township Police Department while at the same time working full-time with the State of Ohio as a Corrections Officer. In 1999 Dale was hired to work fulltime with the Brunswick Hills Police Department as a Patrolman. In 2008 and 2011 Dale was selected as Officer of Year and most know for his strict traffic enforcement on the streets in the Hills.

In 2012 Dale retired from his duties as a Patrolman and continued to serve the Brunswick Hills Community as a Reserve Officer assisting at all of the community events.



Retired Brunswick Hills Police K9 Kai passed away on December 01, 2021. K9 Kai served the Brunswick Hills Police Department with K9 Officer Heather Stask and the residents of Brunswick Hills from 2009 to 2012. K9 Kai was trained in Patrol Operations and Narcotics Detection.

Dale Ponsford and K9 Kai will be greatly missed, thank you for your dedicated service and commitment to Brunswick Hills for all of these years.



The 2021 total Police Officer line of Duty Deaths in the United States was 487, 6 of the Deaths were in Ohio.

More than 25,000 officers have died in the line of duty in the United States since 1776. Please go to the Officer Down Memorial website at www.odmp.org to review our Fallen Heroes.



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BHPD PAST



In 1978 The Brunswick Hills Police Department was formed as a part time department supplementing the Medina County Sheriff's Office. As the township grew and the need for police services became more frequent the agency became a full time 24 hour a day 7 days a week 365 days a year law enforcement agency. The original police department was housed in The Brunswick Hills Fire Department Building #1 until moving to it's current location on Substation Rd. in 1995

BHPD Past CHIEF'S



Chief Frank C. Sebesta—1978 to 1980

Chief Allen Warchak –1980 to 1993



Chief Robert Osiecki –1993 to 2008



Chief Sharon McKay—2009 to 2014



BHPD Future



In January of 2022 Ptl. Wayne Fisher will be assigned to the Brunswick City School District as BHPD School Resource Officer. Ptl. Fisher is assigned to the Medina County Child Abduction Response Team (CART), Field Training Officer (FTO), Child Seat Technician, and has been with the Department since 2008.

Equipment and Technology Upgrades

Upgrade the current officers body cameras and in-car video systems. The Police Department has utilized both body worn and vehicle cameras for years. The current system has been failing the department when it comes to its reliability. A Body Worn grant was submitted in 2021 and hopefully the Department will be awarded some funding for the upgrades.

Also in 2021 a Grant was submitted for funding for an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS). Currently Sgt. Sanford is certified by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate the UAS and Ptl. Zachery Getto will be completing his certification to also become an operator. If awarded the grant this will allow the purchase of an UAS that will assist with many police operations.

The 2 marked police patrol vehicles that were purchased in 2021 will be equipped and added to the fleet. They will replace Unit 3 and 5 that were already taken out of service.

TRAINING

For calendar year 2022, all BHPD peace officers must receive 24 hours of Continuing Professional Training (CPT). The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) has approved the broad categories in which the required training must be completed. Sixteen hours of CPT must come from the following list:

- Diversity, Inclusion, Equity: 4 hours (mandatory)
- Responding to Mental Health: 4 hours
- Use of Force: 4 hours
- Legal Updates: 4 hours
- Officer Personal Wellness: 4 hours
- Responding to Sexual Assaults: 4 hours
- Domestic Violence: 4 hours



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