

# **BRUNSWICK HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**



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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 2023 Annual report for the Brunswick Hills Police Department.

I commend all the officers for their acts of courage, compassion and dedicated service to the Brunswick Hills community. I am extremely proud of the professionalism and teamwork the officers demonstrated over this past year. They have conducted numerous dangerous calls for service protecting those in need, keeping the peace and adhering to the rule of law.

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

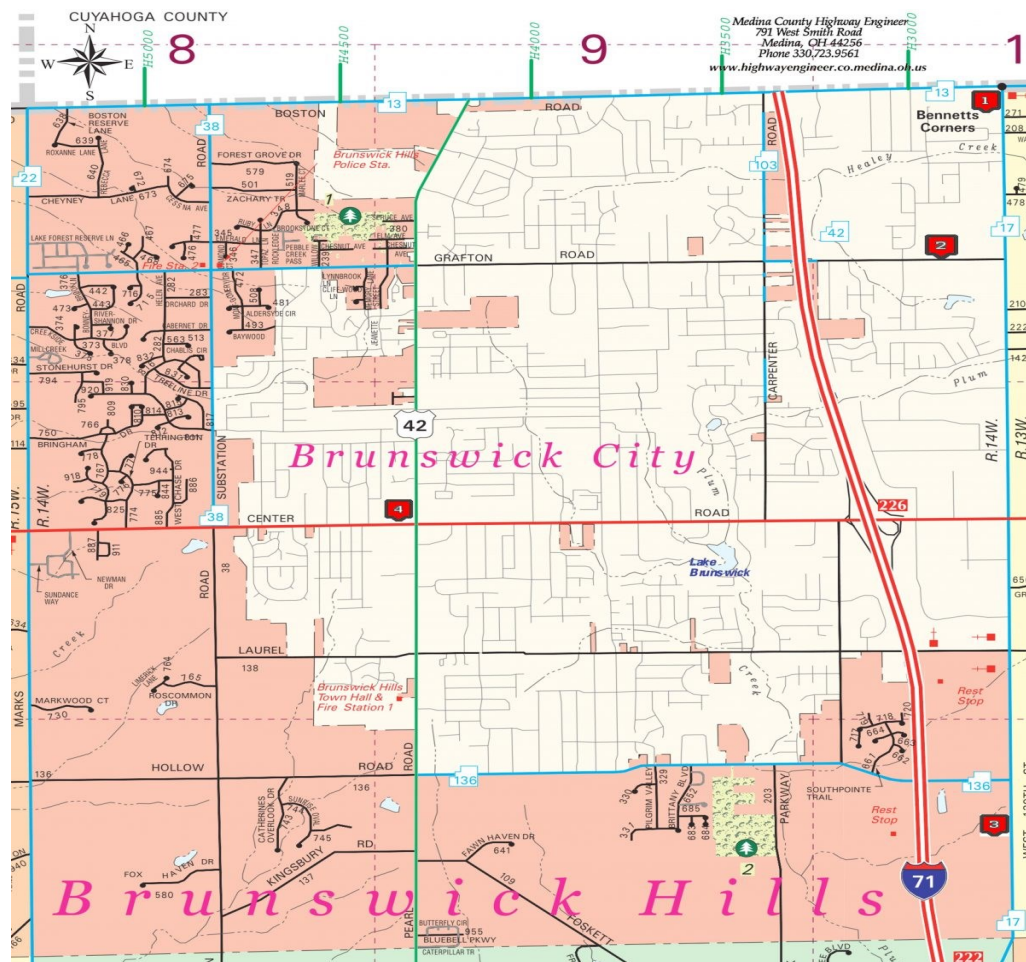
## Medina County, Ohio 44212

11,196 Population ~ \*Census data ACS 2020 5-Year

4,224 ~ Total Households \*2022 American Community Survey

12.5~ Square Miles \*Census Reporter (2019)

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



Brunswick Hills Township

"Enrichment Through Diversity"

Established 1960



Brunswick Hills Police Department 2023 Annual Report



## 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.





# Agency Organizational Chart

## Chief

Tim Sopkovich #1301

## Lieutenant

Vacant #1305

## Patrol Sergeants

Sgt. Piekut #1309

Sgt. Sanford #1307

Sgt. Milford #1308

## Detective

Vacant #1310

## Patrol

Ptl. Stask #1311

Ptl. Getto #1316

Ptl. Fisher #1317

Ptl. Nicolai #1318

Ptl. Fairhurst #1319

Vacant #1320

Ptl. Domingez #1321

Ptl. Makrinos #1323

Ptl. Dressler #1324

Ptl. Charney #1315

Ptl. Neagu #1325

## Part-Time Patrol

Ptl. Manning #1312

## 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 two (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

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

## Reserve Ptl.

Ted Makrinos Sr. #1354

Bryan Ryks #1355

Chalupa #1322

Barnhardt #1348

## Tactical EMS

Vacant #1360

Vacant #1361

Vacant #1362



# PROMOTIONS / APPOINTMENTS / ANNIVERSARYS



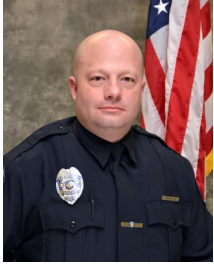
Brunswick Hills Police Officer Heather Stask completed her 25th Anniversary. Officer Stask grew up in the Brunswick area and graduated from Brunswick High School in 1991. After High School Officer Stask wanted to get into Law Enforcement and joined the Medina Township Police Departments Cadet program. In 1992 she enlisted into the United States Air Force where she was assigned to Security Police as a Law Enforcement Specialist and was Honorable Discharged in 1994.

In 1995 Heather completed the Ohio Peace Officers Basic Training at the Medina Career Center. That same year she was hired by the Medina Township Police Department as a Police Officer. In 1996 Heather established the first K9 officer team with Medina Township with the a dual purpose police K9 in both patrol and narcotics.

In 1998 Heather was hired by the Brunswick Hills Police Department bringing over her experience and working knowledge with a K9 partner and established the Brunswick Hills first K9 program. Over the years Heather 's K9 partners from 1998 to 2012 were Hawke, Falcon, Kai, Taser and Boomer, they have all faithfully served this community.



# PROMOTIONS / APPOINTMENTS / ANNIVERSARYS



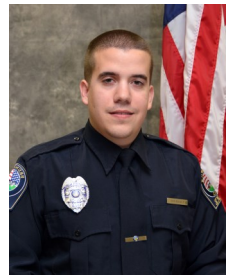
**Brunswick Hills Officer Wayne Fisher completed his 15th Anniversary.**

**Officer Fisher graduated from the Tri- C Police academy in 1999. Officer Fisher has prior law enforcement experience with Medina Twp. PD, Tri-C Police and Hinckley PD prior to starting at Brunswick Hills in 2008.**



**Brunswick Hills Sergeant Pzemyslaw Piekut completed his 10th Anniversary.**

**Sgt. Piekut graduated from the Medina County Career Center Police academy in 2012. Sgt. Piekut has prior law enforcement experience with Highland Hills PD prior to starting at Brunswick Hills in 2014.**



**Brunswick Hills K9 Officer Ted Makrinos completed his 10th Anniversary.**

**Officer Makrinos graduated from the Polaris Career Center Police academy in 2013. Taking his first job in law enforcement with the Brunswick Hills in 2014.**



**Brunswick Hills Officer Brian Charney completed his lateral transfer training along with completing his one year probation period.**

**Officer Charney graduated from the Cleveland Police academy in 2001. Officer Charney has over 20 years of law enforcement experience with Cleveland PD prior to starting at Brunswick Hills in 2022.**



**Brunswick Hills Officer Adrian Neagu completed his lateral transfer training along with completing his one year probation period.**

**Officer Neagu graduated from the Cleveland Police academy in 1997. Officer Neagu has 25 years of law enforcement experience with Cleveland PD prior to starting at Brunswick Hills in 2022.**

**The Police Department is extremely fortunate to have these officers serving this community with her hard work, dedication and professionalism.**





# 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 2023 Brunswick Hills Police Department was congratulated on earning another Gold Recognition award from Lexipol Connect. This was earned by the dedication to the policy maintenance conducted by the Department and adhering to the yearly and monthly training requirements.



# Accountability

**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.

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.

**In 2023 the Brunswick Hills Police Department had 0 Use of Force incidents and 0 Deadly Force incidents.**

**Officer complaint:** 1 complaint was filed against a Police Supervisor. The complaint was investigated criminally by another law enforcement agency and determined no criminal charges will be filed. The case was also investigated internally for department chares and was found to be unfounded with no discipline action taken.

3- Other officer complaints were filed investigated and were unfounded with no disciplinary action taken.

**On Duty Motor Vehicle Accident /No Injuries: 0**

**On Duty Injury: 0**



# Training

## OPOTA Mandatory CPT Training

For calendar year 2023, BHPD Officers must receive a total of 24 hours of CPT to keep their certification.

Eight of the twenty-four hours must be completed on the three topics mandated by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC). The topics, and minimum hour requirement for each topic, are as follows:

- School Threat and Safety Training (3 hours)
- Legal Updates (3 hours)
- Arrest, Search, and Seizure (2 hours)

The remaining 16 hours of CPT are also mandatory. However, these 16 hours can be on any topic that meets the requirements of OAC 109:2-18-03, is approved by your agency administrator, and pre-approved by OPOTC. All 24 hours of training was completed by BHPD officers on OPOTA online training.



### BHPD Mandatory Training

BHPD Officers must complete OPOTA weapons qualification on the Pistol, Shotgun, and Rifle. BHPD SWAT must also qualify on Sub-gun, and scope sighted rifle.

BHPD Officers are also required to complete monthly training on the BHPD policy manual with Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins( DTB). Every month 30 DTB's are sent out to officers on a variety of topics from the police policy. The officer is asked a question regarding a written scenario and must provide the correct multiple choice answers. All topics and scenarios have the current policy for officer to review.

BHPD K9 Team and BHPD SWAT Team members mandatory train one day a month.

### Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training

CIT is a collaborative effort between law enforcement and the mental health community to help law enforcement officers and emergency responders handle incidents involving people with mental illness. All BHPD officers attended the 4 days of training in mental illness, crisis intervention, de-escalation techniques and the local mental health system.

### In 2023 BHPD Officers attended selective specialized training in the following topics

Defensive Tactics, Evidence Tech, School Resource Training, Firearms Instructor, Crime Scene Photography, Interviewing and Interrogation, Building Searches, Vehicle Stops and Approaches, Stop Sticks, Drone Operations, CPR/AED, ALICE, Lifevac, Tactical Operations, Red Dot Instructor, Subject Control Instructor,





## **Brunswick Hills Police Department Operates on 3 Police Levies**

2002 Continuing -2.25 Millage—\$533,800.00

2008 Continuing –3.00 Millage—\$826,000.00

2021 5 year– Exp. 2026- 2.50 Millage—\$817,400.00

**Total —\$2,177,200.00**

### **Amended Official Certificate of Police Departments Estimated Resources as of 01-01-2024**

Unencumbered Balance    \$2,113,915.35

Taxes                                \$2,177,200.00

Other Sources                \$58,000.00

**TOTAL                                \$ 4,349,115.35**

\* Medina County Budget Commission 09-15-2023

## **Brunswick Hills Township Property Tax**

**General Fund - 1.40 Mills- \$3,944,183.45**

Medina County Budget Commission Estimated Resources for 01-01-2022

### **Tax Distribution for Brunswick Hills**

**Brunswick City Schools 66.92 Mills— 59.84%**

**Brunswick Hills Township—15.55 Mills—20.57%**

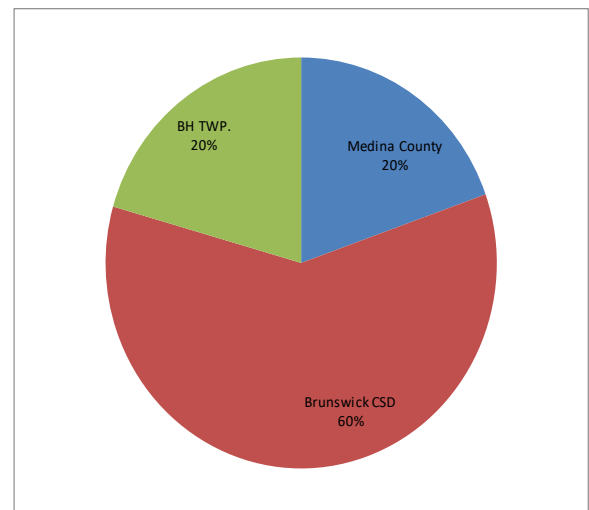
**Medina County—9.04 Mills—12.02%**

**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



# **2023 Appropriations**

As of 12-26-2023 Final Appropriation - \$2,472,100.00

**Expenditures - \$2,090,899.69 - 83.503%**

**Unencumbered Balance \$217,465.43**

## **2022 Appropriations**

Final Appropriation \$2,382,473.00

2022 Expenditures \$1,963,029.22

**Unencumbered \$373,532.03**

## **2021 Appropriations**

Final Appropriation \$2,334,100.00

2021 Expenditures \$2,039,657.07

**Unencumbered \$294,443.00**

## **2020 Appropriations**

Final Appropriation \$2,196,400.00

2020 Expenditures \$1,755,964.00

**Unencumbered \$440,436.00**

## **2019 Appropriations**

Final Appropriation \$2,126,200.00

2019 Expenditures \$1,856,148.00

**Unencumbered \$270,052.00**



## **2018 Appropriations**

Final Appropriation \$1,985,800.00

2018 Expenditures \$1,755,245.00

**Unencumbered \$230,555.00**

## **2017 Appropriations**

Final Appropriation \$1,935,850.00

2017 Expenditures \$1,507,290.02

**Unencumbered \$428,560.00**

## **2016 Appropriations**

Final Appropriation \$1,581,850.00

2016 Expenditures \$1,278,007.86

**Unencumbered \$303,843.00**

## **2015 Appropriations**

Final Appropriation \$1,670,675.78

2015 Expenditures \$1,319,639.59

**Unencumbered \$351,036.20**

## **2014 Appropriations**

Final Appropriation \$1,624,155.00

2014 Expenditures \$1,491,007.00

**Unencumbered \$133,148.00**



# Top TEN 2023 Expenditures

12-26-2023	Appropriated	Expenditures
Salaries	\$ 1,220,000.00	\$ 1,123,015.42
Hospitalization	\$ 425,000.00	\$ 372,985.68
OPERS Retirement	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 163,454.67
Payment to Political Sub.	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 73,225.50
Motor Vehicles	\$50,000.00	\$ 57,750.75
Operating Fuel	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 52,878.50
Prof. Tech Svcs.	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 39,471.01
Motor Vehicle/Equip	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 33,184.82
Training Services	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,572.61
Repairs Vehicles	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 19,044.00
Machinery Equipment	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,092.62
Other dues and fees	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 10,120.00





# Past Top TEN 2023 Expenditures

## 2022 Expenditures

<u>12-31-2022</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Salaries	\$ 1,215,000.00	\$ 1,037,111.98
Hospitalization	\$ 366,448.00	\$ 307,730.16
OPERS Retirement	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 183,593.52
Payment to Political Sub.	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 74,906.81
Motor Vehicle/Equip	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 72,955.12
Operating Fuel	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 42,719.75
Machinery Equipment	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 33,096.91
Prof. Tech Svcs.	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 30,333.79
Other dues and fees	\$ 21,925.00	\$ 19,571.16
Uniform Tool Equip	\$21,627.00	\$ 17,145.32

## 2021 Expenditures

<u>12-28-2021</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
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
Other Salaries	\$50,000.00	\$ 30,307.35
Machinery Equipment	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 24,431.65
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,817.84



# Scheduled / Overtime / Time Off

## Scheduled Hours 2023

Weekday	Weekend	Holiday	Total
19,993.5	5443	594.5	26,041

## Scheduled Time Types 2023

Regular	OT / Pay	OT /	Training	Court /	Court /	SWAT	Holiday	K9	Special	Total
26931.2	183.25	165.25	659	12	27	329	8	8	114	28,428.75

## Scheduled Time Types 2022

Regular	OT / Pay	OT /	Training	Court /	Court /	SWAT	Holiday	K9	Special	Total
24632	284	106	724	38	15	236	4	16	109.75	26,164.75

## Scheduled Time Off 2023

Holiday	Bureau Workers	Sick Leave	Vacation Time	Military Leave	Comp	Personal Time	Admin Leave	Bereavement	Civil / Jury	Total
360	0	317	2012	256	564	262	0	48	0	3,819.5

## Scheduled Time Off 2022

Holiday	Bureau Workers Comp.	Sick Leave	Vacation Time	Military Leave	Comp	Personal Time	Admin Leave	Bereavement	Civil / Jury	Total
300.5	128	1,290.25	1,512	24	407	192	360	88	8	4,309.75

## Payroll Report 2023

Regular	Time Off	Holiday	Overtime	Total Payroll
24188	4329.72	582	1,374.75	30,474.50



# Patrol Vehicles

The Brunswick Hills Police Department currently has 9 marked patrol vehicles and 2 unmarked vehicles.

2023 the Police Department spent **\$33,184.82** in vehicle maintenance and repairs on the patrol vehicles and **\$52,858.50** on fuel.

**The Brunswick Hills Police Departments Total miles driven on patrol from October of 2022 to November 2023 is approximately 360,529 miles.**

Unit	Year/Model	10/27/22 Mileage	11/01/2023 Mileage	Total
1	2022 Silverado	229	10033	9804
2	2014 Explorer	118,643	133,276	14,633
3	2021 Explorer	0	28625	28625
4	2020 Explorer	36,859	69214	32355
5	2023 Durango	0	4153	4153
6	2016 Out of Service	104,133	143,314	36,450
7	2021 Tahoe	1,039	26,000	24,961
8	2017 Explorer	106,864	143,314	56,470
9	2020 Explorer	41,217	84,407	43,190
10	2018 Explorer	75,000	131,470	56,470
11	2020 Explorer	8,239	52,875	44,636





# Calls for Service

## **2023 Dispatch assisted calls for Service 5204**

1st. Shift 0600-1400	1091
2nd Shift 1400-2200	2229
3rd. Shift 2200-0600	1271

## **2023 OFFICER ACTIVITY CALLS 11,076**

<i>Business checks</i>	<i>Neighborhood checks</i>	<i>Vacation Watches</i>	<i>Special Attentions</i>
912	1003	85	473

## **2023 DISPATCHED AND OFFICER ACTIVITY TOTAL CALLS 16,280**



### **306 Criminal Reports**

### **578 Supplement Reports**

2022 Supplement reports– 477

Brunswick Hills Police Officers conducted 1292 traffic stops issuing **644** traffic citations.

2022 Dispatched calls for service **5940**

Dispatched and Officer Initiated **8803**

1st. Shift 0600-1400	1820
2nd Shift 1400-2200	2705
3rd. Shift 2200-0600	1515

Dispatched calls

2021–6869

2020–6082

2019–6968



# Dispatched Calls for Service

**01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023**

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT 000

SUICIDE

ABANDONED VEHICLE 3

ACCIDENT HIT SKIP 6

ACCIDENT INJURY SQUAD  
CALL 3

ACCIDENT INJURY I71 ACCI-  
DENT INJURY 2

ACCIDENT NO INJURY SQUAD  
CALL 117

ACCIDENT PRIVATE PROPER-  
TY 7

ALARM AUTO 1

ALARMS POLICE RELATED  
ALARM 173

ANIMAL CONTROL 159

ANIMAL/MISC. 3

ASSAULT SQUAD CALL 2

ASSIST OTHER FD 1

ATTEMPTED B&E 2

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE SQUAD CALL 1

BREAKING AND ENTERING 5

BURGLARY 4

BURGLARY IN PROGRESS 0

BUSINESS CHECK 161

BUISINESS LIASON

BUSINESS FOLLOW UP

CAR SEAT INSPECTION 4

CARB MONOXIDE NO SYMPTOMS CARB 0

CARB MONOXIDE W/SYMPTOMS CARB 0

CHILD ABUSE 2

CITIZENS MISC. 111

CIVIL MATTER 26

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 3

COMPLAINT AGAINST OFFICER 0

COURT 36

CRIMINAL DAMAGE 12

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 2

CRT CALL OUT



DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION 25

DETAIL ADMINISTRATIVE 16

DETAIL NON-TRAFFIC 158

DETAIL TRAFFIC 26

DIRT BIKES 2

DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE 80

DISCHARGING FIREARM / WEAP 6

DISORDERLY CONDUCT 5

DISTURBANCE CALL 52

DOA AND BODY FOUND SQUAD CALL 3

DOMESTIC DISPUTE 31

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 13

DOMESTIC/ COURT ORDERS 9

DRUG ABUSE 2

DUI/ALCOHOL 19

DUMPING 2

E911 PERSONAL WELFARE CHK 46

FAMILY OFFENSE 2

ESCORT 1

FIGHT 3

FINGERPRINTS 10

FIRE STRUCTURE 2

FIREWORKS 25

FLOODING

FOLLOW INVESTIGATION 286

FOOT PATROL 4

FORGERY

FOUND PROPERTY 13

FRAUD 51

GAS LEAK-INSIDE GAS LEAK-INSIDE

HARASSMENT 49

IDENTITY THEFT 19

INDECENT EXPOSURE 2

IMMOBILIZATION 1

JUVENILES 46

# Dispatched Calls for Service

LOCK-OUT VEHICLE 79

LOCKOUT HOME 1 LOITER-  
ING 1

LOST PROPERTY 12

LOUD NOISE 42

LOUD PARTY 9

MENACING 9

MENTAL 6

MISC. MISC. 28 MUTUAL AID  
10

MISSING PERSON 16

NEIGHBOR TROUBLE 19

NEIGHBORHOOD CHECK 290

NOTIFICATIONS 32

OPEN BURNING

OPEN DOOR/WINDOW 5

PARKING VIOLATION 55

PATROL PARK 67

PEACE OFFICER 30

PERSON WITH GUN 1

PHONE CALLS OBSCENE 1

PEDESTRIAN VIOLATION 1

PREVENTATIVE PATROL 0

PROWLER 3

PRISONER PROCESSING/RELEAS 2

PUBLIC ASSIST PUBLIC ASSIST

PURSUIT 3

RECKLESS OPERATION 73

RECOVERED PROPERTY

REGISTRAION CHECK 5

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER 44

SEX OFFENSE 5

SHIFT OBJECTIVRE

SHOTS FIRED 6

SHOOTING 1

SNOW ICE



SOLICITING 7

SPECIAL ATTENTION 109

STALKING 5

STREETS\SERVICE 3

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY 76

SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE/POWDER 4

SUSPICIOUS PERSON(S) 50

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE 98

SWAT CALL OUT 2

THEFT-CREDIT CARD 1

THEFT/ FREE TEXT 32

THEFT/ FROM AUTO 3

THEFT/ MOTOR VEHICLE 4

TRAFFIC ALTERCATION 3

TRAFFIC COMPLAINT MISC 19

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES 6

TRAFFIC SPEED COMPLAINT 26

TRAFFIC STOP 1185

TRAINING/ IN SERVICE 5

TRANSPORT BY POLICE 9

TRANSPORTED TO COUNTY JAIL

TRESPASSING 17

UNAUTHORIZED USE 0

UNRULY JUVENILE 8

VANDALISM 8

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE/WASH 4

WARRANT 44

WATER PROBLEM 1

WELFARE CHECK 103

WEATHER EVENT

WIRES DOWN WIRES DOWN 6





# Dispatched Calls for Service

Days and Hours of Dispatched Calls 01/01/2023 Through 12/31/2023

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	TOTAL
00:01 - 01:00	23	20	15	7	21	22	32	140
01:01 - 02:00	18	12	7	6	11	5	8	102
02:01 - 03:00	10	10	7	6	11	5	8	57
03:01 - 04:00	7	4	9	4	4	8	10	43
04:01 - 05:00	9	7	5	8	11	5	10	55
05:01 - 06:00	8	6	5	5	8	14	8	54
06:01 - 07:00	4	9	9	11	8	7	6	54
07:01 - 08:00	9	21	22	28	32	25	13	150
08:01 - 09:00	37	33	34	42	33	35	23	237
09:01 - 10:00	33	29	42	32	27	36	20	219
10:01 - 11:00	28	29	28	49	28	33	23	215
11:01 - 12:00	29	29	32	26	41	29	17	203
12:01 - 13:00	27	36	34	33	26	22	22	200
13:01 - 14:00	19	28	30	21	36	28	21	183
14:01 - 15:00	25	35	33	42	37	32	31	235
15:01 - 16:00	34	37	49	51	49	38	38	296
16:01 - 17:00	39	47	43	47	37	43	39	295
17:01 - 18:00	36	30	40	39	40	42	25	252
18:01 - 19:00	24	32	36	41	41	40	32	246
19:01 - 20:00	33	36	44	55	33	39	28	268
20:01 - 21:00	17	36	43	33	32	28	28	217
21:01 - 22:00	13	24	26	21	24	21	20	149
22:01 - 23:00	21	14	16	14	14	32	24	135
23:01 - 24:00	21	33	21	18	21	36	33	183
Total:	521	594	636	644	626	627	527	4175

The Brunswick Hills Police Departments average response time to calls was 2.37 minutes.

The Average total time on each call was 19.81 minutes.

Afternoon Rush hour from 3PM to 5PM generally is the busiest timeframe for calls for assistance, with Fridays being the busiest day of the week.

The month of April lead the year with 642 calls



# ACCIDENTS

The Police Department handled a total of **163** motor vehicle accidents , **17** of those accidents people were injured and transported to the Hospital.

## Accidents on main roads

Pearl Rd. —26

Substation Rd.—28

Marks RD. —28

Boston Rd. —3

Sleepy Hollow-19

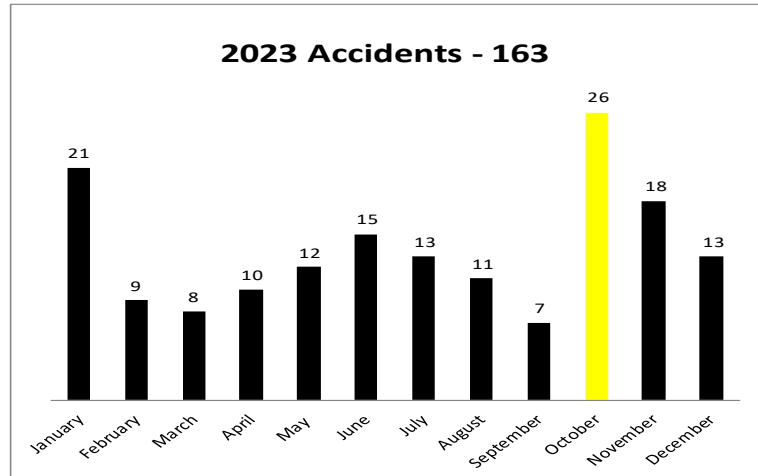
Laurel—6

Grafton—6

I71—14

Center Rd.—14

Misc.—19



**7-** Private Property Accidents **1-** Fatality **28—**Car vs Deer

*In 2022 there were only **141** total accidents*



# Accidents Medina County

## Ohio Department of Public Safety General Crash Statistics

01/2023 - 12/31/2023

County: Medina County

### Crash Severities

Fatal	13
Serious Injury Suspected	106
Minor Injury Suspected	338
Injury Possible	231
Property Damage Only	2,377
Total	3,065

### Person Injuries

Fatal	13
Serious Injury Suspected	128
Minor Injury Suspected	451
Injury Possible	381
Property Damage Only	6,062
Total	7,085

### Unit Types

Passenger Vehicles	4,701
Motorcycle	53
Other Vehicles	32
Med / Heavy Trucks	286
Bus / Van / Limo	131
Non-Motorist	44
Train	1
Unknown / HitSkip	32
Total	5,280

### Alcohol-Related

Fatal Crashes	2
Injury Crashes	50
Property Damage Only Crashes	79
Total	131
Deaths	2
Impaired Drivers	131

At a Glance - One person was killed every 673.8 hours - Approximately 2.6 persons injured per day - One person was injured every 547.5 minutes - Of drivers involved in crashes, 57.2% were male, 40.8% were female, and 2.2% were other or unknown - Alcohol impaired drivers were involved in 4.3% of all crashes - Alcohol impaired drivers were involved in 15.4% of all fatalities - 78.6% of all alcohol impaired drivers involved in crashes were male -





# **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. Piekut. 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—20    Medina County SO— 0    Ohio Highway Patrol—0**

**Arrests —20 Male— 15    Female— 5**



### **Break Down of B.A.C. Results**

**Under .08 — 0**

**.08 to .169 — 1**

**.170 and up—9**

**Refusals— 10**

**Error— 0**

**Highest Test Results—Male .314**

**Male .313    Female .313**



# SENIOR WATCH PROGRAM / COMMUNITY 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 1 officer that is 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 Services

**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.

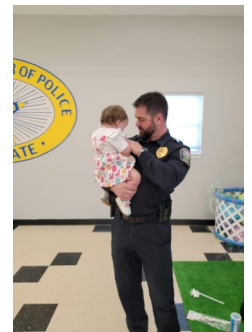
**A big special thank you to everyone that has helped us help those in need.**





# Community Engagement

**BHPD with the partnership with the Brunswick Hills Police Association were able to host our annual breakfast with the Bunny held at the Skyview Lodge. The event featured games, face painting, crafts and quality time spent with families and friends.**





# Community Engagement

## CAUGHT BEING GOOD CITATIONS

**BHPD Patrol Officers issues the “Citation”, to kids/teenagers they seen doing good deeds or making a safe decision. The citation was redeemable to those caught for a prize in BHPD’s Treasure Chest.**



## Cleveland Area Soap Box Derby

**BHPD assisted with The Super kids Soap Box Derby Race in Cleveland, Ohio. The two top representatives (1st. & 2nd. place ) were chosen to compete in the National Super Kids Race during the First Energy All American Soap Box Derby Race in Akron, Ohio.**





## Community Engagement

**BHPD** with the partnership with the Brunswick Hills Police Association were able to have our Barktoberfest K9 event that was held outside at FOP LODGE 15 in October. 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.





# Community Engagement

## BHPD Township Trick or Treat and Trunk or Treat at Hickory Ridge Cinema—





# Community Engagement

**Shop with a Cop FOP LODGE 15 –BHPD SRO Fisher, Ptl. Getto, Aux. Brubeck and Aux. Davidson gave a police escort to the Brunswick Meijer for some major Christmas shopping with our kids.**





# Community Engagement

**BHPD CHRISTMAS STORY TIME-** Spending a wonderful evening at the PD making ornaments, having some hot cocoa, and hanging out with Santa. Thank you Southwest Baptist Church for hosting our event.





# 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 with 4 Medics and 3 Negotiators.**

In 2023 the SWAT team was activated 5 times in Medina County. All the call outs were successful where the SWAT team secured venues, executed arrest warrants and secured hostile situations and stand offs. The SWAT team conducts mandatory monthly specialized training such as qualifications on all weapons systems, building searches, hostage rescue, medical/first aid, defensive tactics, and much more.

**BHPD currently has 3 active SWAT Members on the Team.**

Sergeant Jeremy Milford

Officer Ray Nicolai

Officer Mike Dominguez



# 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



**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





# UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM TEAM

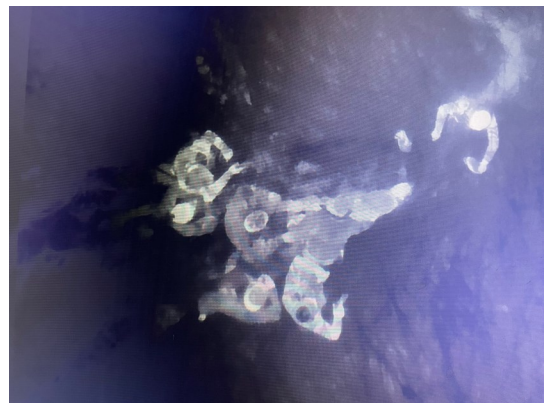


**Unmanned aerial system (UAS)**- An unmanned aircraft of any type that is capable of sustaining directed flight, whether preprogrammed or remotely controlled (commonly referred to as an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)), and all of the supporting or attached systems designed for gathering information through imaging, recording, or any other means. Unmanned aerial systems may be utilized to enhance the department's mission of protecting lives and property when other means and resources are not available or are less effective. Any use of a UAS will be in strict accordance with constitutional and privacy rights and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations.

The Brunswick Hills Unmanned Aerial System Team (UAS) is supervised by program coordinator and senior Drone Pilot Sergeant Jim Sanford and Drone Pilot PTL. Zachary Getto. Both pilots have their required FAA Part 107 license.



Brunswick Hills is operating the most current and up to date technology that is available to law enforcement at this time. The drone is equipped with external loud speaker and high definition multi-zoom thermal camera system that is capable to be viewed in real time on many other devices.





# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER



**SRO Wayne Fisher** SRO Wayne Fisher took over the SRO Position (as a part-time SRO) in January 2022 and went full-time SRO in August of 2022, working specifically at the elementary schools in Brunswick City School District. He was sworn in as a Reserve Deputy with the Medina County Sheriff's Office to work in the district.

In June 2023, SRO Fisher went to the 2023 Ohio School Resource Officer Association Conference at Kalahari Water Resort in Sandusky, Ohio. There were a number of topics covered during the conference in regards to the role and updated training for the SRO.

Most of SRO Fisher's Day is going from school to school; checking on the security of the buildings, enriching strong relationships and providing mentorship to the students and the staff, assisting with fire drills/active threat drills, also teaching various classes of various topics to the grade levels, doing wellness/residency checks on students, reading to the students as a guest reader and he has assisted with arrival and dismissal of students. SRO Fisher has also worked high school football games assisting in security and having a familiar face at the field.

This year, so far, SRO Fisher has taught classes to the 5<sup>th</sup> grades of Applewood, Hickory Ridge, Kidder and Huntington Schools on internet safety. Using the internet site Netsmartzkids.com, which is run by the National Center of Missing and Endangered Children. SRO Fisher also has attended Active Threat Training at St. Ambrose put on by Brunswick Police and the SEB SWAT Team in December 2023, as well as, Child Abuse Reporting Training in January 2024.

In October of 2023, SRO Fisher was awarded the "B": for excellence award by members in the school district for his commitment and dedication to the students of the Brunswick City School District.

SRO Fisher is looking forward to 2024 at the schools and continuing his teaching/mentoring. He is also looking to expand his classes to teach students and teachers as well. During the summer and holidays that the schools are not in session, SRO Fisher helps with road patrol coverage.



# **BHPD K9 Team**



## **Ptl. Ted Makrinos**

K-9 Ajgo and I have been partners now for almost 3 years. He is a 5 years old German shepherd who was born and began training in the Czech Republic. He was then transported from Czech to Excel K-9 located in Hiram, OH, where he continued his training. I began training with Ajgo in May of 2021, which was an 8 week program. Our bond grew strong and quick during our training course before graduating in June of 2021 and having the opportunity to serve the Brunswick Hills community and assist other agencies in their need of Ajgo's abilities.



While serving the community, Ajgo and I continue our training with 2 days a month we meet with other K-9's and their handlers to maintain and improve Ajgo's abilities. Every year K-9 Ajgo and I recertify through the state which includes various tasks that he must complete to show that he is able to continue to do his job. Over the past year, K-9 Ajgo assisted the Brunswick Hills and other communities in over 32 vehicle sniffs, which helped remove illegal narcotics from the streets. Ajgo assisted in 4 building searches, including everything from a single-family home to very large warehouses. Ajgo assisted in several perimeter protection including serving dangerous warrants to suspects. Ajgo participated in several police pursuits which let to Ajgo being deployed and assisting in apprehending the fleeing suspect. Ajgo assisted in 1 article searches to help locate evidence used in a crime. Ajgo successfully tracked multiple subjects by tracking them through various land terrain and apprehending the subjects. He assisted with multiple, alarm calls, business checks, and several community events. K-9 Ajgo does not only love catching bad guys he also enjoys spending time with the kids in the community! If you see him out and about in the community feel free to wave him down and meet him if you haven't already!



# AWARDS / RECOGNITION



## **BHPD 2023 OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

**Sgt. Piekut** is a professional, dedicated hardworking police officer that continues to lead by example while serving the Brunswick Hills Community. Sgt. Piekut conducted 505 total traffic stops resulting in 105 citations while taking on all the normal responsibilities as a supervisor of 2nd shift patrol. He has also investigated and assisted on numerous criminal complaints that have lead to successful prosecution. Sgt. Piekut is the first to voluntarily take on new assignments, is always actively on patrol and eager to assist anyone in need of police services.



## **OPTIMIST CLUB RESPECT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT CEREMONY**

Ptl. Jared Dressler was presented with the Officer Of The Year Award from the Optimist Club of Brunswick. Ptl. Dressler was selected for his outstanding dedication and commitment to the Brunswick Hills community.



## **Brunswick City Schools B for EXCELLENCE**

BHPD SRO Wayne Fisher was received the certificate of recognition for his commitment and dedication to the students of the Brunswick City School District.

“Officer Wayne Fisher is one of the most selfless and humble people we have ever had the honor to know. He is the first to help others—teachers, staff, parents, kids.... It doesn't matter. He is there for you. From helping out at car and bus duty to helping in our are, music and gym classed to reading books to our Brunswick kiddos, Officer Fisher is one of a kind. He stops and listens to our kids takes





# AWARDS / RECOGNITION

## **Ohio Attorney General Distinguished Law Enforcement**

### **Mark Losey Service Award**

#### **Chief Timothy Sopkovich**

#### **Brunswick Hills Police Department**

While many police chiefs are struggling to fill their rosters, Chief Timothy Sopkovich has a full crew and a long list of officers from other departments interested in joining his team.

There are several reasons for that, according to Sgt. James Sanford, who nominated the chief. For starters, Sopkovich's strengths combine both vision and humility.

Those qualities find their expression in Sopkovich's constant efforts to find ways his police department can make life better for Brunswick Hills residents, and the community is thankful for it. One example: The most recent police levy, in May 2021, was supported by 75% of voters.

But probably more to the point, Sopkovich believes in community engagement and the need for a close working relationship with the residents.

"Everything Tim does has the welfare of the community first," Sanford said.

Sopkovich, who became chief in 2015, started a food pantry so residents could drop off donations to help their neighbors in need. At Christmas and Easter, he hosts breakfasts and other family events. These have become so popular that tickets became necessary to manage the number of residents wishing to attend. The money raised by ticket sales is used to assist families in need throughout the year.

In summertime, the department runs a program called Good Citation, which Sopkovich started. When patrol officers see a child wearing a bike helmet, following safety rules or doing something nice for someone, they issue a "good citation" to the child, who can then go to the police department with a parent and pick a toy from a treasure chest.

Within the department itself, Sopkovich is focused on commonsense improvements that increase efficiency and strengthen morale. He was the first law enforcement administrator in Medina County to use Lexipol for its policy and training manuals, for example, and has revised the recruitment policy to streamline the way officer background checks and interviews are conducted.

Both with the community and his department, Sopkovich has nurtured a culture of trust, collaboration and goodwill. According to Sanford, his chief has created a blueprint that all other law enforcement agencies could learn from.

Tom Rinderle, Senior Editor

Office of the Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost



# 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— Kornokovich Family—Bob Girardi—Janet Adams—Deserto Family—McKee Family—Evelin and Ben Czyz — Billy and Lindy Hudson— Bob and Trica Murphy—Nicholas Family—Bridgette Woods—Robert and Michelle Murphy—Eileen Williams— Patience Bates—Nixon Family—Fronsee family—Amanda Somano—Bonness Family—Cooney Family — Janet Moore—Zach Saylor—Dupay Family—Erin Evert—Knarr Family—Bickel Family—Thompson Family**

**Brunswick Prep Academy— Brunswick Eagles #3505 — Moscarino Group— Allen Close, Cleveland Communications—Three D Metals—Patty and Crew at the Red Onion—Dog Gone Crazy— Brunswick Meijer**

**BHPA—Kim Bublik—Steph Roksandich—Jill Bauer—Lynn Tegowski—Ellen Young—Wayne Fisher**

**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—**Hosting Story Time With Santa, Suppling Kids backpacks/school supplies

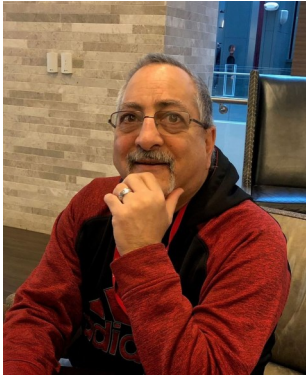
**Ted Clingan-** Utilization of the range for qualifications and specialized training.

**FOP LODGE 15** For allowing us to use their building for Barktoberfest

**Patty RED ONION**



# REMEMBRANCE



## **Trustee Michael A Esber**

Brunswick Hills Township Trustee, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 20, 2023. Mike served Brunswick Hills Township for 16 years. Mike owned and operated Michael's Mini Mart on Pearl Rd. in Brunswick for 45 years. Mike was a big supporter to the Brunswick Community and will be truly missed.

During the 2023 year in the United States there were a total of 126 Police Officer killed in the line of Duty in the United States, 3 of those Deaths were in the State of Ohio.



## **Deputy Sheriff Joshua Hamilton**

*Preble County Sheriff's Office, Ohio*

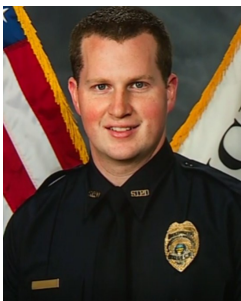
End of Watch Monday, December 18, 2023



## **Deputy Sheriff Marcus Zeigler**

*Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Ohio*

End of Watch Friday, May 26, 2023



## **Police Officer Timothy James Unwin, III**

*Springfield Township Police Department, Ohio*

End of Watch Friday, March 31, 2023

**26,491** officers have died in the line of duty in the United States since 1776.

The total line of Duty Deaths in Ohio **915**

Please go to the Officer Down Memorial website at [www.odmp.org](http://www.odmp.org) to review our Fallen Heroes.





# 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

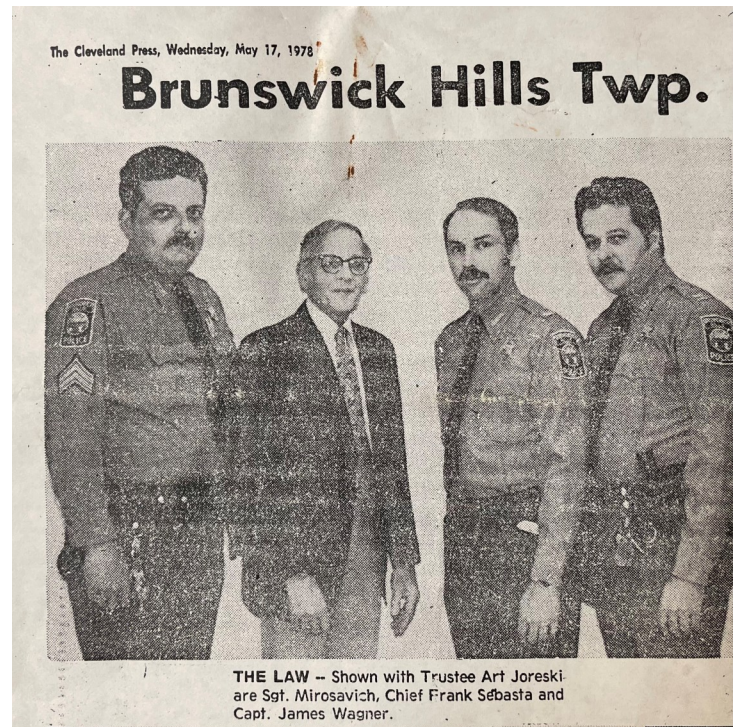
## **BHPD Past CHIEF'S**

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





## Brunswick Hills Township

"Enrichment Through Diversity"

*Established 1960*

**The Brunswick Hills Police Departments website can be found at** <https://brunswickhillstwp.org/brunswick-hills-police/>



**Follow the Brunswick Hills Police Departments facebook page for current events and information.**

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