

# SOUTH BETHANY POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## Chief of Police Monthly Report for May 2022

Police Officer Matthew Wilson was hired and sworn into the department on June 1, 2022. This officer's hiring filled the vacant position that became open when Officer Anthony Quiroz resigned in August of 2021. Officer Wilson has been a Delaware certified police officers for 19 years and brings a depth of experience to our department.

Unfortunately, we will only be fully staffed until the mid-June. Officer Killian Klopp has submitted his two weeks' notice of intent to resign. Officer Klopp has accepted employment from another police agency in Delaware. Officer Klopp has been with the South Bethany Police Department for 4 years and has provided outstanding service. The search for pending vacancy has already begun.

All of are officers has been recertified in first aid, CPR, basic life support and the use of defibrillators. All officers had also successfully completed recertification in RADAR and LIDAR use for speed enforcement.

The State of Delaware has suspended all use of Highway Safety overtime programs due to a contractually conflict with NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration). This will cut state funding for overtime patrols for speed, pedestrian, DUI and distracted driving enforcement. This is a very disappointing development with the peak summer season upon us.

Black Gum traffic calming enforcement, seasonal vehicle and bicycle parking enforcement has started.

With the recent tragic mass shootings that have victimized our Nations schools and hospitals in mind, our officers are assisting the Ocean View Police Department with random patrols and showing a presence at the Lord Baltimore Elementary School.

During the month of May, our officers responded to 4 residential alarms, 4 parking complaints, 1 criminal investigation, 1 medical assist, 2 noise complaints, 1 offensive touching arrest, 1 theft, and 2 assisted another police agency.

South Bethany Police Officers issued a total of 106 traffic tickets during May. 69 speeding, 7 cell phone use 13 seatbelt and 17 other violations.

Sincerely,

*Jason Lovins*

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Chief of Police