

SOUTH BETHANY POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Chief of Police Monthly Report for July 2022

South Bethany police officers conducted extra patrols during the fourth of July weekend. Officers worked with the South Bethany Beach Patrol to provide a visible presence on the beach. Our officers also conducted extra foot patrols on the beach during nighttime hours in effort to suppress illegal fireworks use and loud disorderly parties.

The police department has initiated background investigations for two applicants for vacant police officer's positions.

Officers participated in the South Bethany bike rodeo event. This was a great opportunity for officers to engage with members of the public.

One police officer tested positive for COVID. He has fully recovered and has returned to full duty status.

During the month of July, the South Bethany Police Department responded to 28 complaints and calls for service. 2 arrests were made on outstanding arrest warrants.

The Police Department assisted other police agencies on 9 incidents:

- Delaware State Police: 4
- Fenwick Island Police: 3
- Ocean View Police: 1
- Bethany Beach Police: 1

Traffic Report:

- 6 motor vehicle collisions were investigated.
- A total of 63 traffic tickets were issued:
- 44 speed, 1 cellphone use, 7 "others" and 11 for disregarding the lane closure at Black Gum / Kent Ave intersection.
- 14 warning were issued for minor traffic violations.
- 84 parking tickets were issued for parking violations

South Bethany / Ocean View Police MOU Update:

The memorandum of understanding between the Towns of South Bethany and Ocean View has allowed police officers from each Town to be sworn into each other respective jurisdictions. This has continued without any unforeseen complications or expenses.

This MOU has continued to offer both departments with up-to-date training opportunities and has fostered a positive professional working relationship between both Towns and Police Departments.

South Bethany utilized funding from a state grant to provide officers from both departments with a four-day training course for patrol officers.

Ocean View provided our officers with recertifications in first aid, CPR and AED use. Delaware certified police officers are mandated to complete this recertification every three years.

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