

# SOUTH BETHANY POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Chief of Police Monthly Report for August 2022

- The Police Department has completed the application process required to hire and send two recruits to the Dover Municipal Police Training Academy starting on October 9, 2022. The two recruits are scheduled to complete their training in April, 2023 and be fully prepared for the 2023 summer season. This will fill our allocated manpower to 7 Officers.

The process of recruiting, testing and preparing applicants for the police academy is an exhaustive and extensive process. This process includes, interviews, written and physical testing, psychological and medical exams, polygraph interview and an extensive background investigation. The members of the police department are very excited to be sending these two outstanding recruits to the training academy and look forward to inducing them to the Town and the Council in the future.

- On August 31, 2022. Officer Jahn Farrell responded to a medical assist on West 2<sup>nd</sup> street where a resident fell from his boat and suffered a severe lower leg injury. Officer Farrell arrived on scene with the Bethany Beach Fire Company Chief prior to the responding ambulance and emergency medical techs. Officer Farrell and the Fire Chief successfully pulled the victim from the water and applied a tourniquet to the leg in order to stop life threatening bleeding. I applaud Officer Farrell's response and will be following up with a Life Saving Award.
- The police department received several complaints regarding undesirable activities on the beach. Complaints of residents allowing their dogs to run free and defecate on the beach prior to the Beach Patrol being present were addressed and hopefully rectified by our officers.
- Additionally, for several evenings there was an apparent homeless man camping on the boundary of our beach and the State Park beach. The individual was "dumpster diving" through our residents garbage bins and littering the beach during the nighttime hours. This individual has been contacted and left our area.

During the month of August, the South Bethany Police Department responded to 29 complaints and calls for service and 4 “open door” checks on houses.

The Police Department assisted other police agencies on 8 incidents:

- Fenwick Island Police: 4
- Bethany Beach Police: 1
- Delaware State Police: 2
- Ocean View Police: 1

Traffic Report:

- 3 motor vehicle collisions were investigated
- A total of 68 traffic tickets were issued: 36 speeding, 12 “others”.
- 17 for disregarding the lane closure at Black Gum/Kent Ave.
- 3 for failure to come to a complete stop at the stop signs on residential streets.
- 12 written warnings were issued for minor traffic violations on residential streets.
- 65 Town parking violation tickets were issued.