

SOUTH BETHANY POLICE DEPARTMENT



October 2023 Police Report

Corporal Shaun Baldasano has been activated by the Delaware Air National Guard and deployed to the Middle East for military operations. His deployment is estimated to last 8 months.

Cliff Ader has two more classes to attend for his reciprocity training and is scheduled to take the COPT exam on January 8, 2024. Upon successfully completing the COPT exam he will be sworn in as a full-time police officer. This will bring the department staffing to 6 full-time and one part-time officer. We are still accepting applications for the vacant position.

As of 10/30/2023, our department has had an increase of activity in all categories.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Traffic Tickets	663	907	244
Parking Tickets	224	270	46
Crime / Incident Reports	157	325	168

During the month of October, our department started a specific operation in response to citizens' complaints of motorists speeding and failing to stop at stop signs. This operation was named "Cat Nip." During this operation, Officers concentrated on traffic enforcement with directed patrols on residential streets from Kent Avenue to Coastal Highway. A total of 74 hours of extra patrols were documented resulting in the following:

Total tickets: 31 and 9 warnings. Stop Sign tickets - 11, Seatbelt tickets - 1, Use of electronic Device tickets - 2, Equipment violation tickets - 8.

The fastest speed observed was a bicyclist travelling at 19 MPH and the fastest observed motor vehicle was at 18 MPH.

The Office of Delaware Highway Safety provided grant funding for 8 hours of overtime patrol during the month of October.

Total police activity for the month of October 2023:

Traffic Tickets: 107

Speeding – 34

Equipment Violations – 3

Registration / Insurance Violations – 41

Stop sign Violations – 11

Suspended Drivers – 7

Cell Phone Violations – 11

Seatbelt Violations – 1

Traffic Violations Warnings – 20

Parking Violations - 1

Total calls for police service – 30

Residence / Business property checks – 5

Medical Assists – 4

Vehicle Collisions – 1

Town Ordinance Violations – 1

Thefts – 2

Public Assits – 1

Others – 5

Assist Other Agencies – 13. DSP – 4, Bethany Beach – 1, Milford – 1, Fenwick Island – 4, Dewey Beach – 1

Rehoboth Beach – 1, Ocean View – 1.

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