

SOUTH BETHANY POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief of Police Monthly Report for October 2024

Officer Matthew Boyd received a Meritorious Service Award for his actions displayed on September 22, 2024. A fugitive was fleeing from Ocean City police officers, traveling northbound on Coastal highway in excess of 100 miles per hour. Officer Boyd was able to position himself at the south limits of South Bethany and successfully deployed a tire deflation device (Stop Sticks). Officer Boyd's deployment of the Stop Sticks struck the driver's side front and rear tire causing them to deflate and forcing the fugitive to drastically reduce speed. The fugitive was unable to maintain control of his vehicle and was taken into custody. Criminal charges included Fugitive from another State, Resisting Arrest with Force, and multiple traffic violations.

Officer Boyd and Chief Lovins completed an instructor level training course for a use of force training simulator system. The system is in the Ocean View police department. This will now allow for South Bethany officers to complete simulated scenario-based use of force and de-escalation training which is mandated by Delaware Code.

Total Traffic tickets Issued: 40

Speeding – 16
Registration/Insurance violations – 17
Moving -1
License – 4
Cell Phone – 2

Total Call for Police Services - 30

Residence/Business Checks – 5
Assist other agencies – 5
(DSP – 1, Ocean View – 2 Fenwick Island -1, Ocean City - 1)
Public Assist – 9
Town Ordinance – 4
Parking – 1
Medical Assistance – 1
Animal Complaint – 1
Fraud – 2
Disable Vehicle – 2
Traffic Collision – 2
Traffic Warnings - 9