



MILFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Newsletter

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An Ounce of Prevention

On September 23rd, Detective Lane and Gene Bishop with Pro Seniors Ohio gave a fraud prevention presentation to the seniors at SEM Villa. Seniors citizens make up one-third of all victims of telemarketing fraud. Experts believe the elderly are chosen by perpetrators for a variety of reasons, such as, their financial status, their susceptibility to be "worn down" by the high pressure tactics, and their tendency to believe the caller. Detective Lane explained that some of the scam artists use strong arm pressure but most are convincingly friendly. Although some of the perpetrators are located in the United States, most fraud schemes originate outside the country; usually Canada, which makes prosecution difficult. Some of the warning signs that seniors should consider are:

1. Anyone asking for credit card numbers, bank account information or per-

- sonal identification numbers.
- 2. Any requests for fees to cover taxes for lottery winnings.
- 3. Any demand to act immediately.
- 4. Any requests to wire money or to send a check to a third party.
- 5. Any e-mails from the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding funds that were discovered that belong to you.
- 6. Any phone calls from someone purporting to be a relative who was injured or arrested while traveling.

Gene Bishop recommended that the seniors contact a relative, a staff member or even the police before responding to any suspicious phone calls, e-mails, Internet "pop ups" or letters.



Detective Paul Lane



Gene Bishop, Pro Seniors Ohio

Important Dates

Election Day.....11/08/11

Open House.....11/12/11

Most Wanted Band ...12/06/11

D.A.R.E. Graduation 12/13/11

Administrative offices closed on 11/25/11 and 11/26/11 for Thanksgiving



PNC Bank Robbery Closed

A tip from a suspicious relative led to the closure of three bank robberies in the tri-state area, including the PNC bank located at 782 Main Street that was held up on September 12th. Investigators discovered that Morgan, 42, of Houston, Texas, had been arrested after a bank robbery in Navasota., Texas. Morgan was driving a dark-colored Volks-

wagen sedan, matching the description of a getaway car seen in the Ohio robberies. Morgan is being held in the Gaines County Jail pending arraignment. The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation led a task force of officers from Milford, Blanchester, Sabina, and the Clinton County Sheriff's Office.



- 1,146 Police Reports
- 63 Accident Reports
- 436 Citations
- 10 OVI Arrests
- 46 Criminal Arrests





Officer Julie Liming



Detective Steve Rogers

Liming and Rogers Certified in Crisis Intervention

Officer Julie Liming and Detective Steve Rogers were recently certified by the Clermont County Mental Health & Recovery Board as Crisis Intervention Officers. They were in the second group of law enforcement officers in the county to attend the training that was provided free of charge on a federal grant.

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is a national program that works to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and behavioral health systems. Officers are often the front line for dealing with mental health crisis. Generally, 10% of police calls will involve someone

with a mental illness. The safety of law enforcement officers, persons with mental illness, and citizens can be compromised when officers are not adequately prepared to respond to such calls. The CIT training promotes officer safety by educating officers on mental illness; and having officers learn about the characteristics associated with untreated mental illness. Officer Liming stated that she felt invigorated with a new skill set to deescalate volatile situations. The training was not just classroom lecture. The officers did ride-alongs with mental health professionals and had the oppor-

tunity to witness some of the techniques they were taught in class. Detective Rogers serves on the Clermont County Mental Health & Recovery Board as the CIT Law Enforcement Coordinator. Liming and Rogers will be conducting roll call trainings with the other members of the Department to familiarize them with resources available to address certain types of crisis situations.

Think Twice About Garbage



Residents were provided with two free disposal services during the month of October. On October 22nd, the City provided free shredding services at the Municipal Building. Residents were encouraged to shred bank statements and other documents that contained personal identifying information that could be used to commit identity fraud. Identity theft and identity fraud are two of the fastest growing crimes in the United States.

These crimes occur when someone uses a person's identifying information, such as driver's license, birth date, and/or Social Security Card number, without authority to commit fraud. On October 29th, the City hosted the second Drug Take Back of 2011 to provide a venue for residents who wanted to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. Drug Take Backs address a national public safety and public health issue.

More than 7 million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs according to the 2009 National Survey on Drug & Health. Each day, approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show the majority of prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

Officer Steve Bogan



Officer Steve Bogan has been a police officer with the City of Milford since 2007. He started part time and was promoted to full time in 2011. Prior to that, Bogan served with the Clermont County Sheriff's Office in corrections and patrol. Officer Bogan is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati Police Academy and Clermont North Eastern High School. Steve says he enjoys being a public servant and looks

forward to coming to work every day. His coworkers describe him as a hard worker and a pleasure to be around. In the future, Steve would like to join the bike patrol and crime scene unit. In his off-duty time, Steve enjoys spending time with his wife, Rebecca and his two daughters, Stephanie and Emily.