



# Sharing Ohio's Best Program

Recognizing Outstanding Community Policing



Agency of the Month

## Bethel Division of Police

August 2024

### ***Mission Statement***

The Bethel Police Department, are committed to work in partnership with our community, to safeguard life and property while ensuring the rights of all people, and thereby enhancing the quality of life for our citizens.

### ***Organizational Values***

Fairness, Integrity, Loyalty

### ***Community Statistics***

120 N. Main Street

Bethel Ohio 45106

- 2,635 Village population
- 3,700 approximately day-time population
- 1.41 Sq. miles
- Officer to resident ratio= 1: 530

### ***Lexipol Policy***

- In late 2021, The Bethel Police Department was awarded "Gold" standard for the first time in Bethel history.
- Since then, The Bethel Police has obtained Gold every quarter and was awarded Gold Standard for the 2022 and 2023 year.
- This is the highest level of recognition Lexipol sets on agencies. It is awarded to those departments that meet the highest of policy standards, training compliance, and legal policy updates.





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## Ohio Collaborative

The mission of the Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board is to determinedly work to improve community-police relations and find solutions to the tensions and concerns between community members and the police that serve them.

In 2022, Bethel Police achieved all 5 groups of the Ohio Collaborative certifications.

- Group 1- Use of Force & Hiring Standards
- Group 2- Community engagement
- Group 3- Non-Bias Policing & Employee misconduct
- Group 4- Vehicle pursuits
- Group 5- Mass demonstrations & Agency Wellness



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Citizens Police Academy

- No cost
- 9 Week course
- Hands on training
- 12 participants





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## School Programs

- Coney with a cop
- Student of the Month lunches
- Social Media dangers
- Safety training for staff
- Bus driver safety training

