

# Bethlehem Authority Police Report

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1. Pole barn garage construction is complete. Now it is just waiting for the final inspection, stone for the floor and the electric.
2. The new UTV has arrived, and the Deputies are receiving instruction on its operation. It is a little different in function from the older model, mostly with different connections for netting and seat functions. Instruction is for keeping these different components from damage by someone that is not familiar with there function.
3. Deer firearms season has ended without any issue from the hunters. As usual the first day had the most hunters and this year had the most in the past 5 years. The remaining days saw the numbers drop significantly with the last week of the season only having 20 vehicles on the property the entire week. The last day had 6 vehicles. Conditions were favorable this year as the ground was snow covered for a majority of the season. This is a major advantage for hunters, but few were out to enjoy it.
4. ATV activity is still low. The snowstorms we have had did not bring any activity to the property and cameras did not capture any images. I did find a set of snowmobile tracks near the Weiser State Forest area and the Palmerton Hunting and Fishing Club.
5. The Christmas bird count happened this year on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Weather conditions were windy and not favorable for bird activity. The few birds found at the reservoirs included one Canada goose and a bald eagle. It seems each group out that day had limited success. The bird count coordinator does not have the data from everyone involved at this time but will send the information to us once complete.