

Bethlehem Authority Police Report

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1. The Penn Forest spray valve froze during the severe cold period in January. This ice would not allow any adjustments to be made for water flow from Penn Forest Reservoir to the Wild Creek Reservoir. COB maintenance staff were able to break the ice around the valve and adjust accordingly the proper amount of water flowing into the Wild Creek Reservoir.



2. All deer hunting has ended and hunters spoken with did not have any suspicious activity to report. One hunter had to be instructed on how to properly park near a fire lane gate. Leaving enough room for a large vehicle, such as a fire truck, to maneuver through the gate is expected at all times.
3. As usual this time of year there are not many people on the property. A few people still walk dogs occasionally and the little amount of snow has brought out some cross-country skiers. Those spoken with did not have anything to report.
4. A van became stuck on the shoulder of a roadway along our property. PA State police were informed that the vehicle was mostly on the roadway but did not tow it. This was most likely due to the roadway not getting any winter maintenance and is covered with ice making all travel risky. The vehicle was still there as of 02/12 for which another call to State Police will be needed.
5. The carbon verification site visit occurred this week. Some of the sites are difficult to access. One site is close to PA Game (PGC) lands that border the property but there aren't any connecting fire lanes between Authority land and Game Lands in this section. We were able to get permission from the PGC to use a game land fire lane gate to make accessing the site easier.
6. ATV traffic remains low. The recent snows did not bring any additional ATV or snowmobile activity which normally does occur after a snowfall. Cameras in the area did not capture any evidence of ATVs.

7. A call was received from an individual claiming someone was dumping used motor oil onto Authority Property. The complainant gave me a location which was not on the property, but the property is adjacent to Authority land. They also gave the name of a person of interest. I verified the location was not on Authority land or an issue for the Authority. The Northeast PA DEP office was notified and given the callers contact information. Evidence of any dumping at the location was not observed.