# Bethlehem Authority Police Report
# Oct 2026

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1. **The Pocono Raceway Sky Lantern Festival did not cause any issue this year. The first night had south-southwest wind direction which carried the lanterns northeast and away from Authority land. The second night the wind direction was south-southeast also carrying the lanterns north. I did check Authority Property the morning after, and I did not find any lanterns.**

2. **Dumping occurred in the Penn Forest area again. Several trash bags were thrown off the side of the road. The bags held general household trash and debris. The trash was removed and an individual was cited. Also, an individual was recently identified and cited for a dumping in the Long Pond area last month.**

3. **The Buck Rub Hunting Club called and said someone broke into their clubhouse through the back door one weekend. The members did not make a police report. The only item missing was a digital camera card which they felt was not worth the time of local law enforcement. The club members immediately repaired the door and went back to business as usual.**

4. **One night an individual was on camera trespassing inside the Wild Creek fencing. The area was checked, and no one was found. Access was most likely made by climbing the fence.**

5. **Two cameras caught some type of dirt bike activity on two separate days in the Wild Creek and Penn Forest areas. The images are not the best quality making it difficult to positively identify anyone.**

6. **Deer and bear archery seasons are now open. This is the first time that bear archery season is running simultaneously with the entire deer archery season. Prior to this year the bear archery season was much shorter. Normally there may be 10-15 vehicles on the property. This year the first day of archery had double the usual number of hunters with over 30 vehicles just in the Wild creek and Penn Forest areas. The combining of both seasons is most likely the reason.**

7. **The FSC audit occurred this month. I spent the day with the Auditor, TNC personnel and our forester. Everything seemed to go very well. The auditor made the day more of a conversation than just a question-and-answer session.**