

Bethlehem Authority Police Report

May 2021

1. A large pile of Trash was located on Authority land in Tunkhannock Twp. along Hyspie Gap Rd. Names and address were found in the refuse and citations have been issued.
2. Piles of yard waste (leaves and small branches) were dumped in the Tunkhannock area as well. Some of the debris was in plastic trash bags. Nothing was found to suggest who may have deposited the waste.
3. Evidence of some ATV traffic has been noticed recently but no contact with riders or arrests have been made to date. Mountain bike activity appears to be higher than previous years but all indications are they are staying on established roads and fire lanes and not creating single tracks through the woodland areas.
4. On May 3rd, the BPD Mounted unit came to the Wild Creek area to take horses on an "endurance ride". They were given a basic layout of Fire Lanes in the area to aid in navigation. They enjoyed the time they spent riding in the area.
5. A sick immature Bald Eagle that was located near the WC Spillway was taken to a rehabilitation facility by the PA Game Commission. The Bird did not survive the illness. I was informed by Game Warden Bentzoni that the blood test results showed the presence of lead in the Eagles system, but it was not at a level to be considered toxic. Liver enzymes were extremely high which suggest some type of infection that resulted in death.
6. This year's DMAP (Deer Management Assistance Program) with the Game Commission had 33 deer harvested on Authority Land. The Wild Creek area had 13 out of 216 tags filled with 60 tags not being reported. The Tunkhannock area had 20 out of 170 tags filled with 39 tags not being reported.

7. The Monroe County Conservation District is looking to host Birdwatch outings and other outdoor nature walks in the area this year. They will be in touch with dates and times in the not too distant future.