

# **Bethlehem Authority Police Report**

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1.     ATV traffic had an increase this month with two occurrences last week. A set of vehicle tracks were bypassing on authority gate in the Penn Forest area. I spoke to a neighbor that was able to tell me the style and color of the vehicle. It was a red and black side by side (UTV). The neighbor saw the vehicle driving on the fire lane but did not know who the owner was. I checked the residential areas near this location and did not find the vehicle. I spoke with the PA Game Commission who will also be looking for this vehicle when they are in the area.  
      This past weekend a camera sent an ATV photo. The on-duty deputy responded to the area and was able to find the ATV. The individual rented an Air B&B which advertised the Authority fire lanes are open to ATV use. This is a similar tactic that many real estate agents post in listings that border our land "miles of trails for your ATV and dirt bike enjoyment." PA Game Commission is handling prosecution.
2.     Deer Archery season started this past Saturday. With the season start we also received our first call for a hunter having shot a deer that ran inside the fence. A deputy aided with tracking the deer. The injury did not appear lethal, and the deer not found. Hunter numbers are about the same as the last few years.
3.     Logging is going well with trucks taking logs almost everyday. The only issue for the loggers is someone removed one of the orange cones they have marking the entrance for the roadway. They admitted they knew it was a possibility. The loggers are mostly upset because it was their best cone.
4.     I received information a neighboring property was posting some Authority land as their own. I walked the area with the complainant one morning and found the area to be correct and not any issue.