

Bethlehem Authority Police Report

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1. 2-liter soda bottles were found recently in the woods. It was then clear that someone had shot the bottles with a shotgun. Target shooting is a prohibited activity on Authority property, but we do find evidence of it every so often.
2. Bear season went well with two bears harvested on the property. A group of hunters had harvested a bear and one of the hunting clubs accused the hunters of shooting the bear on their lease. A deputy checked the area, and everything showed no one was on the Hunting Club Lease. The area in question is in a valley which can affect how the sound will travel. Gun shots bounce off the terrain making a shot sound as if it's from a different location.
3. Deer rifle season is going well with several hunters harvesting deer. We had a a sizable increase in hunters for the first day with the second day still showing about 35-40% of the first day's numbers. All other days were what we have seen the past 5 years. The first day is always the busiest day.
4. ATV traffic is still low with a camera catching an ATV riding along the border of our property and other private lands. This occurred during a recent evening storm.
5. Director Repasch and I had a meeting with the PA Game Commission about the Hunter Access Program. I was able to check the Game Commission map and had them make corrections on several of Authority property parcels The mapping system the Game Commission uses is very user friendly.