

# Bethlehem Authority Police Report

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1. The Nature Conservancy performed a prescribed burn on a section of Authority land in the Long Pond area. The burn went very well without any issues. Within a week green grass began sprouting in the charred area. The white foam in the photo is a wet line which is just Dawn dish soap and water. This line keeps the fire from spreading further into unwanted areas via the dry grass.



2. Someone dumped several tires along Authority land on Hatchery Rd in Penn Forest Township. City personnel and I cleaned up the tires and disposed of them properly.

3. Spring Gobbler hunting season opened this past weekend. Very few hunters were out in the woods. It may have been due to the wet weather but there has been a decline in turkey hunting in recent years.
4. ATV traffic is still low. A deputy on patrol had two ATVs pass him on a public roadway. He then checked the Authority land in the area and did not find any evidence of the ATVs having been on the property. The area was wet and soft from recent rain and would have easily shown any tracks made by the ATV tires. Also, cameras in the area did not catch any such activity. The ATVs would have been on at least one camera if the ATVs were on a fire lane.
5. Two people were trespassing inside the Wild Creek fence this month. A call from a property neighbor alerted Deputy Leaser to the location where the people were. Deputy Leaser and off duty Deputy Meixell found the trespassers enjoying the view of the reservoir. PA State Police also helped and cited both for trespassing. Deputy Leaser told both violators to stay off Authority land in the future. If they are on Authority land again, they will be trespassing and arrested for that offense.