

# THE VOLUNTEER

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## Brunswick Division of Police

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## FUTURE EVENTS



**BHS Football Parking Duty**  
Aug-Sep-Oct

**Fall Shredding Event**  
September

**Pumpkin Patrol**  
October



## One on One with HANNAH EDGAR

There are probably only a few people associated with the Brunswick Division of Police or the BCPAAA who do not know HANNAH EDGAR, the Department's 2011 Summer Intern. Hannah is completing a course obligation to fulfill 500 volunteer hours with the Department. Not only is she a regular with the Division of Police, but, she can be found spending time with the Brunswick Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association as they volunteer for the Department this summer.

Hannah a graduate of Highland High School is a Senior at Edinboro University majoring in Criminal Justice. After graduation, she plans to go to the police academy in preparation for a career as a police officer. Below, Hannah provides insight into her experiences to date.

**Why are you serving a police department internship?** By serving an internship with the Brunswick Division of Police, I am able to gain real life police experience and earn credits toward graduation.

**What internship experiences have you had to date?** To date, I have had experiences with/ at the following: the bomb squad, dispatch, the shooting range, during numerous ride a longs, the St. Ambrose 5K traffic duty, the Shredding Event, the Memorial Day Parade, Mayor's Court, Safety Town, and Old Fashioned Days.

**What are your feelings about your police-related experiences and volunteering with the Brunswick Division of Police?** One could romanticize the job of a police officer if the only referent he/she has is television and movies, but because of the instruction that I have had at Edinboro (from a cadre of instructors who have had real life police experience), I felt that I brought a fairly realistic picture of police work to this opportunity. Volunteering with the Brunswick Division of Police has been what I expected and has supported my beliefs that I am on the right career path.

**Have you had any experiences that have left a lasting impression upon you?** I was on scene at a very serious truck accident. That was the first time that I had witnessed someone who was seriously injured in a traffic mishap.

**What opportunities have you had to work alongside the volunteers (The Brunswick Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association) and how have these experiences contributed to your overall knowledge of community policing?** I have worked side by side with the BCPAAA volunteers at the Shredding Event, the St. Ambrose 5K, and Mayor's Court to mention a few. These educational experiences have given me the opportunity to see the positive presence a group such as this has in a community.

*Hannah's family includes Dad, Tom; Mom, Lynn; Brother, Jon; and sister, Carolynn. Her interests include running, hiking, traveling, and volunteering.*

**Welcome!** OFFICER JOSEPH RIZK, a Marine Corp veteran of Afghanistan, is the latest addition to the Brunswick Division of Police. Married to Jaclyn, Officer Rizk started the academy in Cleveland Hts. on July 11th. Both his dad, Tony, and mom, Vera, are retired Cleveland Police officers. He also has a brother who has been with Cleveland for 25 years.

# MEETING UPDATE

## Board Meeting Minutes - July 21, 2011

Vice President, Shirley Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those attending this meeting included Tushar Amin, Bill Ohlrich, Evelyn Czyz, Dave Linderman, Sue Esker, and Phil Frate.

Evelyn Czyz presented the Treasurer's reports for May and June. As of June 19, 2011, there is \$849.09 in the treasury.

The following items were discussed by the Board:

**Summer Picnic** - It was decided that a picnic will not be held this summer.

**Fall Citizens' Police Academy Class** - It was noted that mention has been made that the Department will be conducting a Citizen's Police Academy in the Fall.

**Financial matters** - Making donations, the status of the 501c3 and the due date for re-registering the 501c3 with State of Ohio, and Phil Frate communicating with the Chief on financial matters were discussed.

**By-Laws Committee report** - Sue Esker summarized a recent By-Laws Committee meeting and provided Board members with a copy of two amendments to be adopted. It was also noted that there are two other areas to be considered for amendment, but those will be handled in the future.

**Transition Period** - Phil Frate spoke about the transition from one coordinator to another and that time will be needed so that this can be achieved.

**Pumpkin Patrol** - Sue Esker provided information so that the member who assumes responsibility for this project can begin the prep work required at this time.

**Secretary Opening** - Bill Ohlrich agreed to become the new BCPAAA secretary. The Board agreed on a candidate to fill Bill's position. This person is to be contacted by President Wendy Linderman before an official announcement is made.

**Football Season** - Shirley Schuster mentioned that football games are nearing and that Officer Schuster will speak to the group at the next meeting about this duty. The Board asked the Officer Schuster also speak on other BDP events at the 8/18 meeting.

**8/18 Meeting** - Once Wendy Linderman has made arrangements for the place of the next meeting, members will be notified.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## Volunteers in Action

During the month of July, AAA'ERS could be found:

- Serving at Mayor's Court
- Reviewing By-Laws
- Helping Project Lifesaver
- Doing Long Term Planning

The August members' meeting will feature BDP officer, Bucky Schuster.

**Congratulations** to Bill Ohlrich who has assumed the office of BCPAAA secretary.

## Volunteer Ops

<b>MAYOR'S COURT</b>	<b>Most TUESDAYS</b>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PARKING DUTY</b>	<b>AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER</b>
<b>SHREDDING EVENT</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
<b>PUMPKIN PATROL</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b>

# VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS 2011

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	*See note	\$\$\$\$
114	84	97.5	81	321	267	209.5						1174	\$19.66	\$23,080.84

\*This value (\$19.66) is the average of the national volunteer hour value & that of the volunteer hour value for the State of Ohio.

Year	# of Hours	Dollar Value
2006	1783	\$28,706.30
2007	2809	\$52,724.93
2008	3506	\$68,807.62
2009	3251	\$62,159.12
2010	1829	\$35,958.14

### Brunswick Police Department

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BCP3A + BDP = TEAMWORK



**BOARD MEETING**  
**August 18th**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Site: TBA**

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**August 18th**  
**7:30 pm**  
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### 2011 BCPAAA Executive Board

**President:** Wendy Linderman  
**V. President:** Shirley Schuster  
**Treasurer:** Evelyn Czyz  
**Secretary:** Bill Ohlrich

**Trustees**  
Tushar Amin, Richard Atkinson, Sue Esker, Vicky Kirkpatrick, Dave Linderman

**Coordinator:** Phil Frate



# Pedal to the Point



According to the MS website, the Bike MS events are “for cyclists and all those seeking a personal challenge and a world free of MS.” The Brunswick Division of Police Bike MS Team will be accepting this challenge for the fourth year when the team rides in the 25th Anniversary Pedal to the Point MS Ride on August 13th and 14th.

Internationally, this fund raising event can be found in Canada and Australia as well as the United States where Bike MS originated as one ride in 1980 in Minnesota. The ride has grown to become the largest organized charity cycling event series in the United States according to the National MS Society. MS cyclist have raised more than \$600 million dollars for the cause.

The purpose of the rides is to raise money for multiple sclerosis research and other services supported by the National MS Society. The rides typically take place over the course of two days and are generally around 150 miles long, though they can be as short as 3 miles (for a family fun ride) or as long as 250 over five days. Bike MS events aim to pull the whole community together by gathering support from local businesses, elected officials, residents and people living with MS. In 2008 the Society created a special website so riders can select a ride based on dates, length, location or difficulty. The events are organized by chapters and thus each has a distinct local flavor. ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bike\\_MS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bike_MS))

Locally, the team, originally known as THE CHOIRBOYS (Named so after a Joseph Wambaugh novel and the characters associated with the story.), was started by Sergeant Mike Mathies four years ago to help build bike squad unity, encourage fitness, and provide an exercise in teamwork for the Division of Police bike unit. This first team consisted of eight riders - seven BDP officers and a friend of Officer Mummert's who has MS. (According to Chief DeForest, three years ago the team changed its name to WE'RE MAD - Making A Difference). Year two's team fielded 17 members, and last year saw the unit balloon to 40 participants. At the present time, the 2011 team is comprised of 42 members, including BDP officers, the Mayor, a Council member or two, residents, family, and friends.

This year the group had three fundraisers and set a goal to raise \$10,000. Currently, the group has raised about \$8,000. Last year there were about 2,400 riders who raised over \$1.2 million for MS.

DeForest, himself a WE'RE MAD rider, stated that “riding in this event is important because of the fundraising for a very worthy cause, an opportunity to give back to the community, the teamwork, camaraderie, fitness, and fun for those involved.”