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**FUTURE
EVENTS**
Safety
Day
October 8

**BAPS
Walk**
October 2

**BHS
Football
Parking
Duty**
Oct 14&28

**Pumpkin
Patrol**
October 31

One on One with Officer Bucky Schuster

Sometime in the summer of 2012, after an almost 34 year career, the longest tenured officer on the Brunswick Division of Police, Officer William "Bucky" Schuster will retire from the force because, to him, "It's just time."

Officer Schuster recently took the time to answer questions about his career with the department and his plans for his retirement.

How did your career in public service begin?

After graduating from the "new" Brunswick High School in the first class to do so in 1968, I joined the Brunswick Hills Fire Department. Then, in October of 1968, I joined the U.S. Navy for five years. While in the Navy, I worked on airplane hydraulics. I was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Coral Sea, but spent some time at the Da Nang Air Force base in Viet Nam.

When I returned to the States, I returned to the Hills Fire Department and stayed until 1976 when I resigned and joined the Brunswick City Fire Department. In 1978, I began my career with the Brunswick Division of Police.

Why did you decide on a career in law enforcement?

Originally, I had planned to follow in my older brother's footsteps as a Cleveland firefighter, but it did not work out because of the hiring ups and downs in Cleveland at the time. As a result, I took the police test in Brunswick and got the job. As an aside, because I had enjoyed the military so much, had I not been hired by Brunswick, I would have re-enlisted in the Navy.

In 34 years, you have probably had some specialized training/duties in addition to your regular duties. Can you name several of these assignments?

Those that immediately come to mind include:

- First BDP officer to have a police dog (that was named KORE)
- First jail administrator
- Served with ERT (Emergency Response Team) which is now CERT
- SWAT negotiator
- SWAT sniper for BDP and SWEB
- School liaison officer (elementary, middle, and high school) since 1989

What do you like the most about policing?

I think I like the excitement more than anything. I enjoy the challenge of making multiple decisions in rapid succession during a profound situation and bringing it under control. It's a personality trait that all of us blue bloods share.

What do you like the least about policing?

The negative effects of the job on the officer can be a problematic because of the contradiction to the ideals we are trying to accomplish as officers. We serve the public by keeping them safe, protecting them from harm, and investigating the wrongs committed against them. Unfortunately, all of the positive energy we put into meeting those needs are viewed by or impact some or all parties in a negative way. Although we are respected by many, we are criticized by most. (Cont. on p. 3)



Volunteers in Action Volunteer Ops

During the month of September, BCPAAA'ERS could be found:

Serving at the Weekly Mayor's Court

Assisting with HS Football Parking Duty

Providing Services for Project Lifesaver Clients

Helping with the Cops and Kids Program

Participating in the 5th Citizen Police Academy's First Class

Hosting a Picnic for the New Citizens' Police Academy Class

Collecting Canned Goods for Charity at the Fall Shredding Event

Assisting Safe Communities in Distributing Grocery Bags

MAYOR'S COURT	Most TUESDAYS
BAPS WALK	OCTOBER 2
SAFETY DAYS	OCTOBER 8
HS FOOTBALL PARKING DUTY	OCTOBER 14 & 28
PUMPKIN PATROL PREP	OCTOBER 15
PUMPKIN PATROL	OCTOBER 31



MEDICAL REPORT - It is good to report that Laurie Larkin is back in the swing of things after a surgery, treatment, and a broken bone; Millie Manning is at home healing from breaks to her fibula and tibia and the surgery that was needed to mend the breaks; Richard Atkinson continues with his wellness regimen and is recovering from a fall from a ladder; Shirley Schuster is recovering from a recent surgery; and Lenny Bouman (BDP) is on the mend from his Achilles tendon problem.

CONGRATULATIONS!

On September 16th, Brunswick Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association member, TUSHAR AMIN and his family, became American citizens.



CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY - Presenters for the CPA-5 class include: Chief DeForest, Lt. Ohlin, SD Nick Solar, Sgt. Millam, Sgt. Page, Sgt. Safran, Sgt. Spencer, Sgt. Matheis, Sgt. Scullin, Det. Weinhardt, ACO Mike Kellums, Medway's Dave Smith, Officer Luciano, Officer Keleman, Officer Puhac, Officer Fink, Officer Klue, Officer Weber, Officer Reeves, Officer Schuster, CS Jones, CS Quiditano, CS Hendricks, and BCPAAA members.

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	278	220.5	252	141				1589	\$19.95	\$31,700.55

*This value, \$19.95, 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

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TEAMWORK



BOARD MEETING
Oct 20
7:00 pm
Site: CH Meeting Room

MEMBERS MEETING
Oct. 20
7:30 pm
Site: CH Meeting Room

2011 BCPAAA Executive Board

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

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

Coordinator: Phil Frate

MEETING UPDATES

Board Meeting Minutes - September 15, 2011

Six Board members were in attendance at this meeting that last from 7:00 p.m. - 7:35 p.m.

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The Board considered the following items during the meeting:

- The menu for the September 21 CPA-5 picnic to be held at North Park.
- Dave Orosz notified Wendy that he would take pictures at the picnic.
- Wendy Linderman stated that she would like to order tattoos and glow tape for use during Safety Days in October.
- It was noted that a \$500 donation from a good samaritan to Chief DeForest was put into the BCPAAA operational account.
- The Board discussed a personnel situation.
- The Board decided that there will be no meetings in December.

Regular Meeting Minutes - September 15, 2011

This meeting began at 7:35 p.m. and ended at 8:35 p.m. Nine members were in attendance.

The following items were discussed/presented at this meeting:

- Treasury Report: \$849.90 in the Treasury
- August Secretary's minutes adopted into record.
- Comments on Millie Manning's recent health issue - broken leg
- Volunteer Opportunities: Safety Days, October 1 and 8; Baps Walk, October 2; Football games, October 14 and 28; Pumpkin Patrol Prep, October 15; Pumpkin Patrol, October 31
- Checking with Lt. Ohlin on the BDP donations for the Pumpkin patrol by Sue Esker
- Final picnic preparations
- Tattoos and Glo-Tape purchase for Safety Days
- Linda Glassburn reporting on the Cops and Kids program that she attended as did Linda Darling

- Visiting the County Jail in 2012
- Finally, John Prior thanked the group on behalf of St. Mark's Food Bank for its twice yearly charitable canned goods donation. John stated that these donations are the single largest bulk donations to the food bank each year.

What is the worst case you were assigned to?

That can only be the Lekan incident. It was a four day standoff that ended with three officers wounded and two civilian deaths—one a child murdered by his father. I was a sniper for the, then, ERT. Additionally, along with Officer Bouman, we were assigned the task of clearing the crime scene. It was the worst detail I have ever had.

What is the most satisfying case you were a part of?

Detective Papushak and I worked a rape case, and we were able to get a conviction. A juvenile student was taken home by an adult student and, in the process, she was lured into the bedroom where the rape took place. It was satisfying knowing that due to the time and attention that had to be given to the details, especially by Det. Papushak, that the conviction was attainable.

What are your retirement plans?

I am not going to sit around and do nothing that is for certain. I plan to work part time for the BDP (and elsewhere). I plan to continue teaching at OPATA, the Career Center, and LCC.

I'll also do some motorcycle touring with my wife; do some fishing; and spend time with my children, grandchildren, and my dog, Buddy.

Any final reflections on your career?

Just that I hate to leave the department. It's been the main part of my life for over 33 years, and I will find it hard to leave. The city is in great hands though. To me, it has the finest collection of dedicated police officers anywhere.

One last thought: I believe this is the greatest career in the world, and I have, gladly, given myself to it. The one aspect of this job that my brother and sister officers, as well as myself, truly depend upon is the support from our families. They, also, relinquish a big part of their lives - the missed weekends, the swing shifts, the late night emergency calls, and, most of all, the worry. Fortunately, I have had my wife, Shirley, our children and grandchildren to lean on. To them I say, "THANK YOU!" I could not have done it without you.

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