

## VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

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The Safety Committee meeting of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on May 2, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. with Mrs. Presot presiding.

Present at roll call:	Council Members:	Berzins, Lasky, Presot, Tommer, Walsh
	Mayor:	Procuk
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Frank
	Law Director:	
	Engineer:	
	Police Chief:	Meade
	Fire Chief:	Stefanko
	Assistant Fire Chief:	
	Service Director:	Blados
	Building Commissioner:	
	Assistant Building Official:	
	Comm. Service Director:	
	Recreation Director:	
	Soccer Commissioner:	

GUESTS: Kevin Shebesta

The purpose of the Safety Committee meeting was to discuss a wellness app through Lexipol for the Police Department.

There are five groups in the Ohio collaborative

- Officer Wellness

- Community Engagement

- Bias-free policing

- Vehicle pursuits

- Response to mass gathering, agency wellness

Some portions they get for free but must have a program. Some departments utilize EAP through medical insurance at a cost of \$4,000 per year for the exam. The downside of EAP is that it is underutilized due to officers being reluctant to use it for fear that their administrations will see their activity.

They currently have a contract with Lexipol for policies and training bulletins. They have a similar app with wellness tools including 60 topics with videos, articles, guides, etc. on substance abuse, burnout, grief and loss, family support, healthy habits, fitness, suicide prevention, etc. It also includes anonymous self-assessments such as alcohol abuse,

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depression, sleeping disorders, etc. The benefit is that it is a universal app with information for law enforcement families, retirees, etc.

As chief, he would see that someone viewed something, but not identify the person. In a catastrophic event, he may notice that people looked at alcoholism, PTSD, suicide prevention, etc. and he would know that there are issues to be dealt with and to bring in a peer support group for all officers. Families can look at the app for guidance also. All users would get a universal password and can view current subjects that were searched, again, not who, only the topics.

Another feature on the app is a critical button that will have the hotlines for suicide prevention, alcoholic anonymous allowing them to immediately talk to someone. Counseling would be handled through a peer support group.

Utilizing this app would get the department accredited for officer wellness under the Ohio Collaborative at the fifth level and it is also very useful for the officers.

The cost is \$1,900 for one year and the Chief is hoping to apply for a grant to cover the cost moving forward in future years. This cost does not include other village departments and is for a police department with 20 officers or less. The cost would increase to include other departments. Chief Meade believes it would be \$4,000 to include the Fire Department. He will look into it and report back with a contract and actual cost.

There were no further questions and the meeting was adjourned.



Jennifer Presot

Safety Committee Chairperson