

The Good Neighbors are looking for good stories

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Bethlehem Police have responded to over 50,000 calls for service so far this year. Let that number sink in for a minute.

Part of the problem our police department faces in the current political and media climate is that many in our community (including several Bethlehem City Council members) don't realize just how much our police department does for us, the many different ways they do it and how well-trained they are to do it.

Going forward, LV Good Neighbors Alliance will bring you stories on the many ways our police department serves our community. If you have a story that highlights our police department's invaluable service to our community, please reach out to us or include a story in your comments. Many thanks neighbors. #backtheblue 🇺🇸



Followers might remember that Gadfly recently spent 7 posts on the Lehigh Valley Good Neighbors Alliance, ending with the line lets “see if we have common ground.”

Here’s some common ground.

Gadfly agrees that the police department doesn’t get enough recognition for the good it does.

Even he recognizes that in this post-GeorgeFloyd period of national reckoning with race that he has a tendency to take the good the police do for granted and head right to the problems.

There needs to be a balance.

Gadfly needs to be balanced.

So Gadfly applauds a concerted focus on stories of exemplary service by police.

He wishes, however, that LVGNA had dropped the parenthesis “(including several Bethlehem City Council members)” in the no doubt truthful claim that many do not realize and appreciate all the good police do.

(The extensive **list of activities** the Chief presented at the October 29 Committee of the Whole meeting was very instructive in that regard.)

That’s unnecessary red meat in Gadfly’s estimation.

Because for most of the 30+ responders to this post at the moment, the parenthesis became paramount.

There is only one good story of invaluable service by the police.

Instead, there is name-calling: Council is useless, out of touch, clueless, reckless, liars, schemers, jerks, criminals (yes, there's a call to lock 'em up!).

Instead, there is hyperbolic, emotionally charged terms: radical activist, leftist political bias, co-conspirators.

Lets have the good stories.

Lets have the common ground.

The common ground that enables the tough conversations we inevitably have to have.

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