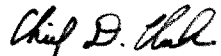


In 2018, with the generous assistance of the Berea City Club, the Berea Police Department was able to restart our dormant K9 officer program. Ptl. Dennis Bort was selected as the handler, and K9 Vader joined the department. Ptl. Bort and K9 Vader have been valued members of the patrol division since completing their training. Ptl. Bort and Vader predominately worked the overnight road patrol shift. In August of 2022, Ptl. Bort and Vader were assigned to the role of School Resource Officer at Berea-Midpark High School, where they continue to protect and serve, as well as mentor and help educate our community's youth.

The continued support of the Berea City Club has allowed the department to acquire and train a second K9. This support has allowed the department to retrofit a newer police SUV with the proper K9 insert and related K9 safety equipment, as well contract for the required specialized training of the K9 through Excel K9. Ptl. Todd Romance was selected as the K9 handler and began training with his new K9 partner, Valor, in October of 2022. Valor is a German Shephard and will be trained in detection as well as tracking and search. Upon successful completion of their training, Ptl. Romance and Valor will work within the patrol division.

Thank you to the Berea City Club for their continued support of this department and our mission!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chief D. Clark".

Chief of Police

Dan Clark