

COTTAGE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report



February 2024

“To Protect and Serve”

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Calls Handled

February

911 Disconnect	15
Accident	2
Animal Complaint Combined	1
Assist	2
Break In In Progress	0
Check Welfare	6
Check Welfare Combined	0
Death Report	1
Disorderly	8
Domestic	0
Family Dispute	0
Fight	1
Fraud	0
Gunshots	0
Hit And Run	2
Lost Property	0
Loud Music Complaint	1
Misc. Police Incident	5
Missing Person	0
Neighbor Complaint	0
Noise Complaint	2
Notification	1
Overdose	0
Party Complaint	1
Premise Check	11
Property Alarm Commercial	3
Property Damage	0
Reported Citizen Robbery	0
Residential Alarm	1
Stolen Veh	2
Suspect Stop	1
Suspicious Auto	0
Suspicious Occ Auto	0
Suspicious Person	2
Theft Report	8
Theft from Auto	1
Traffic Complaint	0
Trespassing Complaint	0
Unknown Trouble	0
Vandalism	0
Vehicle Accident Combined	1
Total	84

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COMPLAINTS/CRISIS HANDLED

The Cottage City Towers, an apartment building located in the town, is owned and managed by the Prince George's County Housing Authority. The Cottage City Police Department has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Prince George's County Police to respond to calls for service within the county-owned property and building.

Over the past several months, there have been numerous complaints and calls for police and fire services regarding the occupant(s) of apartment 208. The tenant's name is Zachary Clark, and in January and February of 2024, he had over forty calls for service.

Most of the calls are made by Mr. Clark himself, requesting services for theft, check welfare, and neighbor complaints. Additionally, some apartment residents have expressed concerns for their safety due to Mr. Clark's loud yelling and bizarre behavior.

I have spoken to Mr. Clark as well as my staff. He shows signs of mental health issues and has stated to us that he uses PCP and other drugs. Officers and the fire department personnel have transported Mr. Clark to the area hospitals for overdoses and emergency psychiatric evaluations.

Officers and residents of the apartment complex have brought to the attention of the management, including Ms. Yates and the last manager, about these issues. However, despite being notified, no action was taken. The managers were provided with the dates and times of the incidents, along with written complaints from the residents.

It has been observed that several of Mr. Clark's 911 calls are false. As a result, the Fire Dispatch has now flagged the address and will not respond until they receive a request from the police or another valid phone number.

I have requested a meeting with the Prince George's County Housing Authority's Executive Director, Jessica Anderson-Preston, or someone from her team as soon as possible to discuss this safety matter. Mr. Clark's repeated false calls and bizarre actions are creating safety issues and putting a strain on public safety services.

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PROJECTS

COMPLETED EVENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS PREPARATION

February Events:

- Black History Event Art Meeting with Art Teacher at MRES (February 2, 2024)
- Polar Bear Plunge (February 2, 2024)
- Testifying in Annapolis (February 6, 2024)
- Cottage City Work Session (February 6, 2024)
- Council Member Ivey's Teen Dating Event (February 12, 2024)
- Brentwood Coffee With the Chief (February 13, 2024)
- Meeting with the Art Teacher at MRES regarding Black History Event (February 13, 2024)
- Server Training for Black History Event (February 13, 2024)
- Cottage City Town Hall Meeting (February 14, 2024)
- Youth Safety Event – Rev. Addison (February 15, 2024)
- Cottage City Black History Event (February 17, 2024)
- State's Attorney's Municipal Retreat (February 22, 2024)
- Teen Lock-In – Teen Dating Violence Prevention Event (February 23 – 24, 2024)

March Events:

- Exploring outing to ice skating ring (March 4, 2024)
- Easter Extravaganza (March 23, 2024)

TRAINING

- PBAA Conference (February 29 – March 3, 2024)
 - o Sgt. Hayes

UPCOMING TRAINING

- None

CCPD EMPLOYERS

Meetings and training during the month. Explorers assisted with all Town events.

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CODE COMPLAINT

See Code Monthly Report.