

COTTAGE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report



December, 2024

“To Protect and Serve”

CHIEF OF POLICE

COTTAGE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls Handled

December

911 Disconnect	21
Accident	5
Animal Complaint	1
Break In Report	0
Check Welfare	1
Check Welfare Combined	1
Check Welfare Mental	1
CPR Combined	1
Disorderly	4
Domestic	2
DWI Driver	1
Family Dispute	1
Gunshots	2
Loud Music Complaint	2
Misc Calls	1
Misc. Police Incident	12
Missing Person	2
Noise Complaint	1
Party Complaint	2
Premise Check	6
Property Alarm Commercial	3
Property Damage	0
Residential Alarm	0
Sexual Assault Combined	0
Stolen Vehicle	0
Subject Stop	1
Suicide	1
Suspicious Auto	2
Suspicious Occ Auto	5
Text Request For Emergency Services	1
Theft From Auto	2
Theft J O	1
Theft Report	0
Treats Complaint	0
Traffic Complaint	0
Unknown Trouble	5
Vandalism	0
Vehicle Accident	2
Total	90

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COMPLAINTS/CRISIS HANDLED

Disorderly House Complaint

- Location: 3715 37th Place
- Owner: Cinthya Castellano Canar

Cottage City Police Department, along with county inspectors, are taking steps to address the recurring issues at a property due to loud noise, disorderly behavior, and rental violations. Here's a summary of the situation:

1. **Complaint History:** The Cottage City Police Department received another complaint at the end of December about loud music and disorderly conduct at a specific property. This is not the first complaint; previous concerns have been raised regarding noise, overcrowding, and alcohol consumption.
2. **Previous Actions:** Earlier in the year, County Inspectors visited the property and issued warnings about rental violations, particularly related to the large number of individuals living there and the alcohol consumption. Despite initial warnings, the disturbances resumed.
3. **Current Investigation:** The County Inspectors have initiated an abatement case against the property owner due to continued violations. The police department is also investigating the incidents and has gathered enough evidence to potentially issue a citation for a loud noise violation.
4. **Notice to Parties Involved:** A formal letter was sent to both the property owner and the occupants, notifying them about the ongoing investigation and putting them on notice about the potential consequences if the disturbances continue.

In conclusion, both local law enforcement and county inspectors are actively addressing the situation, with steps toward legal action against the property owner, and a possible citation for the noise violation.

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COMPLETED EVENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS PREPARATION

December Events:

- Neighborhood Watch Training (December 5, 2024)
- Dumpster Day (December 7, 2024)
- Mount Rainier Police Department's Shop with a Cop (December 7, 2024)
- Dumpster Day (December 8, 2024)
- Adult Mixer (December 13, 2024)
- Bladensburg Police Department's Shop with a Cop (December 14, 2024)
- Hyattsville Police Department's Shop with a Cop (December 14, 2024)
- Cottage City Children's Event (December 21, 2024)

January Events:

- Winter Break Youth Fun Day (January 2, 2025)
- Senior Bingo

TRAINING

- Firearms Training (12/02/2024)
 - o Cpl. Thompson
 - o Pfc. Perez
- Firearms Training (12/04/2024)
 - o Cpl. Thompson
 - o Pfc. Perez
- Firearms Training (12/09/2024)
 - o Cpl. Thompson
 - o Pfc. Perez
- Firearms Re-qualification (12/11/2024)
 - o Cpl. Thompson
 - o Pfc. Perez

UPCOMING TRAINING

- CCPD Training (January 23, 2025)

CCPD EXPLORERS

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

CODE COMPLIANCE

Bulk Trash Complaint

- Location: 3807 37th Avenue
- Owner: Taylor Denchfield

Here is a summary of the events and actions taken regarding the bulk trash issue at the listed location:

1. **Initial Complaint:** On Friday, December 27, 2024, the Cottage City Police Department received a complaint about bulk trash being left out in front of the property for several days, including an uncovered bed mattress, along with other trash and debris scattered on the street.
2. **Action Taken by Code Officer:** Code Officer Perez was sent to the location to address the issue. He requested that the occupants move the bulk trash to the rear of the property until the day before the next bulk trash pickup and informed them that the mattress needed to be covered for proper disposal by the trash company. Officer Perez left a warning notice on the door since no one answered when he arrived.
3. **Public Works Response:** On the same day, Cottage City's Public Works staff responded to clean up the street, removing any trash and debris.
4. **Follow-up Complaint:** On Monday, December 30, 2024, the complainant emailed to report that the bulk trash had not been removed and that trash remained on the street.
5. **Further Action:** Officer Perez, along with a Public Works staff member, returned to the location to remove the mattress. They spoke with the new occupants of the house, who explained that they had just moved in and that the bulk trash had been left by the previous occupants. The new occupants were informed about the proper procedures for trash and bulk pickup. After checking the area, no further trash was observed.

In conclusion, the issue appears to have been caused by the previous tenants, and the new occupants were educated on the proper disposal methods and bulk trash collection schedules. The problem has since been addressed.