



Hartford Police Department Monthly Report November 25, 2024

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY:

The department has seen a decrease in calls for the past month. This is expected as the winter months approach.

I will do the Shop with a cop program on December 20, 2024. This program was started in 2003 by myself and, at the time, Lt. Beltran. This program includes bringing in 4 or 5 elementary children (Redwood students) from grades 1-5. With the help of our reserve, I will pick up the children around 8:30 in the morning.

We bring them to city hall, where they will have a small snack and visit with Santa and Mrs. Clause. After the snack with the Santa Clause, we take them to Family Dollar, where they are given money that local citizens and businesses donated to buy Christmas gifts for their immediate family. After the shopping, the kids are brought back to city hall and given lunch donated by Brian Garland (Arrowhead Bar). After lunch, they are returned to school.

The gifts are wrapped by volunteers and delivered to their homes within a couple of days. The Reserve Officer and I will then go to and shop for presents off their Christmas list they provide for Santa.

The students are selected by Redwood's administration, and releases are signed by their parents.

STATISTICS:

- *Call for Service (CFS)*
- *The department handled 38 calls for service for the month of October*
 - 1 Assault
 - 1 CSC
 - 3 Larceny
 - 2 Public peace (disturbance)

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- 1 Trespass
 - 1 Health & Safety (animal cruelty)
 - 1 Alarm - False
 - 2 Found / Lost Property
 - 6 Suspicious Situations
 - 1 False Alarm
 - 1 Missing Child – (found in the field by the high school)
 - 18 Assists - Total
 - 1 City Hall
 - 6 Van Buren County Sheriff's Department
 - 1 Pokagon Tribal Police
 - 3 Hartford Fire / VBEMS Ambulance
 - 1 Mental Health
 - 4 Children Protective Services - (CPS)
 - 1 Citizen Assist
 - 1 High School / Middle / Redwood - Lockdown drills

PERSONNEL:

We are in the process of interviewing a reserve officer to become a Hartford police officer. We want to apply for an MCOLES grant so that we can send the possible applicant to the police academy. As of this date, we have received one application for a patrolman position.

TRAINING:

The Van Buren County prosecutor's office will change the way reports are submitted to their offices starting January 1, 2025. The new procedure will be electronic submissions. Officer Poole and I will attend the training on November 20, 2024. This is a required training for the entire county.

FLEET STATUS:

The 2020 Ford Explorer has a recall on the exhaust system and will be scheduled to be checked on the first of December.

The 2022 Ford Explorer has had the water pump replaced by Gage Motors. It has also developed a low-speed noise. Gage Motors advised it sounded like it was coming from the drive train and recommended it be taken to a Ford dealer, as it should be covered under the drive train warranty. It's scheduled at Tapper Ford on November 15.

EQUIPMENT:

We are pricing the outer vest carriers and have a representative from On Duty Gear LLC coming to the office on November 12, 2024. The carriers that I am looking at will resemble duty shirts but not a “swat” type of look. Several local agencies are currently using them.

I have received a quote on new firearms from KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY. With the trade-in of our current handguns, the purchase of 5 Glock 43 (9mm) gen 5 includes holsters, optics, and lights; the total with trade is \$4 063.98. Our current handguns were purchased in early 2000.

GRANTS & INITIATIVES:

| Amount | Grant | Grantor | Purpose | Status |
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Update Manual/Policies/Procedures/Rules:

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Respectfully submitted by:

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