

Hartford Police Department

Monthly Report

DATE

10-17-24

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY:

I have been working a list of items / equipment that is need of being replaced within the next budget year or sooner if possible. Some of the (high) priority items are as follows :

#1 - MDC'S -in car computers, theses are roughly 10 years old, I'm not sure on the exact age due to no records of them being in the police department

#2 - Radar Units (in car) these are 20 years old and out dated

#3 - Radios, both portable and moble.

I'm seeking quotes for the all the items and hopefully I'll have them by the November meeting.

In all the department is running well, Myself and Officer Poole have been working with other department to get the word out on hiring officers.

Deputy Thompson has pulled his application due to personal reasons.

We have had one applications turned for a full time position.

Myself and Officer Poole have been working on the yearly mandated on-line training for MCOLES and will be doing on firearms qualifications on October 17, 2024 with the Pokagon tribal Police. I am working with the Hpd reserve unit on getting their annual firearms qualifications completed.

We also attended a legal update on September 20, 2024 which was sponsored by the MML in Lansing

I have moved the Humvee to the waste water treatment plant. I know there has been an interest in returning it, but with what I have found is that we have to retain it for 1 year and then we can re-post it on the 1033 government program.

Officer Poole recently became a LEIN Tac. He will will replace myself as the departments lein tac. For those of you that don't what this is. The lein tac is responsible for all of the lein access, warrant entries (validating) and the department's lein audit which is completed every 3-4 years. I will retain my status to assist him, this will be extremely beneficial when the department is selected for the audit.

I feel one of the reasons we are not getting qualified applicants is due to the department being the lowest paid in the county / surrounding area. The average wage is over \$30 an hour to start. For example Lawton just approved a price raise for starting a full-time officer to \$32 an hour to start.

STATISTICS:

- *The department handled 46 calls for service in the month of September*
- *Offense Report / September Stats*
- 1 Assault
- 4 larceny
- 1 Counterfeit bil
- 2 health / Safety
- 1 Trespass
- 1 Lost / found property
- 5 traffic crashes
- 4 Civil issues
- 2 Suspicious situations
- 1 false alarm
- 1 Juvenile issue
- 1 Suicidal person
- 22 - Assist to other agencies
 - Van Buren County SD - 8
 - Michigan State Police – 3
 - Hartford Fire / VBEMS - 3
 - VB Health Dept – 1
 - Kalamazoo Twp PD – 1
 - Barry County SD – 1
 - Indiana State Police – 1
 - Individuals - 4

BUDGET UPDATE:

N/A

PERSONNEL:

TRAINING:

Myself and Officer Poole attended a legal update training in Lansing on September 20, 2024 Sponsored by MML

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

I had several citizens contact me about the police department. They expressed their appreciation with the work that myself and Officer Poole are doing, being that we are short staffed. I have have also expressed my feeling towards the community on how much it means to us for having their support

I also have been in contact with the staff at Redwood Elementary and have been asked to come and talk / talk to the students during the day. I have offered to talk to them in October about safety issues in regards to Halloween. The second grade teachers have asked that I also speak wirth their classes about my position as an Officer and my connections with the community outside of my job, many know that I'm active in the community beyond "the job". I will be doing this on October 16, 2024.

This is one of my favorite things to do with the elementary students, it provides them a chance to know the officers beyond what they see on the streets

FLEET STATUS:

There are no current issues with the patrol cars

EQUIPMENT:

GRANTS & INITIATIVES:

Amount	Grant	Grantor	Purpose	Status

Update Manual/Policies/Procedures/Rules:

Name of Policy	Date Started Update	Status of Update	Est. Completion Date

END OF REPORT

Respectfully Submitted by: Interim Police Chief Phil Lucas



Date: 10/22/24