

Hartford Police Department

Monthly Report

DATE

8-20-24

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY:

I have posted job openings on the MCOLES website for officers and spreading the information also by word of mouth with other officers within the county and Berrien and Cass Counties.

As of 8-17-24, we have had 1 application submitted.

I would like to thank the city manager, Mayor Hall and the commission for having faith in me to lead this department after the dismissal of Chief Prince. I will say it has been a frustrating venture, as I am finding we were behind on several state mandated reports to Mcoles and mandated trainings that are due to by the end of the year. I have been working with Chief Bianco (Lawrence) Chief Mansfield (Mattawan) and Chief Cordes (Lawton) on these issues.

As for the state mandated trainings, we are required 12 hrs. this year, which can be done on line, through a program that reports the training directly to the state (mcoles) .

I am looking into 2 programs that are the mostly used. I have been offered Chief Cordes and Vanderwoold to look at the programs they use and will be getting pricing on both.

In 2025, the training requirements will go to 24 hours, but most of that will be in person training

STATISTICS:

- *Call for Service (CFS) 107 calls for the month of July*
- *CFS Activity Analysis*
- *Offense Report 38 calls for assist Between Vbso, 20 Msp 3 Hfd/Vbems 8, Person 6 Bangor1*
- *Arrest Count Report 6 Including Misdemeanor citations*
- *Arrest Report*
- *Citations 11 (including the mis citations)*

BUDGET UPDATE:

N/A

PERSONNEL:

At this time, we currently have 2 officers working the road. Our only resigned after the dismissal of Chief Prince. Lt. Ivy is still on medical leave, I believe he is set to see his doctor on August 26.

Recruit Sobeski graduated the GVSU police academy on 8-8-24, but failed her state licensing exam by a few points. I have been working with her on this, as well having her shadow on complaints / calls . She is scheduled to re-take the state exam on August 27, 2024 at Kalamazoo Valley Community College

I have been contacted by 2 deputies about part time work and they are seeking permission from Sheriff Abbott on working part time for us. I should know something within the next 2 weeks. Both deputies have been given applications.

TRAINING:

Myself, Officer Poole and Recruit Sobeski are schedules for a legal update class sponsored by the MMI in Lansing on September 20, 2024.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

FLEET STATUS:

Both patrol cars are currently running smoothly. The Dodge Charger is back in running condition and is being driven regularly to avoid having parked for an extended amount of time.

2019 Ford Explorer need to be placed, due to the damage and high mileage (101861 as of 8/16/24)

EQUIPMENT:

**I have ordered duty gear for Recruit Sobeski, A winter coat for Officer Poole and pants for myself
Myself and officer Poole are in the process of putting together a list of needed equipment that either need to be updated or replaced. At this time, I feel that handguns are not necessary at this time, but will need to be replaced within 2025/2026 budget.**

Some of the priority equipment:

radios (VBSO) have not received any word from the FBI / Federal government on grant opportunities, but are expecting information within the next couple of months. I will keep you posted

In-car MDT'S (computers) are approximately 8-10 years old and need to updated, along with the printers in the car (these are the original printers that were in place with the first MDT'S)

Medical / Trauma bags for the patrol cars

Severe weather gear (raincoats, etc) for all the officers



Still working on a listed of equipment that we have and will need to purchase in the future

GRANTS & INITIATIVES:

I have no information on any grants that were being worked on by the Lieutenant or the previous chief.

Amount	Grant	Grantor	Purpose	Status

Update Manual/Policies/Procedures/Rules:

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

As for the departments manual / policies, I have finally located what appears to a revision in progress. I have not been able to review any of those at this time.

END OF REPORT

Respectfully Submitted by: 

Date: 8/21/24