



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for August 2025 CLIPP



TO: CLIPP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY – In June, we handled 549 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- Three arrests for OWI, all first offense. One was the result of a traffic stop, one resulted from an ATL (attempt to locate) and one was a subject passed out in his vehicle at the Village Crossing gas station.
- DV related cases included a subject who was referred to the DA for Interference with Child Custody and another who was referred to the DA for violating a DV restraining order.
- A pair of disturbance calls, one for a fracas at a local bar and grill and a second for a subject who received a citation for disorderly conduct with a motor vehicle.
- Two drug cases, one for possession of methamphetamine along with four counts of bail jumping, and another for possession of THC.
- Three agency assists:
 - One for the WI State Patrol, who had a subject in mental crisis acting bizarrely and threatening to kill officers as he stood in traffic on I-39. Officers had to shut down the highway during this incident until the subject could be safely taken into custody.
 - One assist for Mountain Bay PD after a subject (same one in the WI State Patrol incident but about a week later)) broke free from officers inside a hospital and barricaded himself in a room. The emergency room had to be shut down/re-routed, and the Sheriff's Office Crisis Negotiation Team was called in. The subject did not comply and was eventually tased by law enforcement (not KPD) and taken into custody. This subject later punched the transporting officer in the head upon arrival at a mental health facility.
 - One assist for Mosinee PD to assist in taking an uncooperative and combative subject into custody at the Piggly Wiggly.
- Two arrests at the request of Probation and Parole.
- One underage subject who repeatedly tried to buy alcohol at a local business was given an official trespass notification and a citation for attempting to procure alcohol.
- A physical abuse to child investigation that we have set up for a forensic interview at the CAC (Child Advocacy Center).
- A sexual assault of a child case that we have set up for a forensic interview at the CAC.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS – In addition to the cases listed above, we have been working on a very serious investigation for more than a month that could have turned into a homicide. I'm happy to report that our victim is slowly improving. The defendant has been formally charged with aggravated battery, eight offense OWI, and possession of child pornography. He remains in jail on a \$500,000 cash bond. Even though we are a month into this investigation, we continue to follow up on many things. Officers have been focusing on this case and many other things have had to be prioritized as a result.

Lastly, we had an officer resignation at the end of July, and we have another officer on light duty through the end of the year and FMLA into 2026. This means we are down two full time patrol spots, making things difficult from many perspectives. What's essentially happened is we have lost our second shift officer on both work rotations, as they have been forced to move to the night shift. As I mentioned, being down two officers is dicey and creates real schedule issues.

This means we will work patrol with just three people scheduled per day: a day officer, an afternoon Sergeant, and a night officer. Bear in mind that the danger of this scenario is that any time one person takes a vacation, is



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sick, has training, etc. we are down to hard minimums, meaning we have one officer on duty from 5am-5pm and one on duty from 5pm-5am car. Having one officer on duty for a Village of over 8500 people and 52 square miles is not a good scenario. From July 1 to the end of the year, we already have 42 days of hard minimums, including one seven-day stretch, and officers still have vacation to use, meaning that number will only increase unless we get part time to help.

In addition to being down two full-time officer positions on the road, our full-time clerk is also off on medical leave for at least eight weeks. Everyone has to pick up extra work to keep things moving, but we have a good group of employees who step up during times like this.

We are working to hire an officer ASAP. We set an aggressive timetable, and we were lucky to receive enough applications and get some good candidates. Interviews are now complete, and we have selected one candidate to enter the background phase. Background investigations are always difficult to predict a timeframe for because there are so many variables involved.

CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT — Our new squad car is back from the installer and there was a minor hiccup that they fixed. We are also working with the insurance company on a possible replacement squad camera after one of our newer cameras experienced technical issues, potentially due to excessive dust and rattling on Kronenwetter Dr during the construction. We also have a portable radio down, and that has been sent back because the repair needed should be covered under warranty.