



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for October 2026 Village Board



TO: VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY – In September, we handled 683 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- Two OWI arrests
 - One for a subject who left the scene of a domestic disturbance and was stopped by an officer in the area. She arrested him for OWI, no driver's license, and felony bail jumping (as a result of violating a bond condition).
 - A second arrest for OWI first offense after the officer clocked a driver at 98 MPH in a 55 MPH zone on Hwy 153.
- A referral on a juvenile disturbance after the juvenile hit his mother with a baseball bat. The juvenile was referred for aggravated battery and disorderly conduct (DC).
- Two adult domestic disturbance arrests, one for DC and stalking; and a second for a probation warrant arrest.
- As noted in the next section, two subjects were arrested in connection to an investigation into the misappropriation of money of an elderly victim. This investigation is ongoing.
- A pair of agency assists:
 - One for Mosinee PD to assist in the arrests of a couple of subjects.
 - An assist to KFD for a structure fire to a residential home. Fortunately, nobody was injured.
- Two natural death investigations
- Theft of an iPhone. The suspect returned the phone; therefore, no charges were levied.
- Three subjects were picked up on outstanding arrest warrants. In one case, the subject, who is known to be anti-law enforcement and has made threats against officers, resisted arrest. He was taken into custody and charged with resisting arrest causing soft tissue injury to officers, as well as felony bail jumping (for committing a new crime while under felony bond/open case).
- An emergency detention for a subject taken to the North Central Health Care Center.
- A sensitive crimes investigation involving exposing a child to harmful materials and child enticement. This involved a forensic interview at the Child Advocacy Center, and the case is still under investigation.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS – Officer Ben Smith has successfully completed his field training and is on solo patrol. We are still trying to fill the final full-time officer position, which closed at the end of September. Unfortunately, we only received a few applications, but we're reviewing the qualifications to determine who will receive an initial interview. Recruiting applicants continues to be a difficult task, not only for us, but as a profession.

The last note on the personnel front is that Part Time Officer Eric Soberg has resigned. He is a full-time instructor of Criminal Justice at NTC and has been with us for five years. We wish him well and thank him for his service. At this point, we have one remaining part-time officer, Ofc McCaskill. As I've stated before, the part-time program reached the point of diminishing returns several years ago, at which time the plan was to allow the remaining part-time officers to stay on board until they either resign or retire, but not fill those vacancies anymore. For many of the early years of KPD's existence, the part-time program was successful; however, as the job market has changed, there are so many full-time positions open, that few people are cutting their teeth on part-time work anymore. The number of hours we've gotten from the PT program has dropped significantly over the past several years.



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From a training perspective, our September firearms training was focused on rifle marksmanship. We regularly sight in our rifles to make sure the red dot optics are still accurately lined up. In addition, Officers Y. Xiong and Wadzinski attended a free two-day virtual course on *Sexual Assault Investigation Best Practices for First Responding Officers*. This course is sponsored by the WI Dept of Justice, and we have two more officers attending in November. Our other officers have already attended the course in the past. Lastly, Officers Konopacki and Dallman are attending a two-day digital evidence course hosted by DCI (Division of Criminal Investigation). The officers are going to learn best practice techniques for securing digital evidence, as well as how to navigate the system DCI uses for forensic downloads. I believe this is going to be an excellent course for our officers, who will return and share what they learned.

We recently assisted Northland Lutheran High School with their Homecoming parade by blocking traffic, and it was another successful and safe event. This is the second year, and I thought it went well. Thank you to the KFD, who again assisted us with traffic control and was present for any medical emergencies. The next event for us is the Halloween closure of Kowalski Rd., which closes a small section of the Kowalski Rd. from Paniolo Rd to Meadow Dr. This has been a major success, and it creates a safe environment for many people. Each year countless attendees and residents thank us for the closure.

We have a significant financial elder abuse investigation taking place and we recently served search warrants on three physical locations in Rib Mountain on the same day. We were assisted by the Sheriff's Office and several DCI Special Agents. One of the Special Agents specializing in white collar has been assisting Officer Guyer with her investigation. Two subjects were arrested in connection with that investigation, which is ongoing.

Officers also recently served a search warrant on a residence for suspected illegal narcotics and paraphernalia. A resident was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Schedule I and II Narcotic Drugs (Heroin), Felony Bail Jumping, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Felony Department of Corrections Arrest Warrant, and a Department of Corrections Probation Hold. Great job by Officer Dallman, who was the lead case agent on this self-initiated drug investigation.

CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT STATUS – We received another free PBT (preliminary breath test), which is the device officers use in the field on suspected OWI or underage subjects. This was part of a DMV grant that we put in for some time ago. We were initially awarded one PBT, but they had enough money to provide us with a second one. These are roughly \$600 pieces of equipment, and we were given many free breath test tubes as well. Also, through a partnership between the WI League of Municipalities and Amazon, I upgraded the PD's Amazon Prime Business account to the next level for free for the next two years. The medium sized membership plan would've costed the Village \$800, but again, we get that for free for two years!