



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police Executive Summary for Jan 2024 CLIPP



TO: CLIPP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY -- In December, we handled 571 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- A domestic disturbance in which the offender was arrested for disorderly conduct. He subsequently violated the domestic 72 hour no-contact order and was charged with that as well.
- An OWI arrest after our officer was called to a report of a car in the ditch. It was a first offense OWI, which will be handled in our Municipal Court.
- A mental health detention for a subject who had just purchased a handgun and made suicidal threats.
- An arrest for an outstanding felony warrant after the officer stopped him for speeding.
- An arrest for a subject who violated a restraining order.
- Criminal damage to property after the caller reported that someone broke the handle of her vehicle, which had been parked outside. Fortunately, the subject did not gain entry.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS – The metro area has seen three officer involved critical incidents lately: The Everest Metro officer involved shooting of a suspect with a bladed weapon who was assaulting a female subject; the subject in Rothschild who died of a self-inflicted gunshot; and most recently, the Mosinee officer who was stabbed while checking the welfare of a subject who was lying on the sidewalk shortly after 2:00am on a very frigid night. In each case, our officers were either on scene right after the event took place or were there when it happened. In one situation, one of our officers suffered a minor injury as well.

These kinds of situations are sobering reminders of the dangers police officers face every day. It doesn't matter where you police, these kinds of situations can and do happen anywhere. Cops see stuff that most citizens never see and as a profession, we're switching gears when it comes to the mental health of officers by addressing these issues. KPD recently began our own Peer Support Team, which consists of two patrol officers who have received specialized training in this area. They also receive regular training to stay up to date on this topic.

Our Peer Support Team, along with management, checks in with officers after these kinds of situations to see how they're doing. Our Peer Support Team set up mental health debriefings for officers involved in these incidents and provided them with resources to help them cope. The debriefings and communication with Peer Support Officers is strictly confidential, ensuring officers feel comfortable talking. Everyone handles things differently and we can't assume or expect that everyone should be able to see the things we do and not be affected.

I'm extremely proud of the officers' collective work on all three of these incidents, including the work of our new Peer Support Team. It's worth noting that many of the officers involved are some of our newest officers, yet they handled themselves extremely well and relied on their training.

Officer Dallman and Officer Xiong each found their December training courses very helpful. By way of refresher, Officer Dallman attended an advanced OWI enforcement course and Officer Xiong completed an interview and interrogation course. All patrol officers also completed an online course on drug overdose response and investigation that will be helpful given the drug issues in our area. Lastly, the department worked with Northland Lutheran High School, who let us use their building for active shooter training.



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CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT – We found a used Ford Interceptor in Chicago that Lt. Smart and I picked up near the end of December. The vehicle had a clean Car Fax and roughly 36,000 miles and came with several interior squad lights already in place. They dropped the price to \$24,995 to ensure it was under the Board approved amount of 25k. Apparently, the squad came from Florida, so it's had a salt free life thus far! It is now back from our installer, Belco Vehicle Solutions, and is ready to go. We had a number of transferable items from the 2017 Interceptor that we used, which saved us money. I anticipate we will have a large sum left of the insurance money that will help with the cost of the two incoming new squad cars.