



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for February 2026 CLIPP



TO: CLIPP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY – In December, we handled 561 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- One natural death investigation
- Two ID theft complaints
 - One victim was swindled out of \$7000 worth of gift cards on an online romance scam
 - A second victim was tricked into paying for a dog online, which of course never materialized
- One harassment complaint after the victim reported harassing text messages.
- One mental health welfare check on a juvenile, who was referred to services.
- An arrest for OWI, first offense, after an officer responded to a traffic crash for a vehicle in the ditch.
- An arrest for felony bail jumping after an individual violated his bond conditions by contacting the victim multiple times.
- A citizen found a rifle along the road, which we posted notices for both on Facebook and outside the Municipal Center. Fortunately, the owner saw the Facebook post, came to the PD, and described his rifle with specificity. As such, we were able to return the weapon to the rightful owner.
- One arrest for two counts of disorderly conduct and battery after officers responded to a domestic dispute.
- An assist for the fire department on a structure fire to a large outbuilding.
- A theft of prescription medication, which remains under investigation.
- Two drug cases:
 - One subject was arrested for possession of meth and drug paraphernalia, as well as being cited for operating without a valid driver's license.
 - Another subject was arrested for possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia, as well as a probation hold, after officers responded to an overdose. Not surprisingly, we received little cooperation on scene from anyone.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS – With the new year upon us, the officers begin their new work rotations. Each year in October, the patrol officers pick their shifts for the upcoming year by seniority. Working 12-hour shifts, they work in two teams on opposite rotations with a Patrol Sergeant in charge of each team. We begin shorthanded on Team Yellow, as Ofc Guyer is on maternity leave until the end of March.

As the number of years I will be here count down, it's important for us to prioritize training that falls in line with our succession plan. This year, *First Line Supervisor* school, which is a mandatory school for anyone aspiring to become a Sergeant, is being held in Stevens Point. We already have two seats in that class, with one officer from each team attending. This is a two-week school, so having it in Stevens Point saves us considerable money in hotel and travel costs. Officers S. Xiong and Dallman will attend this school in May.

Additionally, we are sending two officers to *Field Training Officer (FTO)* school this year and have them signed up as well. This will give us two additional Field Training Officers to help with the new hires this year. Being an FTO not only helps develop the new officers, but it also develops the field trainer. This role is a quasi-supervisor, albeit in a limited term capacity, and is a good means for an officer to acquire formal leadership skills. Officers Dallman and Konopacki will attend these schools in March and April respectively. In 2027, we hope to get additional officers to these schools.



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Lt. Smart is taking part in the FBI National Academy Associate's Leadership Certification Program. There are four components to this certification, consisting of various courses. He has completed two courses and has one more to go. Once he's finished with the three core courses, he must complete an independent capstone project. According to their website, the program "encompasses the latest strategies, techniques, and real-world leadership scenarios to prepare each participant to better lead their respective units, shifts, or agencies into the unpredictable future of law enforcement."

I've always been a believer that even though we're a small department, there is no reason why we can't emphasize leadership and supervisory training as part of the overall succession plan.

CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT — — I've ordered two new squad car computers (MDC's) to start replacing aging units that need replacement. I did check with CCIT (City County IT) to inquire if they had any serviceable used units, but they unfortunately did not. As you may recall, we've gotten used units from them in the past for free. The two new squad cars arrived as well, so now we will begin the steps to get them outfitted with equipment.