



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for August 2026 Village Board



TO: VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY – In July, we handled 815 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- Seven domestic violence calls resulting in arrests for the following:
 - An arrest for strangulation & suffocation, disorderly conduct (DC) X's 2; and battery X's 2
 - An investigation in which a subject sent repeated unwanted letters to another party with intentions of dating her. The subject was issued a stalking warning letter and advised that if his behavior continues, he will be arrested for stalking.
 - An arrest for DC, battery, and felony bail jumping.
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 - An arrest for DC and criminal damage to property.
 - And finally, an arrest for 10 felonies and three misdemeanor charges. The felonies included multiple counts of strangulation & suffocation, stalking, and false imprisonment. Misdemeanors included battery and intentionally pointing a firearm at another person.
- Three subjects arrested for OWI:
 - A traffic stop resulted in second offense OWI, operating while suspended, and open intoxicants.
 - A traffic stop resulted in OWI first offense and open intoxicants.
 - A traffic crash resulted in OWI and hit and run. The driver's PBT was .20, which is two and half times the legal limit. He lost control of his vehicle southbound in the curve on Kronenwetter Dr. and ended up on the small access road behind Paper Place. The driver fled the scene, but deputies located him hiding in the woods a short distance away.
- A burglary investigation in which the suspect was arrested after forcing his way into an apartment and stealing items inside.
- Four criminal damage to property complaints:
 - A pair of complaints involving juveniles throwing eggs at houses and cars. This case is still open.
 - The side of a residence was damaged by unknown subjects, resulting in minor damage.
 - An unknown subject spray painted an area along a walking trail on Village property.
- Three ID theft/Fraud cases, two of which involved Facebook Marketplace. The third was for a victim who discovered that someone had taken student loans out in his name. This case was sent to the university police in Kentucky where the loans were being taken out for classes there.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS – We have completed the hiring of our second new full-time officer, Ben Smith. He has given his two weeks' notice to his current department and will begin his field training with us in a few weeks. Officer Smith has been employed full-time with the Merrill Police Department since June 2025, and he was a part-time officer with the Edgar PD prior to Merrill. In addition, he worked many years on the Riverside and Mosinee Fire Departments as a firefighter/EMT. His combination of police and medical/firefighter experience will be a great benefit to the Village.

Overall, we had another busy month with over 800 calls for service. We are on track to easily outpace our total calls for service from last year and possibly hit the highest number of calls since we started our current RMS in 2019. Unfortunately, we had a spate of domestic violence calls, including a couple with serious felony charges. The case with 13 total charges included the defendant using a firearm during one incident. He was given a \$50,000 cash bond and is still in jail at the time of this report. It's always sad to see these kinds of cases where victims are trapped in toxic relationships.



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Kronenwetter's sixth National Night Out was another great event, just as it was in the past. Thanks to all those who participated and put work into the planning. I personally feel that this is the grand jewel of Kronenwetter community events.

CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT – Our 2023 Dodge Charger is still awaiting a few parts before it will be repaired completely. The damage to the car was over \$7400.