



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for September 2024 Board Meeting



TO: VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY – In August, we handled 679 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- A pair of welfare checks that resulted in subjects going to the Health Care Center. One of the incidents involved a firearm and the other resulted in reports being sent to the DA's Office and Child Protective Services.
- A couple of identity theft/fraud cases. In one instance, the victim had their card stolen and the suspect made a purchase and was having it delivered to a residence in Baton Rouge, LA. Our officer contacted the Baton Rouge PD so they could take enforcement action on their end.
- Four subjects who were arrested on various outstanding arrest warrants.
- Two subjects who violated their court bond conditions and officers referred them for charges to the DA's Office.
- One domestic arrest for fourth degree sexual assault, battery, disorderly conduct, and a probation and parole hold.
- A drug investigation on Eva Rd where an offender with a warrant ran from the officer and then barricaded himself inside an apartment. The subject was ultimately taken into custody and charged with resisting and possession of drug paraphernalia (tested positive for both Fentanyl and meth). A second subject from that same apartment was arrested after the K-9 alerted on her vehicle. She was charged with possession of meth, heroin, mushrooms, and THC. Both subjects also faced felony bail jumping charges.
- The final big call we had was a story some may have read in the media about a vehicle pursuit that started in Kronenwetter and ended in Wausau. Our officers attempted to arrest a subject with a warrant and upon their arrival, the subject with the warrant jumped into a vehicle and his friend drove him off the property and away from the officers. Officers did attempt to stop the vehicle; however, the subject did not stop, and we terminated our pursuit per policy. A deputy with the Sheriff's Office located the vehicle a short time later and he pursued the vehicle into Wausau. The driver was ultimately charged with OWI causing injury, fleeing an officer, harboring a felon, second degree reckless endangering safety, and possession of THC with intent to deliver.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS – Ofc Dunst has now returned from his injury, so that is a big help on the "Team Yellow" work rotation, which is still down one officer. August was another busy month and the National Night Out was a smashing success. The event gets better every year and a big thank you to Jennifer and Pete for all their pre-planning. Many other employees pitched in as well to make this a great event.

Our Peer Support Team hosted a department picnic using money that was donated to the program from G3, and it was a nice event where officers and their families could get together off duty. Officer Dunst put a lot of thought and work into the picnic, and he also briefed family members on the program since it also extends to them.

We held our annual handgun qualification course at the end of August. The Training and Standards Board has an annual requirement that every officer in the state must pass the handgun qualification course each year. The course of fire is something the Training and Standards Board created so that every officer fires the same course.

Lastly, we presented the family of the recent house fire with over \$350 worth of gift cards. We've had a gift card program in place for several years now and the gift cards come from a combination of the 89Q Lights of Christmas Program and the generous donations of citizens. We have one regular donor who



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has been a driving force in this program. This citizen wants to remain anonymous, but they have donated several times to the program. We use these for a variety of situations where we encounter citizens who are in need; however, house fires are one of the top situations where these cards are used. It's a great feeling to be able to give a family something to help them fill basic needs after horrific incidents like this.

On this note, I also want to share a comment we received from the family whose house burned. It states, "Is there anything we can do to thank the police officer that was called to our residence the night of the fire? We know how stressful that evening was for him but he ran right towards the house and put himself in danger in an attempt to make sure we were all safe. We can never repay him for that. Is there a restaurant he frequents? Does he golf or have any other hobbies we can support? We will never be able to repay him fully, but we feel the need to express our gratitude. Thank you in advance."

We did not take the victim up on their offer to the officer but instead thanked them for their kind words. Officer Dallman was the responding officer that night and I'm very proud of him for his excellent and unselfish work.

CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT — On 8/28, we hosted a media event in the Community Room where WPS announced our grant award. It was a successful event, and we are very grateful to WPS for this \$2000 grant award. We purchased new batteries and pads, including children's pads, along with a CPR rescue kit that goes with each AED. The grant did not require a match, which was especially nice. Officer Guyer wrote the grant as part of her light duty assignments, and she did a great job!