



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for Nov. 2023 CLIPP



TO: CLIPP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY – In September, we handled 698 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- A pair of ID theft/fraud cases.
- Three arrests for OWI, all first offense with PBT's (preliminary breath tests) ranging from 0.12—0.14.
- Three family disturbances involving a juvenile.
- Two mental health welfare checks.
- Two sexual assault investigations, one of which is still open (more on this in the next section).
- A child abuse investigation that is still ongoing.
- A misdemeanor theft investigation that is still open.
- A municipal citation for possession of marijuana.
- An agency assist for Rothschild PD that involved a foot chase and use of force.
- Two assists to the KFD for dryer fires, one in an apartment and the other at a residence.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS – We are down an officer after one of the officers hurt his knee on duty. He is currently on light duty while he awaits his next medical appointment. This has made staffing tough on one team's work rotation because we already had pre-approved time off and so we've often gone down to hard minimum staffing or pay OT to fill a shift. We have used the light duty officer not only in the police department, but also on the general village side doing several filing and administrative duties under the direction of the Clerk. We're hoping he is back at the beginning of November.

We have been working a child sexual assault case involving multiple victims for roughly three weeks and so far, we've written and executed multiple search warrants. Writing search warrants, having them reviewed by the DA's Office, and getting them signed by a judge is a time intensive process (and that doesn't include the time spent executing them, collecting and tagging evidence, and writing reports).

This is a multi-jurisdictional case that involves both Wausau and Everest Metro PD's; however, the majority of the incidents occurred in Kronenwetter. We're seeing great teamwork from all agencies and the District Attorney's Office as we progress through this case. These cases are very challenging not only because they're so labor intensive, but they can also be taxing from an emotional standpoint. Because we're still following up on a few things, I'm not able to provide much more detail; however, the defendant has now been formally charged with the following, all felonies (per WICCAPP):

- Repeated Sexual Assault of Same Child (At Least 3 Violations of 1st or 2nd Degree Sexual Assault)
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- Cause Child <13 to View/Listen Sex. Act.
- Cause Child 13-18 to View Sex. Activity
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Sgt Seehafer just completed the three-week Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) course, which was hosted by the Stevens Point Police Department. LPO uses a behavioral science approach to leading people, groups, and organizations. The course is based on material developed for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Focused on cultivating leaders at all levels of the organization, LPO training is highly interactive. Small group case studies, videos and class exercises are used to reinforce learning. The three-week course is generally taught one week a month over three months. The LPO course is one of courses on the KPD career development matrix. Congrats to Sgt. Seehafer on a job well done!

Officers just completed medical training, including a refresher on Narcan (used to counteract an opioid overdose), chest seals, and biennial CPR recertification. KFD Chief O'Brien and Captain O'Brien taught the course for us and were kind enough to accommodate both work teams, thereby eliminating a need to pay overtime.

CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT – We are still working through the insurance claim for the 2017 Ford Interceptor, but we have stripped the vehicle of any serviceable equipment, signed the title over, and had the vehicle towed by the insurance company. We are working through options for a replacement with the APC and Village Board.