



# KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for Dec. 2023 Board Meeting



**TO: VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS**

**DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY** – In November, we handled 560 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- Four mental health welfare checks. One was for a juvenile, who was taken to youth stabilization at NCHC. Another one was drug related and resulted in a party being charged with possession of LSD and THC. We also had one that tied up officers so long that we had no available officers in the Village for 16 hours straight! This one also required us to take the subject to Winnebago Mental Health, and a tremendous amount of time was spent on the medical clearance. This is another example of how just one call can tie up multiple officers for extended periods of time.
- A domestic arrest for first degree recklessly endangering safety, disorderly conduct, battery, and criminal damage to property. This occurred at one of the apartment complexes after a caller reported seeing a woman clinging to the hood of a moving car as the suspect drove her down the street.
- Three disturbances which resulted in two *disorderly conduct with motor vehicle* citations and a third in which the subject was arrested for disorderly conduct after making threats to our local credit union employees. This caused the credit union to immediately close as soon as the subject left the building and remain closed for a short time. We promptly located and arrested the suspect and provided extra patrol and visibility in the following days.
- The search warrant and subsequent drug arrest I discussed at the last VB meeting for the parent whose children presented concerns to the school district. As mentioned, she was charged with a handful of felony crimes as a result.
- An arrest for a subject who broke into a storage garage, caused a disturbance once inside, and damaged the victim's property.
- Five traffic stops that resulted in OWI arrests:
  - First offense OWI that required a search warrant after the driver refused to provide his blood sample.
  - First offense OWI for a subject pulling a trailer on US 51 at approximately 7:40am. The subject was reported to be driving quite erratically and he stated his final destination was the Milwaukee area. Given his high preliminary breath test and poor driving, it's hard to believe he would've made it all the way to Milwaukee without injuring or killing someone.
  - An ATV OWI for a driver who was operating after hours and driving erratically. The suspect fled from the officer and flipped the ATV.
  - Third offense OWI, operating after revocation, and tampering with an IID for a subject with a preliminary breath test of .30!
  - Second offense OWI with a preliminary breath test of .12.

**DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS** – We had a busy month with some more significant investigations and the officers did a great job on those. As you see, we also had five arrests for drunk driving, any of which may have saved someone's life. As I speak to other chiefs and sheriffs and hear about their recruiting and staffing problems, I'm reminded how lucky we are to have the staff we do. The four new officers we've hired in the last year and a half have been great additions and I'm proud of the progress they continue to make every day.

As we wrap up the final two months of the year, we have a lot of vacation time and some training taking place. Officer Dallman is going to a two-day advanced OWI school that will be a great fit for him. He is very proactive in OWI enforcement, and I anticipate he will learn a lot from this course. Officer Xiong is attending the three-day Reid School of Interview and Interrogation, which is widely considered one of the best courses of its kind.



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**CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT** –The initial but unofficial word is the new Dodge Durango squads could arrive as early as late winter; however, as I said that is unofficial at this time. We’ve run into a snag with the seller of that 2017 Ford Interceptor, as he has “ghosted” us since we got approval. This has been very frustrating, to say the least. We’re looking into other used vehicle options at this point.

On a side note, regarding equipment for the squads, we continue to do our part with respect to cost saving measures. I’m waiting on a couple of things yet from City County IT, but I will have acquired roughly 40k worth of used but serviceable equipment over the past year or so (in car radios, squad computers, and in car video units) for a total cost to our taxpayers of only \$1000!