



# KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for February 2026 Village Board



**TO: VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS**

**DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY** – In January, we handled 655 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- One natural death investigation
- Two sexual assault investigations
  - One was forwarded to the DA for review of charges
  - A second was initially investigated by KPD, but we learned the incident(s) happened in another jurisdiction, so our report was forwarded to the correct agency
- A bullying investigation at a local school that is still actively being investigated
- An arrest of a subject, whom the officer observed in violation of a no contact provision.
- A break in at a local ATM that is still under investigation. Other agencies both in and outside of the State have similar incidents, so we are working with other agencies to pool information.
- Multiple fraud/ID theft complaints
  - One case of checks being stolen and then “washed” by the suspects. This is an ongoing investigation that involves agencies from multiple departments, including the federal level.
  - A bitcoin fraud in which our victim lost \$15,000. The victim received a message on their tablet for virus protection and called the number, only to be talked into withdrawing cash and depositing it into a bitcoin machine.
  - Another bitcoin scam in which the victim received a text message from “Apple support” and called a number listed in the message. The victim was then tricked into turning over personal identifying information, along with credit card information, which the suspects used to try and make purchases with. Fortunately, the victim’s credit card companies were suspicious and blocked the purchases.
  - An incident in which the citizen received a call from “Walgreens” and was told their prescriptions were expired. The caller wisely hung up and confirmed with the real Walgreens that this was a scam in which the suspects were trying to obtain personal and financial information.
- A theft investigation in which the victim reported several items totaling over \$700 stolen from outside their house.
- A referral for a subject who placed a GPS tracking device on the victim’s vehicle without her consent. The subject was also issued a Stalking Warning Letter, which we use to formally notify a subject that they’re on the verge of committing stalking and further advise them that any more action of this kind could result in a stalking charge.
- A mental health detention where we transported the subject to Tomah. Our officer was tied up on this call for 8.5 hours!

**DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS** – Lt Smart, Sgt Seehafer, and Ofc Dunst were at Northland Lutheran HS recently for an “all school” safety presentation. This is a presentation we typically put on annually with the school where we focus on bullying, responsible cell phone use, safe driving strategies, and school safety procedures in the event of an active shooter. We have always had a great working relationship with the school, and our day officers are very active in the school and stop out there frequently.

I will be at the WI Chief’s of Police Association winter conference from Feb 9<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. They have some excellent presentations scheduled for this conference that I’m really looking forward to hearing. One presentation of particular interest is a debrief of a sextortion case from another state. The circumstances are very similar to the tragic case we had last year.



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The Village once again made the top ten *Safewise* safest cities in WI for 2026, an amazing accomplishment and something we should all be proud of! This year, we are ranked #4, so we moved up four places in the ranking from last year. One thing I find most remarkable is that we have been consistently ranked in the top ten for several years in a row now, so this is no passing fad. The other aspect that continues to strike me is we are the only city north of the Green Bay area and we continue to be the only municipality in Marathon County making this list! I believe this is due to many factors, but it certainly reinforces the stability and safety our Village has enjoyed for many years.

**CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT** — The new squad cars have arrived, and we will begin the process of getting those outfitted with equipment and supplies.