



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for Oct. 2023 Board Meeting



TO: VILLAGE BOARD 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 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 does not 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 are 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 the case is so fresh and still under investigation, I'm not able to provide much more detail.

We partnered with Rothschild and Mosinee Police Departments to conduct a second round of alcohol compliance checks and I'm pleased to say that there were no violations in Kronenwetter establishments. This was part of a county wide initiative with the Marathon County Health Department.

CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT – The Village Board approved the purchase of two police vehicles for 2024. We just got the squad car back from the car/deer crash (\$6,000+ in damage) and unfortunately, we had a second squad crash that will likely result in the squad car being a total loss, but we'll have to see what the insurance company ultimately decides. Luckily, there were no injuries reported in either of the two crashes. The second crash is the 2017 Ford SUV, which is the vehicle we were going to sell in the auction once we got a 2024 vehicle. At the time of this report, we have filed a claim on the crash and are waiting to see how the insurance company wants to proceed.