



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for February 2023 Board Meeting



TO: VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY – In January, we handled 640 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- A pair of traffic stops in which two drivers were arrested for various felony and misdemeanor arrest warrants. In one case, the driver was also charged with felony bail jumping.
- A worthless checks case that is still under investigation.
- A theft investigation for roughly \$900 which is still under investigation.
- Two domestic disturbance incidents:
 - A subject was arrested for substantial battery (felony) and a pair of misdemeanor charges after the victim suffered a broken thumb and five broken ribs.
 - A subject was arrested for battery and disorderly conduct. This incident occurred when the victim and suspect were hosting a sleepover for their kids and a few of their friends.
- A runaway juvenile who was later located.
- A child abuse complaint that is also still under investigation. As I've stated before, these kinds of investigations can take a substantial amount of time.
- A mental health welfare check that resulted in the subject being placed on a hold. This call lasted nearly 24 hours from start to finish and we ended up having to transport the subject to Winnebago Mental Health. Due to being at minimum staffing, we had to call an officer in early for one shift and hold another one over and even at that, we still had some time when no other officer was available.
- Two subjects arrested for OWI.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS – The metro area has seen three officer involved critical incidents lately: The Everest Metro officer involved shooting of a suspect with a bladed weapon who was assaulting a female subject; the subject in Rothschild who died of a self-inflicted gunshot; and most recently, the Mosinee officer who was stabbed while checking the welfare of a subject who was lying on the sidewalk shortly after 2:00am on a very frigid night. In each case, our officers were either on scene right after the event took place or were there when it happened. In one situation, one of our officers suffered a minor injury as well.

These kinds of situations are sobering reminders of the dangers police officers face every day. It doesn't matter where you police, these kinds of situations can and do happen anywhere. Cops see stuff that most citizens never see and as a profession, we're switching gears when it comes to the mental health of officers by addressing these issues. KPD recently began our own Peer Support Team, which consists of two patrol officers who have received specialized training in this area. They also receive regular training to stay up to date on this topic.

Our Peer Support Team, along with management, checks in with officers after these kinds of situations to see how they're doing. Our Peer Support Team set up mental health debriefings for officers involved in these incidents and provided them with resources to help them cope. The debriefings and communication with Peer Support Officers is strictly confidential, ensuring officers feel comfortable talking. Everyone handles things differently and we can't assume or expect that everyone should be able to see the things we do and not be affected.

I'm extremely proud of the officers' collective work on all three of these incidents, including the work of our new Peer Support Team. It's worth noting that many of the officers involved are some of our newest officers, yet they handled themselves extremely well and relied on their training.



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Officer Dallman and Officer Xiong each found their December training courses very helpful. By way of refresher, Officer Dallman attended an advanced OWI enforcement course and Officer Xiong completed an interview and interrogation course. In January, Officer Konopacki completed the same interview and interrogation class that Officer Xiong attended and found it very useful. All patrol officers also completed an online course on drug overdose response and investigation that will be helpful given the drug issues in our area. The department worked with Northland Lutheran High School, who let us use their building for active shooter training.

CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT – One of our squad cars is at the body shop after a car versus deer crash. Fortunately, nobody was injured (except for the deer!). The initial estimate is roughly \$7000 in damage. We also have another car at the shop for an engine issue that could be costly, so we are down to three patrol vehicles at this time. On a positive note, we sold the 2019 Dodge Charger for \$7,625, which I think is good considering the condition of the engine.