



# KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Office of the Chief of Police Executive Summary for April 2024 CLIPP

**TO: CLIPP COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY** – In February, we handled 639 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- A couple of mental health welfare checks that resulted in subjects going to the Health Care Center. In one situation, we had some disturbing threats to also investigate as well. These welfare checks often take several hours because of the medical clearance process required for the Health Care Center.
- Three fraud, ID theft cases. One of these requires quite a bit of follow-up. Often, we determine these are coming from overseas and in that case, there's little we can do with it. However, if it happens to be something more local, we try and follow up as much as possible.
- We had a pair of natural death investigations where nothing appeared suspicious. One of those did initially take some extra precautionary work before we were able to rule out anything suspicious. We had to hold a scene for several hours and call in an officer on his off day to assist. I also worked on the scene with the officers, and we had assistance from the Sheriff's Office detective bureau.
- Our officers made six arrests for OWI last month, all off traffic stops! This was great work on their part. Offenders ranged anywhere from first offense to fourth offense. One driver was driving down the middle of the road and another literally drove off the road before the officer ever pulled them over!

**DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS** – The latest SafeWise list of WI's safest cities was released recently, and Kronenwetter landed at the #6 spot. It is interesting to note that Kronenwetter is the only city on the list that is in the northcentral WI area and there were no other communities from Marathon County that made the top 20. This obviously reflects very well on the entire village and reinforces what a good place it is for our residents to call home!

Officer Dunst attended the annual Peer Support Conference and advised that he learned a lot from it. By way of refresher, the Peer Support Team is an emerging trend in law enforcement that provides trained co-workers to assist fellow employees who are struggling in their personal or professional lives. It provides a safe and confidential outlet for employees and our Peer Support Team has also been instrumental in setting up critical incident debriefings for our officers.

In March, we had a situation in which we worked with the Marathon County Sheriff's Office crisis response team regarding a subject who made threats to kill law enforcement because of multiple calls law enforcement and other social service agencies have had with this person. Ultimately, we were able to safely take the subject into custody for two felony counts of *Threats to Law Enforcement*.

**CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT** – Both of the two new Durango SUV's arrived and we took delivery of them. Now we are working with the installer to set up a time to have both vehicles "built out." We have some equipment from a couple of old cars that we will transfer over to the new squads, but there will be a fair amount of equipment we will need to purchase from the installer, particularly with the second of the two Durango SUV's.