



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for August 2025 Village Board



TO: VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY – In July, we handled 607 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- One domestic disturbance in which both parties were arrested. One half was arrested for domestic battery, disorderly conduct, and a probation violation hold. The second half was arrested on a probation hold as well.
- An OWI 3rd offense arrest after an officer responded to a vehicle in the ditch at CTH X/XX. The driver was also cited for operating with a revoked driver's license.
- A check washing case that is still under investigation. This group has hit the north central area, particularly in Lincoln County.
- Seven thefts
 - One was a theft of two trailers and a small utility truck for a total loss of over \$20,000. We recovered the truck a couple of days later when it was discovered abandoned. We processed it for evidence and will submit items to the WI Crime Lab.
 - Theft and criminal damage to a storage unit. The victim had roughly \$250 of personal items taken.
 - Theft of a license plate.
 - Four thefts from vehicles from various parts of our residential areas along the Kowalski Rd corridor to Crystal View. These cases also remain under investigation. All instances occurred when the thieves entered unlocked vehicles.
- A driver was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia while he had his two-year-old in the vehicle with him. This was also sent to Marathon County Social Services.
- One person was arrested on an outstanding warrant for failing to appear in court.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS –

I'm happy to report that the victim in our serious battery case has been making great improvements lately. We were able to interview the victim and obtain critical information. The victim's improvements have been really incredible and we're still putting a lot of resources into this case. We are determined to get justice for this victim and their family and I'm very proud of the incredible work our officers have done in this case. The defendant just had his preliminary hearing, and the court found probable cause. The defendant has been formally charged with aggravated battery, eight offense OWI, and possession of child pornography. He remains in jail on a \$500,000 cash bond.

In addition to being down two full-time officer positions on the road, our full-time clerk is also off on medical leave for at least eight weeks, so it is a really challenging time from a staffing perspective. Everyone has to pick up extra work to keep things moving, but we have a good group of employees who step up during times like this.

We are working to hire an officer ASAP. Interviews are now complete, and we have selected one candidate to enter the background phase. Background investigations are always difficult to predict a timeframe for because there are so many variables involved. We are hoping to get this candidate through the testing process and hired by no later than mid-September.



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CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT — Our new squad car is back from the installer and there was a minor hiccup that they fixed. We are also working with the insurance company on a possible replacement squad camera after one of our newer cameras experienced technical issues, potentially due to excessive dust and rattling on Kronenwetter Dr during the construction. We also have a portable radio down, and that has been sent back because the repair needed should be covered under warranty.