



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for April 2024 Board Meeting



TO: VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY – In April, we handled 701 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- Three mental health welfare checks that resulted in subjects going to the Health Care Center. Two of those were juveniles and one was an adult.
- A pair of juvenile disturbances. One resulted in a referral to Social Services after the juvenile battered his mother and the other subject was taken to juvenile holding after making threats to kill someone.
- A subject was safely taken into custody for two counts of threats to kill law enforcement. This was a joint effort by KPD and the Marathon County Sheriff's Office, particularly their Crisis Response Team.
- A theft investigation in which a pair of juveniles were stealing lawn items from a neighbor. The victim agreed not to pursue a charge as long as the juveniles were given a stern warning about their behavior.
- Three assists to Mosinee PD for subjects they arrested. In one case, the subject became combative and fought with officers.
- A subject was arrested for battery and a probation hold after getting into a physical fight at a residence.
- Three OWI arrests, all off traffic stops:
 - One after the vehicle was stopped for going 88 MPH on Old 51! His preliminary breath test (PBT) was 0.18, which is more than twice the legal limit.
 - An arrest for OWI, Restricted Controlled Substance (i.e. drugged driving), and possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - A first offense OWI arrest with a PBT of 0.20.
- A domestic arrest for criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.
- A juvenile runaway who ran away from home three times over a short period of time. Credit to our officers for digging in each time and locating her. One subject was arrested for obstructing an officer and contributing to truancy. Other investigations are also underway with regard to that situation.
- A referral to Adult Protective Services for a resident who we felt could use some services.
- An attempted break into a storage unit. Fortunately, no entry was gained in this attempt.

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.

We just had two more officers graduate from the 40-hour CIT course in Wausau. CIT is a nationwide program that trains officers in the best practices for dealing with people in crisis. The program connects law enforcement with community resources and stakeholders to create a collaborative partnership and approach. Agencies



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typically attempt to get at least 20% of their patrol staff through this course and we now have 87% of our patrol staff certified through this school.

We have a busy month of training and in addition to the two officers at CIT School, we also have two officers attending a course for *Patrol Response for Overdose Investigations*. A couple of our officers have attended this school and found it to be very good. Lastly, our Sergeants will be attending PIO (Public Information Officer-Basic), which is a required course on our career development matrix. To top it off, we will be at the firearms range doing some handgun training.

CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT – Both Dodge Durango SUV’s have arrived and now we are working with the installer to see when they can fit us into their schedule. We are also transitioning to a mounted optic on our handguns (red dot) and those optics recently arrived. These are not the “Hollywood” style red lasers you see projecting off weapon systems, but rather a small optic mounted near the rear sight where the shooter sees a small red dot that is visible only to the person looking into the optic from behind. Officers are increasingly facing someone armed with a rifle (often with optics) and there’s not always time for the officer to get to their rifle. With these optics, we’re hoping to increase accuracy and give our offices the best chance possible in a deadly force situation.