



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for Sept. 2023 Board Meeting



TO: VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS

1. **DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY** – In August, we handled 711 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:
 - An OWI arrest for first offense with a preliminary breath test of .12. The driver refused the blood draw and officers needed to obtain a search warrant to draw it.
 - Two traffic stops that resulted in drug arrests:
 - One stop resulted in the driver's arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia, methamphetamine, bail jumping, and a probation hold. A K-9 alerted on the vehicle after it was stopped for speeding.
 - A second traffic stop that resulted in the driver being cited for possession of marijuana.
 - A subject was arrested for physical abuse to a child and strangulation after officers were called for a family disturbance.
 - A mental health emergency detention that tied up the night shift officer for four hours.
 - The theft of five catalytic converters from the same business. The case is still under investigation.
 - An arrest of a subject for possession of stolen property after officers found a boat stolen out of Lincoln County at his property. Officers impounded the boat, and the victim came and picked it up.
 - A pair of fraud/ID theft investigations.
 - A referral for charges on an out of county subject for felony bail jumping after he violated a condition of his bond in reference to a stalking investigation we originally handled.
 - An investigation regarding online extortion of a juvenile.
 - A disorderly conduct citation was issued to a subject who made threats to a local business. The subject was also given a "no trespass/return" order.
 - An agency assist to Mosinee for a subject who was arrested for disorderly conduct and being armed while intoxicated.
 - An arrest of a subject for second degree sexual assault of a child and exposing a child to harmful materials. Even though an arrest was made, this case is still being worked on.
 - Two incidents of vandalism with subjects egging houses.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS – I'm happy to say that we filled our crossing guard positions and a big thank you to Jennifer for helping promote the hiring of that position. Our morning crossing guard is Nicole Vermote and the afternoon crossing guard is Kathy Imlach. Pete Preu was our morning crossing guard last year, but he couldn't commit to a full time slot, so he is our relief person. I was present for the first day of school to help the new crossing guards out and I think we have two excellent employees in these positions.

Sgt Shope completed a 32-hour course on active shooter, which was sponsored by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). This free training took place at a school in Wausau and students participated in many scenarios, both as a solo responding officer and as a team. Sgt Shope will bring the tactics learned from this course back to KPD. Officers Dunst and Xiong are attending peer support training in early September, and they hope to get some initial plans rolled out for our new peer support program.

Sgt Seehafer is attending Leadership in Police Organizations, a three-week supervisory course in which students attend one week per month for three months. Part of our succession plan is to provide our new sergeants with both the training and experience to prepare them to assume the Lieutenant and Chief's position in the future. Here's a little information about the course from the WI Dept. of Justice website [Leadership in Police Organizations \(wccalumni.org\)](http://wccalumni.org): *LPO is our most requested career development*



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course; participants have called the program career-changing. LPO uses a behavioral science approach to leading people, groups and organizations. The course is based on material developed for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Focused on cultivating leaders at all levels of the organization, LPO training is highly interactive. Small group case studies, videos and class exercises are used to reinforce learning.

With both new officers out on solo patrol, our staffing is allowing for more community work. For example, officers have been teaming up to get out of the car more often and conduct foot patrol, particularly through the areas where we're experiencing issues. With school back in session, they also getting into Northland Lutheran School and visiting the DC Everest School Forest classrooms on Pyke Rd. This is great to see!

Lastly, I wanted to share this e-mail I received from Marathon County Social Services Director Christa Jensen. There was a photo attached to this as well, which showed Officer Guyer playing "Battleship" with the juvenile. I redacted the juvenile's name and added both feminine and masculine pronouns to the e-mail to protect the juvenile's identity. I thought it was great work by Officer Guyer, who wanted to reinforce that not all police contacts have to be negative!

Subject: FW: [External] Happy Monday

Chief McHugh,

Thank you to your Department and this Officer for your demonstration of service to our community! These positive interactions are so important and have such a lasting impact. We are grateful to have amazing partners in our communities!

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From: Paige Kubichek <Paige.Kubichek@co.marathon.wi.us>

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:56 AM

Subject: Happy Monday

Good morning team,

Just wanted to share a positive story from the weekend. I have a client who has frequent police visits due to ----- . His/her mom sent me this photo over the weekend. An officer from the Kronenwetter PD stopped by the house Friday night just to play games with ----- and have a positive visit with him/her, as opposed to the visits he/she typically has from law enforcement. -----'s mom couldn't say enough positive things about this officer and the Kronenwetter PD. 😊

2. CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT – We are reaching out to our contacts to see if the 2024 police vehicle pricing figures have been released yet. From what I have heard, it could be another tough year for getting police vehicle.