



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Executive Summary for December 2024 Board Meeting



TO: VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY – In October, we handled 538 total calls for service. Some highlights included the following:

- Two fraud/ID theft cases, one of which is still under investigation. This case has required subpoenas, which is a time-consuming task.
- Two OWI arrests.
- Six mental health welfare checks, two of which resulted in mental health detentions.
- A joint investigation with the DNR into a hunting and trespassing complaint. The DNR handled the hunting angle, and we cited for trespassing.
- Four instances of criminal damage/theft of political signs.
- A theft of multiple trail cameras and a trespassing complaint that is still under investigation.
- Three domestic related incidents. Two resulted in arrests for battery and disorderly conduct and the third was a child custody issue in which one party was referred for charges of criminal trespass to dwelling.
- A child welfare investigation that was initiated after the school raised concerns for a student.
- An arrest for an outstanding warrant after the driver was stopped for operating with expired vehicle registration.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ISSUES & STATUS – The multi-jurisdictional sexual assault of a child investigation is still ongoing and there continues to be developments in that case. The defendant violated conditions of his bond and through joint investigative work, we developed probable cause for the District Attorney to obtain an arrest warrant since officers were not able to apprehend the suspect. When he showed up at court, the judge changed his bond to \$50,000 cash and put him in jail. Great work by all agencies to work together on this and get the defendant put in jail. We've spent an incredible amount of time pouring over the initial phone downloads and we still have more work to do.

Staffing wise, it's going to be rough because we'll have two officers out on Family Leave for part or all of the next three months. In December, we will be at hard minimums (meaning only one officer on duty at any given time) for ten days, including a stretch of seven straight days. The officers made their 2025 shift selections in October and just finished their vacation picks, so they are ready for next year.

CURRENT GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT — We'll start placing orders for the equipment that was authorized for 2025. Once the budget was approved, we ordered the 2025 Dodge Durango. Often the window for ordering closes earlier and we must seek pre-approval to order it, but this year it stayed open long enough to wait.