



MEDINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE: April 8, 2024
TO: Stephen R. Burns, City Manager
FROM: Jeffrey R. Sass, Chief of Police
RE: Police Department Update – March 2024

The following is a summary highlighting some of the Medina Police Department activity in March, 2024.

Follow up:

Nothing to report.

BINGO Night at Three Points Elementary:

The Medina Police Department was invited to make an appearance at the Three Points Elementary School's BINGO night on Friday, March 8th. Sergeant Anderson and Officer Scott attended the event and made a lasting impression upon the parents and students in attendance. Officer Scott even called out the numbers!



Records & Public Disclosure Training:

Police Office Manager Barbara Marxer attended a training in Wenatchee that detailed best practices, state requirements and helpful hints for how to reduce the burden of public disclosure requests for body-worn camera footage and other police records. Barbara brought back a trove of useful information and resources, to include a fee schedule recommendation to recover costs incurred by the police department for public disclosure requests.

Notable Police Activity:

On March 5th, the nightshift patrol officer received a license plate reader camera notification of a stolen vehicle that had entered the city. The officer was able to quickly locate the vehicle since he was in the area on patrol already. The officer apprehended all three occupants of the vehicle, seized a significant amount of illegal and dangerous narcotics as well as recovered a firearm that was unlawful to be possessed by the arrestees.



In the early-morning hours of March 9th, the nightshift patrol officer was on routine patrol through the neighborhoods when he happened upon an illegally parked vehicle. The officer quickly observed a firearm inside the vehicle and detained the passenger who was caught by surprise by the diligent officer. Come to find out, this vehicle was waiting for the driver to return to it after the driver had just burglarized an occupied home in Clyde Hill. The officer applied for and obtained a search warrant to search the inside of the vehicle and located multiple items that were just taken from inside the burglarized home in Clyde Hill.

Throughout the day on March 9th, upwards of 40 demonstrators organized a walk that started in Kirkland and went through Seattle, Medina, Hunts Point, Yarrow Point and back to Kirkland to protest the conflict in Israel and Gaza. The “Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage” remained peaceful, and the Medina Police Department had additional officers on-duty ensuring

Marine Patrol:

During the month of March, the Marine Patrol Unit sent three Officers to training in Tacoma for Boat Operator Search and Rescue. This was a week-long course that taught search patterns, inter-agency cooperation mass

search and rescue events, and rescue techniques for retrieving individuals from the water. The three Officers are excited to bring this training back to the Department and share what they have learned.

We have also begun our preparations to replace ATONs (No Wake Buoys) that were lost over the winter storms. We have gone through most of our jurisdictional waters and recorded buoys that are missing or in need of repair, and residents should see us out there over the next month replacing them. We also identified areas that may need a new buoy placed to help with vessels transiting the area.

Next month I will attach our Boating Season Reminders for the beginning of the boating season.



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MONTHLY SUMMARY
MARCH 2024



FELONY CRIMES

Possession Stolen Property/Firearm **2024-00001115** **03/09/2024**
The nightshift patrol officer was on routine patrol through the neighborhoods when he happened upon an illegally parked vehicle in the 2400 block of 82nd Avenue NE. The officer observed a firearm inside the vehicle and detained the passenger. After further investigation, this vehicle was waiting for the driver to return to it after the driver had just burglarized an occupied home in Clyde Hill. The officer applied for and obtained a search warrant to search the inside of the vehicle and located multiple items that were just taken from inside the burglarized home in Clyde Hill.

Possession of Stolen Vehicle **2024-00001384** **03/24/2024**
Officers were alerted to a stolen U-haul truck that entered the city and triggered the city’s license plate reader camera system. The vehicle fled from officers after it was initially located, and the vehicle was recovered unoccupied in the 7700 block of NE 8th Street. Community members started calling 911 to report a suspicious individual in their neighborhoods, and after a K9 track the suspect was successfully apprehended. The bicycle the suspect was found with was one of the two stolen bicycles from Theft case #2024-00001443 and was returned to its owner. A second involved person was seen riding a bicycle in the area and getting on a metro bus. The investigation into the second involved person and missing bicycle continues and charges were filed on the individual taken into custody.

MISDEMEANOR CRIMES

Theft **Multiple Case Numbers** **03/02/2024**
Officers were dispatched to the 2800 - 32400 blocks of Evergreen Point Road for a report of multiple mailboxes that were broken into with several mailboxes experiencing mail theft. A nearby resident reported observing several individuals breaking into mailboxes while driving around in a white vehicle. Reports were taken with no additional suspect information at this time.

Malicious Mischief **2024-00000991** **03/03/2024**
Officers were dispatched to the 2600 block of 77th Avenue NE for a report of a mailbox that had been broken into and damaged. No mail was taken from inside the mailbox, but there was noticeable damage to the mailbox itself. Report taken with no suspect information available at this time. Likely related to the string of mail thefts from the previous day.

Motor Vehicle Prowl **2024-00001388** **03/24/2024**
Officers were dispatched to the 2800 block of Evergreen Point Road for a report of a motor vehicle prowl. A window had been smashed and the vehicle was rummaged through, but nothing was reported missing from inside the vehicle. Report taken with no suspect information available at this time.

Theft **2024-00001443** **03/27/2024**
Officers were dispatched to the 7700 block of Overlake Drive West for a report of a theft of two mountain bikes valued at approximately \$7,000. At the time of the call, there was no suspect information available. One of the bikes, however, was recovered during incident #2024-00001384 and the connection of the two incidents was made after this theft report was filed.

OTHER

Trespass

2024-00001327

03/21/2024

Officers were dispatched to the 1800 block of 73rd Avenue NE for a report of a subject trespassing at the property. The subject was issued a trespass warning letter and was advised that if they return they are subject to arrest. The subject left the property without incident.

Warrant Arrest

2024-00001343

03/22/2024

The nightshift officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an expired trip permit. After identifying the driver, the driver was arrested for an outstanding warrant out of the Bothell Police Department and transported to a Bothell Police Officer for booking into jail.



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CRIMES	Current Month	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Year-End 2023
Burglary	0	0	1	6
Vehicle Prowl	1	8	1	11
Vehicle Theft	0	0	2	4
Theft (mail & all other)	7	11	8	22
ID Theft/Fraud	0	1	4	22
Malicious Mischief (Vandalism)	2	6	6	13
Domestic Violence	0	1	3	10
Disturbance, Harassment & Non-DV Assault	0	4	4	28
TOTAL	10	31	29	116

COMMUNITY POLICING	Current Month	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Year-End 2023
Drug Violations	0	0	0	0
Community Assists	39	90	53	197
Marine	0	0	0	7
House Watch Checks	56	189	219	1016
School Zone	42	102	65	206
Behavioral Health	0	2	7	46
TOTAL	137	383	344	1472

TRAFFIC	Current Month	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Year-End 2023
Collisions				
Injury	0	1	2	2
Non-Injury	0	0	6	14
Non-Reportable	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	1	8	16
Traffic Enforcement				
Citations	1	9	3	12
Infractions	29	74	41	131
Warnings	224	507	586	1928
TOTAL	254	590	630	2071

LICENSE PLATE READER EVENTS	Current Month	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Year-End 2023
LPR alerts that were recovered	2	3	-	-
LPR alerts that were not located	7	12	-	-
LPR alerts that were located, not apprehended	1	2	-	-
TOTAL	10	17	-	-

CALLS FOR SERVICE	Current Month	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Year-End 2023
Animal	2	6	10	43
Residential Alarms	21	53	56	235
Missing Person	0	0	2	3
Suspicious Activity/Area Checks	60	175	154	804
TOTAL	83	234	222	1085

ADMINISTRATIVE	Current Month	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Year-End 2023
Public Disclosure Requests Received	1	9	12	75
Concealed Pistol License Applications Processed	1	11	10	38
TOTAL	2	20	22	113

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CRIMES	Current Month	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Year-End 2023
Burglary	0	0	0	1
Vehicle Prowl	0	1	0	3
Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Theft (mail & all other)	0	0	0	1
ID Theft/Fraud	1	1	2	3
Malicious Mischief (Vandalism)	0	0	1	1
Domestic Violence	1	1	1	3
Disturbance, Harassment & Non-DV Assault	0	1	1	6
TOTAL	2	4	5	18

COMMUNITY POLICING	Current Month	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Year-End 2023
Drug Violations	0	0	0	0
Community Assists	3	8	4	21
Marine	0	0	0	2
House Watch Checks	0	7	9	53
Behavioral Health	0	0	1	5
TOTAL	3	15	14	81

TRAFFIC	Current Month	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Year-End 2023
Collisions				
Injury	0	0	0	0
Non-Injury	0	0	0	1
Non-Reportable	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	1
Traffic Enforcement				
Citations	1	4	0	7
Infractions	6	13	21	49
Warnings	36	126	139	400
TOTAL	43	143	160	456

LICENSE PLATE READER EVENTS	Current Month	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Year-End 2023
LPR alerts that were recovered	-	-	-	-
LPR alerts that were not located	-	-	-	-
LPR alerts that were located, not apprehended	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	0	0	-	-

CALLS FOR SERVICE	Current Month	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Year-End 2023
Animal	0	4	2	5
Residential Alarms	4	9	7	27
Missing Person	0	1	0	1
Suspicious Activity/Area Checks	6	22	17	79
TOTAL	10	36	26	112

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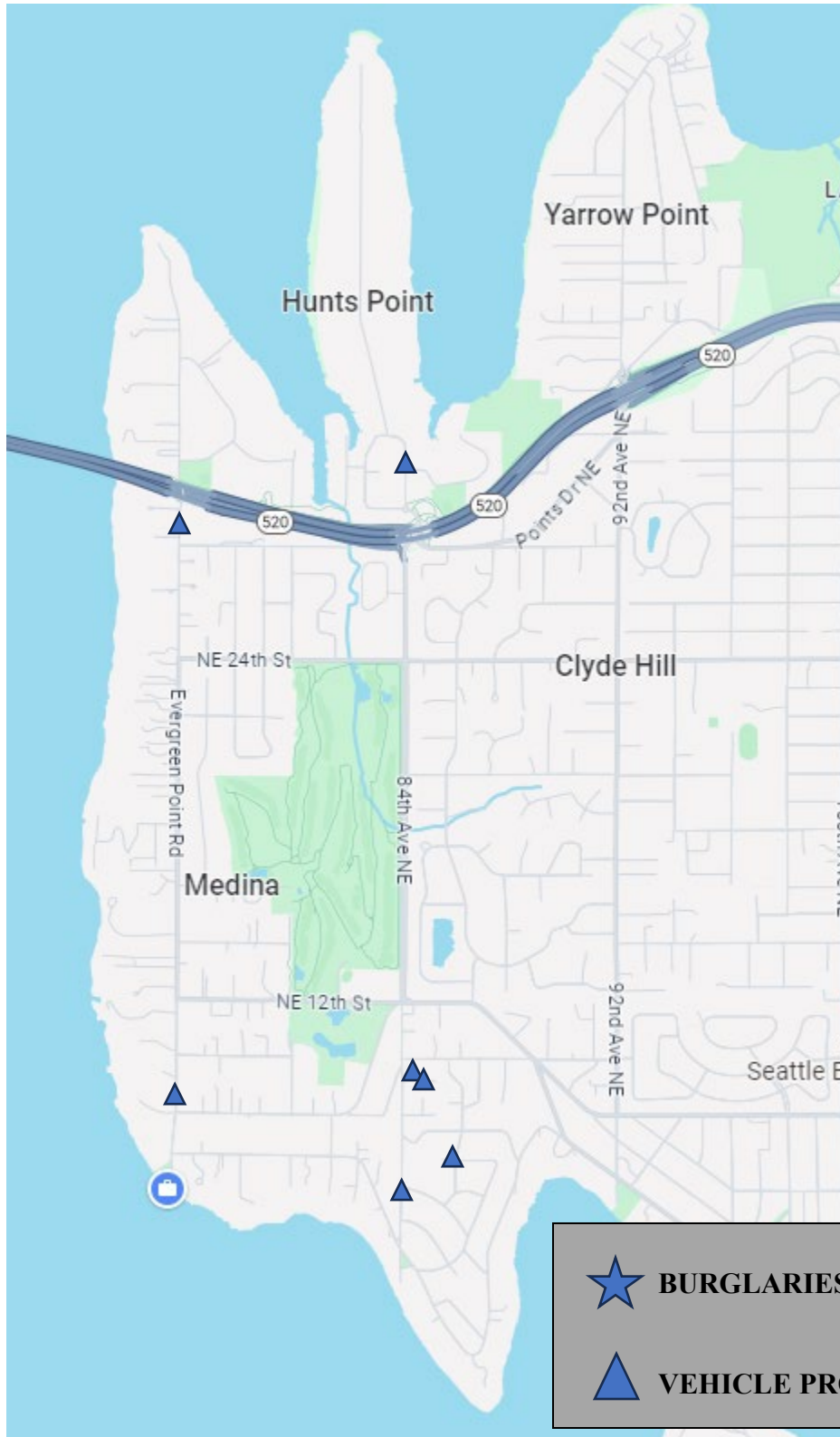
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BURGLARY & MOTOR VEHICLE PROWL

INCIDENT MAP



MARCH, 2024 YEAR-TO-DATE





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MONTHLY REPORTING STANDARDS



CATEGORY	DETAILS
Burglary	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Burglary (all degrees)• Residential Burglary
Vehicle Prowl	All degrees of Motor Vehicle Prowl.
Vehicle Theft	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motor vehicle theft• Taking a motor vehicle without permission• Car jacking
Theft	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possession of stolen property• Theft (all degrees)• Theft of mail
ID Theft/Fraud	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identity theft• Fraud
Malicious Mischief	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arson• Malicious Mischief (vandalism)
Domestic Violence	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DV Assault (all degrees)• Violation of Domestic Violence Court Order• DV Harassment (all degrees)• Custodial Interference• Order Service• DV Rape & Sex Offenses
Disturbance/Harassment /Non-DV Assault	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disturbance• Telephonic Harassment• Harassment (all degrees)• Assault (all degrees)• Adult Protective Services (APS) investigations• Child Protective Services (CPS) investigations• Abuse investigations• Extortion• Kidnapping• Non-DV Rape & Sex Offenses• Robbery
Drug Violations	Includes all Violations of the Uniformed Controlled Substances Act
Community Assists	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil matters• Community Policing• Non-suspicious Death Investigations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting the Fire Department/EMS • Found Child • Found Property • Special Events
Marine	Includes all incidents within our jurisdiction on the waterways.
House Watch Checks	Total number of visits to residences on house watch within the reporting period.
School Zone	Total number of school zone patrols conducted at all three elementary schools within the reporting period.
Behavioral Health	Calls for service involving individuals experiencing a behavioral or mental health episode. The call may have resulted in anything ranging from no police action and an involuntary commitment to a medical facility for treatment.
Traffic Collisions	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injury collisions involve medical treatment to at least one of the involved parties, either by on-scene EMS evaluation/treatment and/or transportation to a medical facility for treatment. These collisions require a police case report by law. • Non-injury collisions involve a collision in which there is property damage amounting to at least \$1,000 but no involved parties were injured. These collisions require a police case report by law. • Non-reportable collisions involve a collision under any of the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Collision on private property with no injuries. ○ Collision on public right of way with no injuries and any property damage did not amount to at least \$1,000.
Traffic Enforcement	<p>Citations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any criminal traffic citation, to include Driving With Suspended License, Reckless Driving, DUI, etc. <p>Infractions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any non-criminal traffic stop that resulted in the issuance of a civil infraction (ticket) to the driver. <p>Warnings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any traffic stop that resulted in a verbal warning to the driver.
License Plate Reader (LPR) Events	<p>Stolen license plates/vehicles that alerted the LPR system and were recovered.</p> <p>Stolen license plates/vehicles that alerted the LPR system and were not located.</p> <p>Stolen license plates/vehicles that alerted the LPR system and were located but fled from law enforcement attempts to apprehend the vehicle.</p>
Animal	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Found animal call for service • Lost animal call for service • Welfare check involving an animal • Noise complaints or nuisance calls for service involving an animal
Residential Alarms	House alarms that are triggered and the alarm company contacts 911 for a police response. These calls for service do not include alarm calls that become a burglary investigation upon police arrival.
Missing Person	Calls for service where a missing person report is taken, or the assistance of law enforcement is requested to search for a missing person. These calls include adults as well as juveniles.

Suspicious Activity/Area Checks	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noise complaints• Suspicious person/activity reports• Field contacts made by officers on patrol• Loud party calls, juveniles• Reports of dangerous driving• Weapons Complaints• Soliciting• Welfare Check• Prowler
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