



Police Report

January 2026

Submitted for Council Meeting: February 17th, 2026

The Spring Lake Park Police Department responded to or generated six hundred sixty-three calls for service for the month of January 2026. This is compared to responding to or generating six hundred sixty-nine calls for service in January 2025.

School Resource Officer Imig reports handling nine calls for service at our local schools, along with conducting nine student contacts, forty-two meetings and misc. contacts, and two follow-up investigations into school-related issues. SRO Imig also reported starting the training process with Officer Smith during the month of January. For further details see Officer Imig attached report.

Investigator Bennek reports handling twenty cases for the month of January 2026, eighteen felony and two misdemeanor case. Investigator Bennek also continues to monitor four forfeiture cases and closed one case. Inv. Bennek reported assisting Anoka County Adult Protection Investigators with a case in Spring Lake Park. This will be Investigator Bennek's final report for the city council before retirement. We will definitely miss him. For further details see Investigator Bennek's attached report.

The month of January 2026 has been a very busy month for myself, besides handling the day to day operations of the police department, I continued to represent the City of Spring Lake Park at several meetings in January 2026 including the below listed meeting:

- Department head meeting
- JLEC Governance Committee meeting
- Final JLEC meeting as the chair
- School Safety Committee meeting
- Anoka County Chiefs meeting
- Department meetings
- Admin Department meeting
- On boarding and backgrounds for new officers
- Flock Safety meeting
- Several MN Chiefs of Police meetings
- Several NCMFF meetings

- New building training
- Several CIT meetings
- Policy 360/ Magnus application meetings

The Spring Lake Park Police Department would like to recognize our “Reserve Program” for their volunteer service that they provide the police department and our community. The “Spring Lake Park Police Department 2025 Reserve Unit Annual Report” is provided in your council packets. During the course of 2025, our Reserve Unit consisted of Reserve Lieutenant Robert Schmidt and our newest Reserve Officer Ben Kieffer. They worked one hundred and twenty-seven hours in our community throughout the year. The reserves provide services that would normally take up a considerable amount of time of our officers. This allows our officers to focus on other incidents in our community. Utilizing the 2025 Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours for the State of Minnesota, this equated to approximately \$4,846.32 in wages saved.

On behalf of myself and the Spring Lake Park Police Department Officers, I would personally like to thank Reserve Lieutenant Schmidt and Reserve Officer Keiffer for their volunteer service and dedication they displayed on every shift to the police department and our community. Again, thank you for your service!

This conclude my report for the month of January 2025.

I can answer any questions at this time?



Investigator

Tony Bennek

Spring Lake Park Police Department

Monthly Report

January 2026

Total Case Load

Case Load by Level of Offense: 20

Felony	18
Gross Misdemeanor	0
Misdemeanor	2

Case Dispositions:

County Attorney	18
Juvenile County Attorney	0
City Attorney	2
Forward to Other Agency	0
SLP Liaison	0
Carried Over	0
Unfounded	0
Exceptionally Cleared	0
Closed/Inactive	0

Forfeitures:

Active Forfeitures	4
Forfeitures Closed	1

Spring Lake Park Police / School Resource Officer Report

January 2026

Incidents by School Location	Reports (ICRs)	Student Contacts*	Escorts/Other	Follow Up Inv.
Spring Lake Park High School	7	9	39	2
Discovery Days (pre-school)				
Lighthouse School				
Park Terrace Elementary School	1		1	
District Office	1		1	
Able and Terrace Parks (School Related)				
School Related			1	
Miscellaneous Locations				
Totals:	9	9	42	2

*refers to consultations with students not requiring a police report

Breakdown of Reports (ICRs)	
Theft reports (cellphones, iPods, bikes, etc...)	1
Students charged with Assault or Disorderly Conduct	
Students charged with other crimes	
Non-students Charged	
Warrant Arrests	1
Miscellaneous reports	7

City of Spring Lake Park
Police Department
2025 Reserve Unit



Annual Report

INTRODUCTION

Spring Lake Park Police Department Reserve Program started in 2006 and has been very useful to our department over the last 19 years. During the past year, members of the Reserve Program have contributed 127 volunteer hours which is down approximately 26 hours from 2024. This decrease is due to our reserves having full time school/work commitments and reserve officer turnover.

The Reserve Program had been talked about for years and was finally approved in 2006. We started with just 5 Reserve members and we currently have 2. This has been another re-building year for the reserve program. Sgt Kramer and Officer Imig have taken on this task on re-building and striving to make better and enhance our reserve program. We are training in one new reserve this year and we are currently accepting applications. We have a grand total of 2 reserves.

The Spring Lake Park Police Department Reserve Unit is made up of individuals who volunteer their time to assist the Spring Lake Park Police Department with various needs and projects throughout the year. Without the help of our reserve program, the Police Department would likely incur additional overtime costs and be less responsive to the needs of our citizens and the community.

We have people from all walks of life in the reserve unit. Most members work in the civilian sector and just wish to assist the Police Department while still helping their community. Others are students in a Law Enforcement programs looking to gain valuable career experience. All members have or will complete the Anoka County Reserve Academy and/or a training period with the Spring Lake Park Police Department.

The primary responsibility of the Reserve Unit is to assist patrol officers in the delivery of quality service.

Specific tasks performed by Reserve Officers are:

- Assist at traffic accidents or traffic stops and overseeing the towing of impounded vehicles.
- Assist at crime scenes in securing the perimeter and searching for evidence.
- Transport prisoners to the Anoka County Jail and the two Detoxification Centers that we use; Ramsey County and Missions Detox in Plymouth.
- Assist at the City's Annual Tower Days Parade, which is a huge help to the City and the Police Department.
- Assist with Nite to Unite, Santa Parade, touch a Truck, Panther 5k, and other events that come up during the year.

In emergency situations, members may be called into City Hall to assist the Police and Fire Departments with a variety of duties.

Our current reserve unit has 2 members. We are currently accepting applications/recruiting to try and bring our unit's numbers up.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointment Date</u>	<u>Position</u>
Robert Schmidt	02-2006	Reserve Lieutenant
Ben Kieffer	09-2025	Reserve Officer

SUMMARY OF SERVICE

Members of the Spring Lake Park Reserve Unit volunteered as of 12-31-2025, 127 hours to the program and the community. With our 2 active reserves in 2025. This equates to \$4,846.32 in wages saved based on 2024 Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours (see below).

The below information comes from the nonprofit: Independent Sector

State Values for Volunteer Time

Value of a Volunteer Hour, by State: 2024			
Alabama: \$30.59	Illinois: \$34.29	Montana: \$32.15	Rhode Island: \$36.34
Alaska: \$37.13	Indiana: \$31.05	Nebraska: \$31.96	South Carolina: \$31.16
Arizona: \$33.70	Iowa: \$29.96	Nevada: \$30.86	South Dakota: \$31.19
Arkansas: \$29.09	Kansas: \$30.86	New Hampshire: \$35.76	Tennessee: \$30.55
California: \$40.14	Kentucky: \$29.47	New Jersey: \$36.97	Texas: \$33.59
Colorado: \$38.74	Louisiana: \$29.14	New Mexico: \$28.69	Utah: \$34.45
Connecticut: \$38.43	Maine: \$32.13	New York: \$38.48	Vermont: \$34.39
Delaware: \$32.21	Maryland: \$35.53	North Carolina: \$33.01	Virginia: \$34.42
D.C.: \$52.06	Massachusetts: \$42.00	North Dakota: \$34.40	Washington: \$41.70
Florida: \$33.00	Michigan: \$32.87	Ohio: \$32.42	West Virginia: \$29.13
Georgia: \$32.63	Minnesota: \$38.16	Oklahoma: \$30.63	Wisconsin: \$34.00
Hawaii: \$37.43	Mississippi: \$27.01		
Idaho: \$32.48	Missouri: \$32.07		

		Oregon: \$36.44	Wyoming: \$31.69
		Pennsylvania: \$32.28	

The Spring Lake Park Police Reserve Unit volunteered 4 hours at the Tower Days Parade

The reserve unit assisted the Spring Lake Park Police Department with 121.5 hours of patrol time, which assisted our officers with transports, accidents scenes and towed vehicle inventories.

The reserve unit continues to be a great asset to our department. The Police Officers welcome and appreciate their time, skill, and service each Reserve Officer brings to a shift.

Break down of the hours worked in 2025 by our reserve officers:

Patrol	121.5 Hours
Meetings	1.5 Hours
Parades	4 Hours

Thank you to the Spring Lake Park Police Reserve Officers for their continued service to our city.

Prepared by Sgt Richard Kramer

02/06/2026