



## Police Report

January 2024

Submitted for Council Meeting: February 20, 2024

The Spring Lake Park Police Department responded to or generated eight-hundred and three calls for service for the month of January 2024. This is compared to responding to or generating seven-hundred and sixty-four calls for service in January 2023.

Investigator Bennek reports handling thirty-nine cases for the month of January 2024, thirty-two felony and seven misdemeanor case. Investigator Bennek also continues to monitor six forfeiture cases. Inv. Bennek reported assisting with another Auto Theft Task Force detail during the month of January. Inv. Bennek continues to meet with HyVee security staff and brief them on recent thefts and the success we have had with installing a temporary camera in their parking lot. For further details see Investigator Bennek's attached report.

The month of January 2024 has been a busy month for myself as well, 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 2024 including the below listed meeting:

- Department head meeting
- JLEC Governance Committee meeting
- School Safety Committee meeting
- Multiple North Command Mobile Field Force meetings
- Anoka County Chiefs meeting
- Intrepid network meeting
- Department meeting
- Critical Infrastructure committee meeting
- JLEC meeting

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 2023 Reserve Unit Annual Report" is provided in your council packets. During the course of 2024, our Reserve Unit consisted of three individuals who worked two hundred and six 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 2023 Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours for the State of Minnesota, this equated to approximately \$6,676.15 in wages saved.

Unfortunately, in 2024, despite many efforts to recruit new Reserve Officers, we are finding a lack of qualified Police Reserve candidates. One of our founding Reserve Officers, Robert Schmidt, is still an active member and will be staying on as a Reserve Officer to bring the Reserve Unit to a close. Reserve Officer Schmidt, is still a very active reserve, putting in 186 hours of the 206.5 hours.

On behalf of myself and the Spring Lake Park Police Department Officers, I would personally like to thank each and every one of our Reserve Unit Officers for their volunteer service and dedication they display 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 2024.

I can answer any questions at this time?

City of Spring Lake Park  
Police Department  
2023 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 17 years. During the past year, members of the Reserve Program have contributed 206.5 volunteer hours.

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 1.

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.

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.

Unfortunately, with the current climate, despite many efforts to recruit new Reserve Officers, we are finding a lack of qualified Police Reserve candidates. One of our founding Reserve Officers, Robert Schmidt, is still an active member and will be staying on as a Reserve Officer to bring the Reserve Unit to a close. Reserve Officer Schmidt, is still a very active reserve, putting in 186 hours of the 206.5 hours.

If the current climate changes, and there is an interest for Police Reserves again, we will consider reopening the Reserve Unit. It is not cost-effective due to the demands of the Reserve Coordinators to attempt to bring on new Police Reserves at this time.

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Appointment Date</u> | <u>Position</u>    |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Robert Schmidt | 02-2006                 | Reserve Lieutenant |

## SUMMARY OF SERVICE

Our member of the Spring Lake Park Reserve Unit volunteered, as of 12-31-2023, 206.5 hours to the program and the community. This equates to \$6,676.15 in wages saved based on 2021 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: 2021 |                        |                         |                         |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Alabama: \$26.89                          | Illinois: \$30.97      | Montana: \$26.48        | Rhode Island: \$29.17   |
| Alaska: \$31.34                           | Indiana: \$26.76       | Nebraska: \$27.44       | South Carolina: \$26.59 |
| Arizona: \$28.00                          | Iowa: \$26.40          | Nevada: \$26.18         | South Dakota: \$25.52   |
| Arkansas: \$23.79                         | Kansas: \$26.87        | New Hampshire: \$30.75  | Tennessee: \$26.02      |
| California: \$35.56                       | Kentucky: \$24.83      | New Jersey: \$32.39     | Texas: \$28.14          |
| Colorado: \$31.51                         | Louisiana: \$26.33     | New Mexico: \$24.32     | Utah: \$29.14           |
| Connecticut: \$33.35                      | Maine: \$26.77         | New York: \$34.59       | Vermont: \$28.14        |
| Delaware: \$28.47                         | Maryland: \$32.82      | North Carolina: \$27.63 | Virginia: \$30.80       |
| D.C.: \$50.48                             | Massachusetts: \$36.38 | North Dakota: \$27.95   | Washington: \$34.87     |
| Florida: \$27.68                          | Michigan: \$28.35      | Ohio: \$27.07           | West Virginia: \$25.07  |
| Georgia: \$27.66                          | Minnesota: \$32.33     | Oklahoma: \$24.96       | Wisconsin: \$27.87      |
| Hawaii: \$32.10                           | Mississippi: \$22.57   |                         |                         |
| Idaho: \$26.11                            |                        |                         |                         |

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|--|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
|  | Missouri: \$27.21 | Oregon: \$29.75          | Wyoming: \$27.13 |
|  |                   | Pennsylvania:<br>\$27.98 |                  |

The Reserve Unit assisted the Spring Lake Park Police Department with 178.5 hours of patrol time, which assisted our officers with transports, accidents scenes and towed vehicle inventories.

Thank you to Spring Lake Park Police Reserve Officer Robert Schmidt for his continued service to our city.

Prepared by Sgt Richard Kramer

1/22/24



Investigator

Tony Bennek

# Spring Lake Park Police Department

## Monthly Report

January 2024

### Total Case Load

#### Case Load by Level of Offense: 39

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Felony            | 32 |
| Gross Misdemeanor | 0  |
| Misdemeanor       | 7  |

#### Case Dispositions:

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| County Attorney          | 31 |
| Juvenile County Attorney | 0  |
| City Attorney            | 8  |
| Forward to Other Agency  | 0  |
| SLP Liaison              | 0  |
| Carried Over             | 0  |
| Unfounded                | 0  |
| Exceptionally Cleared    | 0  |
| Closed/Inactive          | 0  |

#### Forfeitures:

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Active Forfeitures | 6 |
| Forfeitures Closed | 0 |