



Police Report

February 2023

Submitted for Council Meeting: March 18, 2024

The Spring Lake Park Police Department responded to seven-hundred thirty-four calls for service for February 2024. This is compared to responding to seven-hundred and fourteen calls for service in February 2023.

Investigator Bennek reports handling 40 cases for February 2024. 33 felony cases, and 7 Misdemeanor case. Investigator Bennek also continues to monitor six ongoing forfeiture cases. Inv. Bennek attending two metro wide auto theft task force meetings, the quarterly Anoka County Domestic Abuse lethality meeting and attended the MPPOA legislative conference in Rochester. For further details see Investigator Bennek's attached report.

We continue to monitor the School Resource Officer legislation at the Capitol. The House of Representatives passed changes to the law on March 4th, 2024. The changes bring the SRO's back under the MN Use of Force Statute 609.06 and takes SRO's out of the agent of the school language. The law will also require training and a new mandated POST board policy. As of today's, date the bill has been passed to the MN Senate and we are awaiting their vote. Once the bill is voted in we will come back to the council and request permission from council to craft a new contract with District 16 for our SRO program.

The Administrative staff continues to keep our office and behind-the-scenes operations running at a high level even during the construction. We are thankful to have them supporting us daily.

The month of February 2024 was a very busy month for me. I along with our staff have been very busy with the remodeling of City Hall. Like other departments we have been displaced from certain locations in the PD. I do want to give a special thanks to Officer Dustin Lemke who runs our evidence room. The last time we organized and moved our evidence room it took almost a year. Due to the construction he had to move the evidence room twice in two weeks. So thank you Officer Lemke and all those that assisted you. Along with the day to day operations of the Police Department I represented the City of Spring Lake Park at the below meetings:

- Emergency Management meeting
- Several North Command Mobile Field Force meeting
- FBI/BCA security policy meeting with the MN BCA

- Critical Infrastructure meeting
- UKG Work session
- City Hall renovation meetings
- Records Management Committee RFP meeting
- Council meeting
- Anoka County Chiefs meeting
- Bi-annual Body Work Camera Audit

I completed our Bi-annual body worn camera audit on February 26, 2024 with the auditor from Computer Integrated Services. The audit went very well and I am waiting on results. Nothing appeared to be out of the ordinary at the time of the audit.

I along with Inv. Bennek had the privilege of attending the memorial services for the fallen Burnsville PD Officer Paul Elmstrand and Matthew Ruge and Burnsville paramedic/firefighter Adam Finseth at Grace Church in Eden Prairie. It was a humbling experience and we are grateful for the sacrifice that all three first responders made in the line of duty protecting 7 children.

In an effort to always we looking for better ways to operate during our Tower Days events at Lions Lakeside Park myself and Sgt. Fiske met with Director Okey. During our discussions an idea was brought up that we think will significantly reduce congestion and promote better traffic safety during the event. On Saturday and Sunday during the festivities McKinley Road and Pleasant View Dr. from 81st Ave to 79th/Hillview Rd will become one-way streets. We will have SBM Fire Corp assisting in directing traffic the correct way. Traffic will flow from McKinley St. one way south around to Pleasant View Dr. one way north. This should help with congestion and cars trying to flow both north and south. This will also leave areas open for bus parking, Fire truck parking and motorcycle parking. We have ordered signs and will have the area well marked. We will also be advertising the change on our City and PD Facebook pages, the City newsletter, the city billboard and we will distribute the change to all of the homes in the general vicinity. I have attached the letter below that will be going out to residents in the surrounding area. If you have any questions prior to the March 18th, 2024 Council meeting please reach out to me directly.

This will end my report for February 2023.

Chief Antoine



Investigator

Tony Bennek

Spring Lake Park Police Department

Monthly Report

February 2024

Total Case Load

Case Load by Level of Offense: 40

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|-------------------|----|
| Felony | 33 |
| Gross Misdemeanor | 0 |
| Misdemeanor | 7 |

Case Dispositions:

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| County Attorney | 32 |
| 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:

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

March 7, 2024

From: Chief Josh Antoine

Re: Temporary Change of Traffic Flow for Tower Days

To Whom This May Concern,

The Spring Lake Park Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with The Spring Lake Park Police Department and the Spring Lake Park Lions will be having the annual festivities for Tower Days at Lions Lakeside Park on Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9, 2024. These festivities are an annual event, but there is going to be a change in traffic flow during the hours of the events each day. Here is the breakdown for the changes:

- McKinley St NE will be one-way traffic going southbound from 81st Ave NE to 79th Ave NE
- 79th Ave NE will be one-way traffic going eastbound from McKinley St NE to Pleasant View Dr NE
- Pleasant View Dr NE will be one-way traffic going northbound from 79th Ave NE to 81st Ave NE

This change will allow for parking on both sides of the street, but still maintaining a traffic flow as there will not be opposing traffic. There will be temporary signage along the route during the weekend. As always, vehicles parked on the street are not allowed to block mailboxes or driveways. The area along 79th Ave NE along the park side of the street will be reserved as handicap parking, along with some motorcycle parking east of the entrance to the park. Please see the attached map for further explanation of the temporary change.

As stated previously, this temporary traffic flow change is only for the two days of Tower Days at Lions Lakeside Park during the hours of the festivities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Chief Josh Antoine
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