



## Police Report

February 2025

Submitted for Council Meeting: March 17, 2025

The Spring Lake Park Police Department responded to six-hundred thirty-three calls for service for February 2025. This is compared to responding to seven-hundred thirty-four calls for service in February 2024.

School Resource Officer Imig reports handling thirteen calls for service at our local schools, along with conducting five student contacts, thirty-two escorts, and thirteen follow-up investigations into school-related issues. For further details see Officer Imig attached report.

Investigator Bennek reports handling 24 cases for February 2025. 23 felony cases, and 1 Misdemeanor case. Investigator Bennek also continues to monitor five 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.

The Administrative staff continues to keep our office and behind-the-scenes operations running at a high level. The records staff did just finish a bi-annual administrative audit with the MN BCA. We are waiting to hear the results, but from all accounts we have no issues reported by the BCA.

The month of February 2025 was a very busy month for me. I along with staff have been very busy with the final stages of the remodel and we are very thankful to be in our locker's rooms and the use of our own bathrooms. 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 and table top at Blaine PD
- FBI/BCA security policy meeting with the MN BCA
- FBI JTTF meeting
- Critical Infrastructure meeting
- MN Chiefs of Police bi-weekly regional meetings
- City Hall renovation meetings
- Council meetings
- Anoka County Chiefs meeting
- CIT bi-weekly teams meeting

As most of you will remember during the Tower Days weekend celebration we had a change of traffic direction on McKinley St and Pleasant View Dr. That traffic change was very well received by the neighborhood and Park and Rec. We will once again put that into effect for this year's Tower Days. For further details please see the city newsletter, police and city Facebook pages, or just contact the police department for details. Please see the letter we will send out and direction of travel at the end of this report.

As many of you are aware, police departments, including ours, have been facing significant challenges with recruitment and retention. In response, we have been exploring various strategies to both attract new employees and retain our current staff. One area we have consistently focused on is health and wellness. Several years ago, the council approved the establishment of the Power Program, a mental health wellness initiative that allows officers to confidentially consult with professional therapists for support with any concerns. Additionally, physical wellness has always been a priority. While we've traditionally allowed officers to utilize the fire hall for workouts during their shifts, this has become increasingly difficult due to the fire department's new 24/7 operational model. As we moved into our new police department facility and cleared out unnecessary items, it became clear that our former storage room could be repurposed. I conducted research on the possibility of creating an exercise room within our department, and with Dan's approval, we proceeded with the project. After obtaining several quotes from exercise equipment companies, I was informed by Building Inspector Baker that the fire department was in the process of rehoming some equipment. I reached out to the fire department, and they kindly donated all the necessary equipment for our new exercise room. With the remaining funds from the County Attorney's donation, I purchased flooring and other miscellaneous items. As a result, we now have a fully functional exercise room, which will not only help attract new candidates but also support the wellness of our current employees. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the fire department for their generous support in setting us up.

This will end my report for February 2025.

Chief Antoine



Investigator

Tony Bennek

# Spring Lake Park Police Department

## Monthly Report

February 2024

### Total Case Load

#### Case Load by Level of Offense: 24

Felony	23
Gross Misdemeanor	0
Misdemeanor	1

#### Case Dispositions:

County Attorney	23
Juvenile County Attorney	0
City Attorney	1
Forward to Other Agency	0
SLP Liaison	0
Carried Over	0
Unfounded	0
Exceptionally Cleared	0
Closed/Inactive	0

#### Forfeitures:

Active Forfeitures	5
Forfeitures Closed	

## Spring Lake Park Police / School Resource Officer Report February 2025

	Reports (ICRs)	Student Contacts*	Escorts/Other	Follow Up Inv.
Spring Lake Park High School	9	5	32	3
Discovery Days (pre-school)				
Lighthouse School				
Park Terrace Elementary School	2			
District Office				
Able and Terrace Parks (School Related)				
School Related				
Miscellaneous Locations	2			
Totals:	13	5	32	13

<b>Breakdown of Reports (ICRs)</b>	
Theft reports (cellphones, iPods, bikes, etc...)	
Students charged with Assault or Disorderly Conduct	4
Students charged with other crimes	
Non-students Charged	
Warrant Arrests	
Miscellaneous reports	9

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

From: Chief 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 7th and Sunday, June 8th, 2025. 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 81<sup>st</sup> Ave NE to 79<sup>th</sup> Ave NE
- 79<sup>th</sup> 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 79<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 81<sup>st</sup> 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 79<sup>th</sup> 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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