



## Police Report

November 2023

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The Spring Lake Park Police Department responded to seven hundred and forty-five calls for service for the month of November 2023. This is compared to responding to six-hundred ninety-three calls for service for November 2022.

Investigator Bennek reports handling twenty-eight cases for the month of November 2023. Twenty-one felony cases and seven misdemeanor cases. Investigator Bennek also reports monitoring five forfeiture cases in November 2023. Inv. Bennek reported attending "Use of Force" and "Search Warrant Writing" training in the month of November 2023. Inv. Bennek also assisted with a auto theft/ retail crimes task

I continued to stay busy in the month of November 2023. Along with the day to day operations I continued to represent the City of Spring Lake Park at several meetings and training throughout the month of November including the following:

- City Hall final turn page meeting
- City Department head meeting
- Anoka County SWAT meeting
- Several embedded social worker meetings
- Critical Infrastructure meeting
- Anoka County Chiefs of Police meeting
- Frontline Professional standards onboarding meeting
- Police Department photos
- Use of Force training
- Transcend robotics TV interview with North Metro TV

It is with a heavy heart that I communicate the decision to cease operations of the Spring Lake Park Reserve program, effective November 30th, 2023. Over the past two years, we have witnessed a decline in interest and participation in law enforcement volunteer programs. In 2020, our program boasted seven reserve officers, but regrettably, as of today, we only have one dedicated reserve officer. Despite our recruitment efforts, which have yielded only two applicants in recent years, the challenges in maintaining the reserve program have become increasingly apparent. The program, managed by two coordinators, demands considerable time and energy, and the financial investment from the city and

police department now surpasses the benefits observed in recent times. In recognition of the steadfast commitment of our sole fully committed reserve officer, who has expressed a desire to remain and oversee the program's gradual closure over the next year or two, we have decided to honor his request. He intends to retire after serving 20 years with the Spring Lake Park Police Department. Given his exemplary dedication to both the police department and the City of Spring Lake Park, we will retain him until his retirement. While the current circumstances necessitate the closure of the program, we remain open to reassessing its viability in the future, should there be a positive shift in the volunteer law enforcement market

We will be hosting another community event on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. in the City Council chambers. This event will be similar to Coffee with a Cop, but we will be having pizza and pop instead. The community is invited to come in and ask questions or just get to know our officers that will be there. Please feel free to contact me with any questions on this event.

We were able to donate 10 bikes in the month of November 2023 to Bikes for Kids. Bikes for Kids is a non-profit organization that restores donated bikes and gives them to children in need. We have been partnered with the organization since approximately 2017 and are happy to continue that partnership into the future.

This will conclude my report for the month of November 2023.

I will take any questions you may have.



Investigator

Tony Bennek

# Spring Lake Park Police Department

## Monthly Report

November 2023

### Total Case Load

#### Case Load by Level of Offense: 28

Felony	21
Gross Misdemeanor	0
Misdemeanor	7

#### Case Dispositions:

County Attorney	20
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	5
Forfeitures Closed	0