



Joseph Mehline
Chief of Police

Toppenish Police Department

516 West 2nd Avenue
Toppenish, WA 98948
Tel (509) 865-1629
Fax (509) 864-6016
Cityoftoppenish.us/police/

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 4, 2024

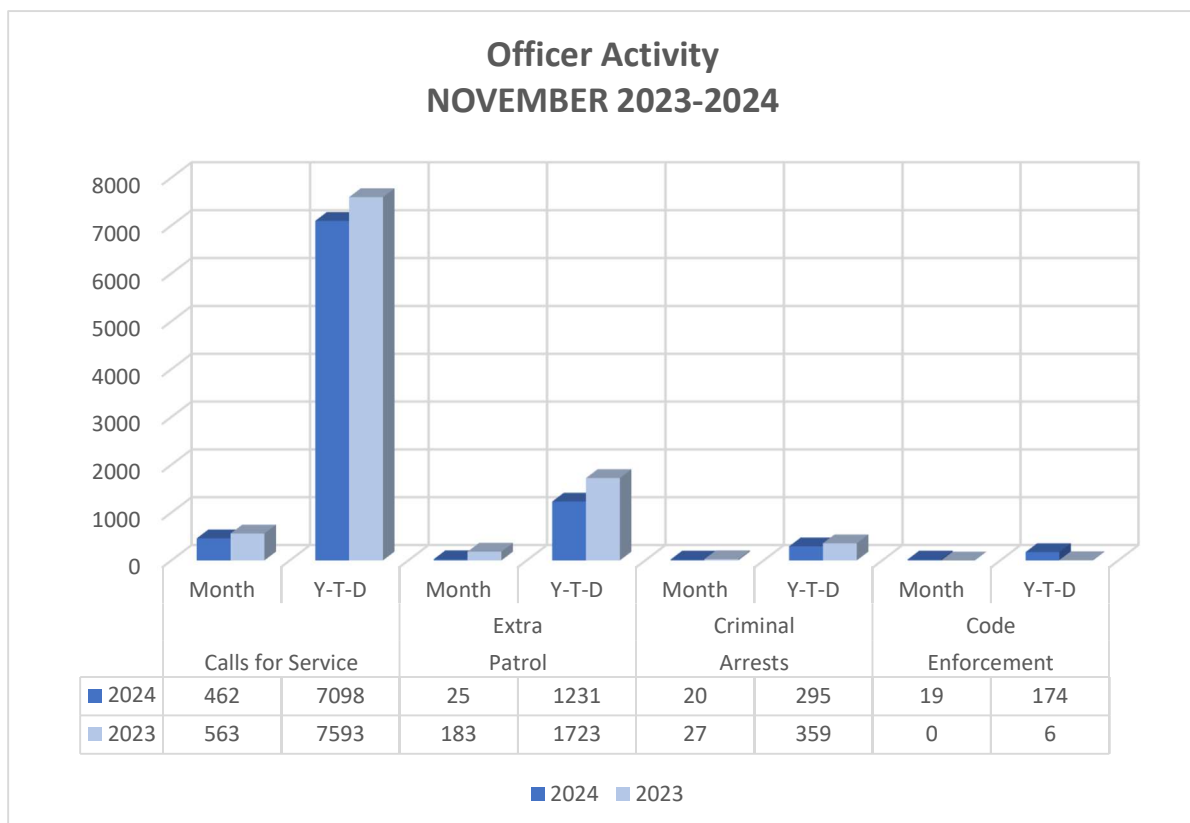
TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Joseph Mehline, Chief of Police

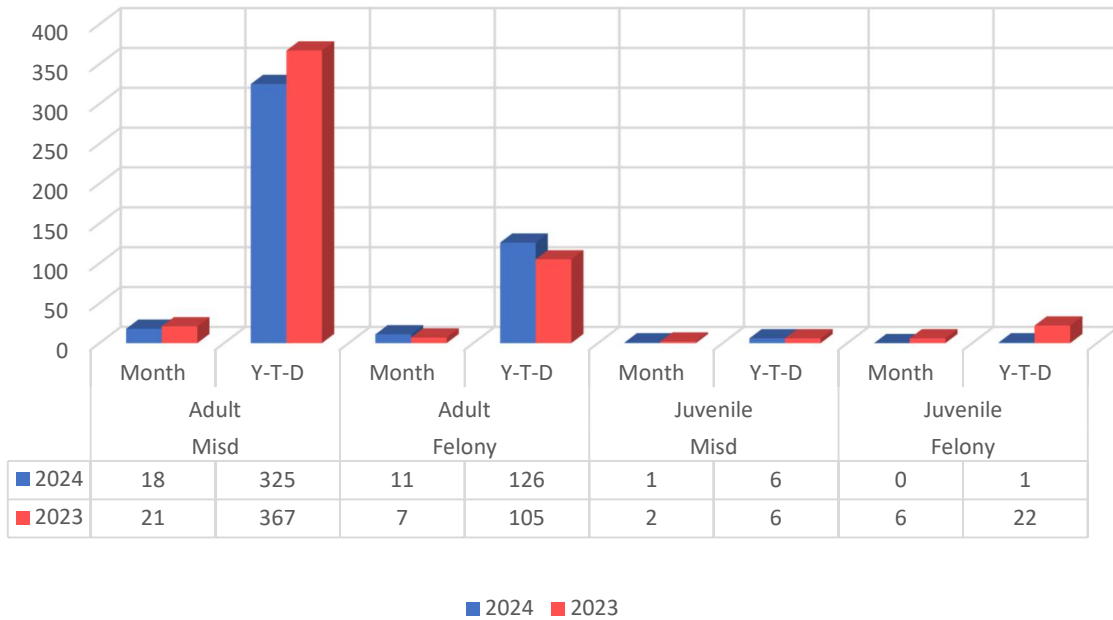
RE: Police Department Activity and Staff Report, November 2024

Cc:

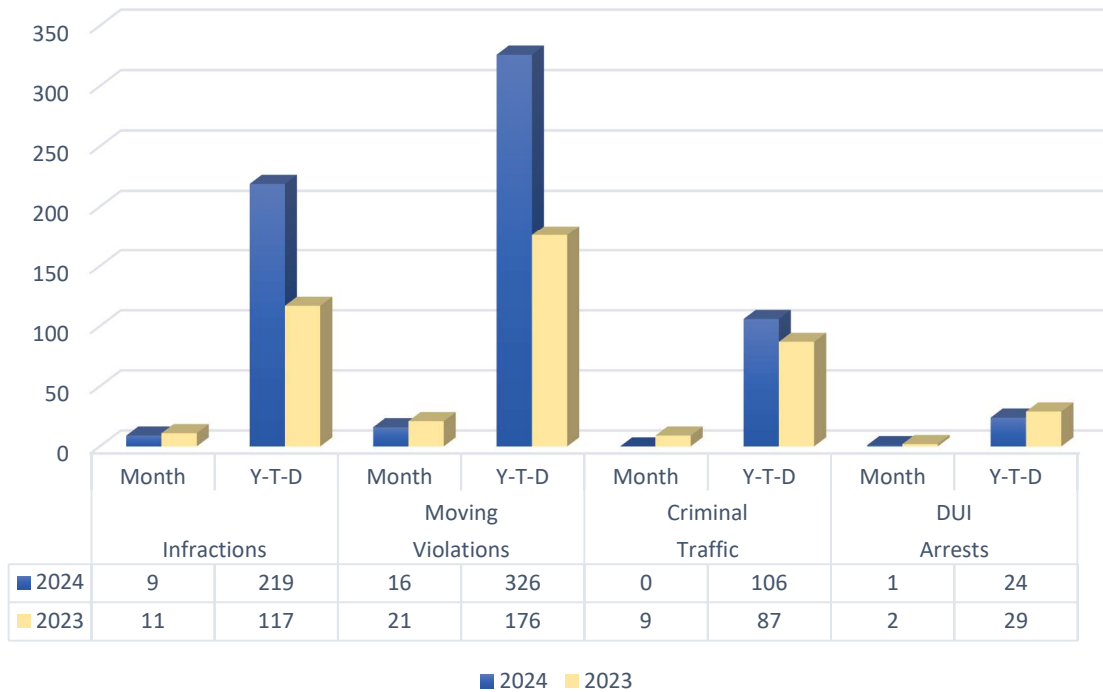
The following is to report the Police Department activities for November 2024:



Criminal Arrests NOVEMBER 2023-2024



Traffic Enforcement NOVEMBER 2023-2024



Major Incidents/Special Emphasis Patrol:

Major Incidents/Special Emphasis Patrol:

- TPD continued to conduct extra patrols and enforcement in the city
- K-9 Grom had two deployments including one find
- TPD responded to 18 overdoses including 0 overdose death (October 9 including 0 deaths)
- TPD participated in the Toppenish Lighted Christmas Parade

TPD Case #24P5611

Toppenish Officers observed two subjects near a vehicle that had recently been prowled. The subjects were detained, found to have burglary tools as well as warrants for their arrest. The two subjects were arrested and taken to jail.

TPD Case #24P5630

Toppenish Officers were dispatched to a possible burglary in progress on the west side of the city. There were residents inside the home during this incident. The suspect fled in a vehicle upon the officer's arrival. The vehicle was being pursued and it crashed and rolled over just outside the city. The suspect was arrested and treated for minor injuries. The suspect was an enrolled juvenile. YNPD took custody of the suspect and transported him to Tribal Jail. No damage or injuries came to the residents of the home.

TPD Case #24P5750

Toppenish Officers responded to a cold theft near the downtown area. A change machine had been stolen from a business overnight. Officers were able to identify the suspects. The suspects were located at Legends Casino and detained. The suspects gave a full confession and were arrested and booked in jail.

TPD Case #24P5507

Toppenish Officers and YNPD were able to locate a kidnapping suspect on the south side of the city. The suspect was arrested and taken to jail without incident.

TPD Case #24P5819

A Toppenish Officer was dispatched to a suicidal subject on the west side of the city. The Officer de-escalated the situation and was able to convince the subject to go to the hospital with paramedics.

TPD Case #24P5839

A Toppenish Officers received a FLOCK hit on a wanted subject. Offices located the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle. The vehicle did not stop and sped away, starting a vehicle pursuit. Officers made the decision to terminate the vehicle pursuit when they could not confirm the identity of the driver.

TPD Case #24P5891

Toppenish Officers were dispatched to a GSV at a store on the west side of the city. The victim had non-life-threatening injuries. The suspect vehicle was later located utilizing FLOCK. The suspect was later arrested on December 4th without incident. The suspect was booked into jail.

TPD Case #24P5934

Toppenish Officers responded to a report of an overdose near the train tracks. The scene and victim were determined to be in Yakima County. YSO was called to handle the incident. The victim was determined to be deceased when Fire and AMR arrived on scene.

TPD Case #24P5966

Toppenish Officers were dispatched to a vehicle accident on the south side of the city. A vehicle had backed into a Toppenish Fire Truck. There was minimal damage to the causing vehicle and no apparent damage to the Toppenish Fire Truck. There were also no injuries.

TPD Case #24P5967

Toppenish Officers received a notification from FLOCK of a stolen vehicle in the city. YNPd and Toppenish Officers located the stolen vehicle which was occupied. The driver of the vehicle was arrested. YNPd took over the case as the driver was an enrolled member.

TPD Case #24P5978

Toppenish Officers assisted WSP with an accident hit & run that occurred outside the city. The suspect vehicle was last seen heading toward Toppenish. The vehicle was located, and a traffic stop was conducted. During the investigation, K9 Grom was deployed, and he alerted on the vehicle. A search warrant was executed on the vehicle.

TPD Case #24P6033

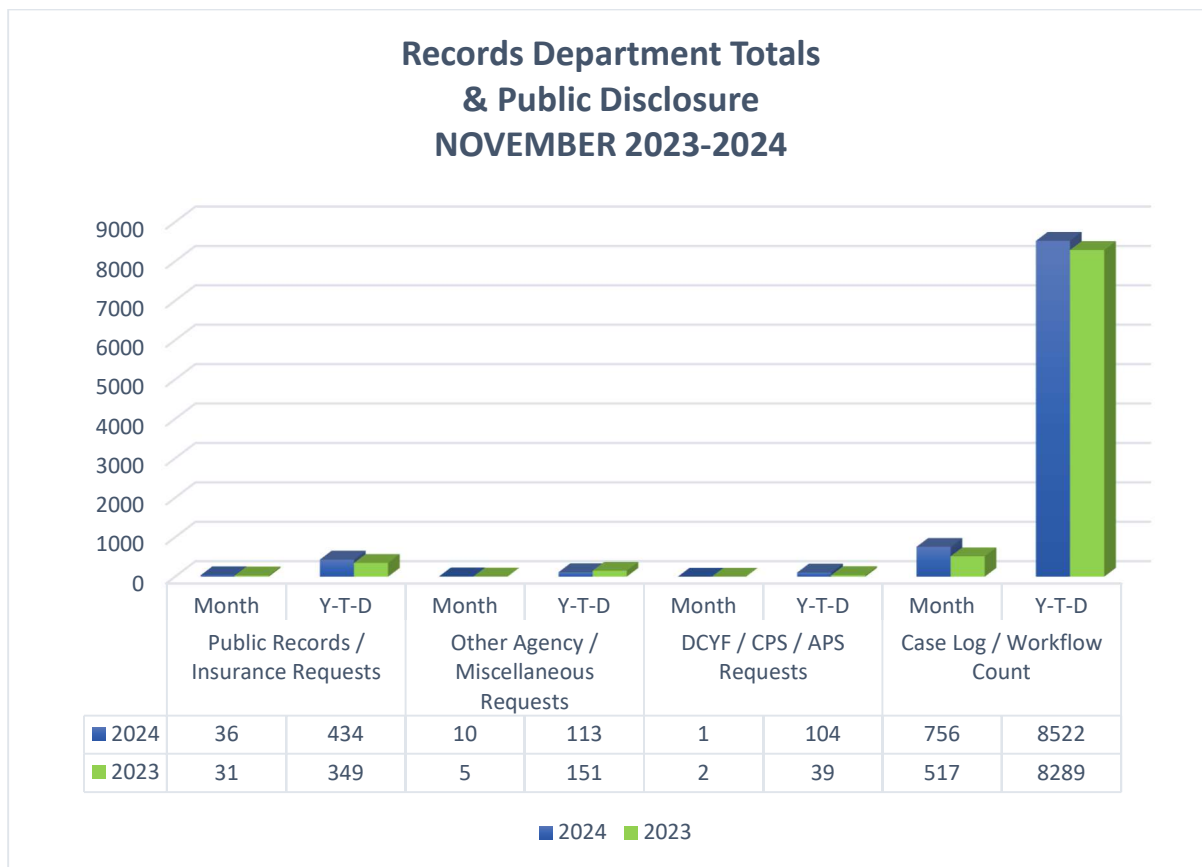
Toppenish Officers were dispatched to a suspicious male blocking a vehicle while holding a metal object, on the west side of the city. The male was located and arrested. During the arrest, the suspect fought with Officers. The suspect sustained a cut to his face while being arrested. The suspect was taken to Yakima County Jail after being medically cleared at the hospital.

Training:

Officers attended and completed various training events in the month of November including 16 hours of K9 training, SWAT Training, Reality Based Instructor Training, Peer Support, Advanced Peer Support, and Draeger Recertification.

Records Unit:

The Records Unit received 47 new requests for records and closed 40. It took an average of 7.32 business days to process requests. There were 462 calls for service/case entries, and the unit processed 756 records, which consisted of new cases and follow-up.



Personnel Update:

- All current positions in the Police Department have been filled.