

Willow Park Police Department – Quarterly update
December 5, 2023

- Purchased and trained staff on new Taser 7 system
- Filled vacant criminal investigations division spot with Sabrina Blackwell
 - Det. Blackwell has filled the vacant position that was left open when Det. Brad Sims left the department. This will give the department a much-needed second detective to assist in criminal investigations.
- Issued new Glock handguns to all personnel and older weapons have been returned and are being prepared for sale to offset price of newly acquired weapons.
- Each officer was given department issued weapon lights and department issued lights to carry on belt.

Officers enter in the RMS system each time they are dispatched to a call. For the period of 1/1/23 to 12/1/23, officers entered a total record of 4,037 dispatched calls for service, not including officer-initiated activity.

Of the calls for service entered for each officer, over 2,000 calls for service occurred on the interstate or on the service roads. This number does not include officer-initiated activities such as traffic stops. Patrol responded to 46 major accidents during this time frame, 31 of the major accidents occurred on the interstate or service roads.

Patrol responded to 110 minor accidents within the city. Of those minor crashes, 72 occurred on the interstate or service roads.

This is an exorbitant amount of calls for service on the interstate and service roads. This number reflects on the conversations with residents of the visual decrease of patrol officers seen in the neighborhoods. Patrol shifts currently have two officers assigned per shift. If an officer calls in sick or has to take vacation time, the shift must be covered using overtime, if an officer is available.

Calls for service on the interstate will commonly require two officers to respond, this leaves the city uncovered on calls for service that will last normally for hours. The patrol shifts are understaffed to handle the number of calls for service on the interstate and service roads and still provide adequate patrols in the neighborhoods.

STATS as of 08/01/2023 to 12/5/2023

1153 Calls for Service
2978 Security check or close patrols
90 arrest – 141 criminal charges
496 Citations
679 Warnings