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RE: Possible Personal Changes

Dear Police and Fire Commission Members,

PFC President Lewis asked that I forecast any sworn personal changes at the Department for 2023.

The only promotional process I am anticipating would be in Investigations. In my proposed restructure, a Detective Sergeant position would be created. That would be one process. Depending on where who earns that promotion, there could be an additional process filling a vacant detective spot. If that occurs, there would be a second process to fill the vacant detective position.

I am not aware of any pending departures. I am hoping it will be a light year and want to thank you for your time last year with all the processes!

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan

STOUGHTON POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION

January 2023 Police Department Report

Last quarter highlights:

I recognized that the City did not have at ready Emergency Operations Center (EOC). I coordinated efforts with staff to design a EOC in the second floor common area of the PD. I requested funds be transferred to cover the costs. The area required some electrical work before the monitors were mounted to the wall. I expect the EOC will be fully operational by the end of February.

Our K9 unit headed by Officer Paul Johnson contuse to progress. K9 Odin is making strides and the two train on a weekly basis. Being our second K9 has made it somewhat easier especially with Sgt. Chad O'Neal offering his guidance. K9 Ole continues to enjoy retirement and still perks up as if he is ready to come back.

We continue to work committee level on several items. The most prominent is a revamp of our current alcohol licensing and renewal process.

I have met with SASD Superintendent Dan Keyser multiple time to discuss strategies. Dan has included us in monthly safety meetings held at the school. I also met with SASD School Board President Frank Sullivan to discuss school resource officers. We continue to receive a steady stream of calls from the school. We have also provided additional training to their staff members regarding active threats.

The department again is participating in several DOT Traffic Grants. The Seatbelt Grant is under way currently. The OWI and Speed Grants will follow later in the year. The Grants pay for overtime for the officers to focus on the specific grant.

The PD was represented at the EMS Chili Cookoff and the Stoughton Fire Truck Parade.

Officer Todd Dovichi organized a completely independent food driver within the PD where eight families were gifted meals from donated from our staff.

Officers Chris Stachel and Hector Covarrubias organized the annual Shop with a Cop program which was held on December 17th, 2022. Through generous donations, the children were treated to a morning of food and shopping. Steller, Inc. once again paid for all the purchases at Walmart.

PERSONNEL NEWS

The department said goodbye to Patrick Frisch who retired officially on December 31st, 2022. Pat had served in the Lieutenant position since his promotion in April, 2022. Before that he served as a sergeant from 2003-2018 after being initially hired in October of 1996. We wish him the best.

The department extended an offer to two experienced applicants following interviews by the PFC. Officer Brandon Straub started with the department on 1-18-22. Brandon was sworn in on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022. Brandon is in field training presently and will be on solo patrol in February most likely. Officer Joseph Fitters started on January 2nd, 2023. More on him next quarter.

Probationary Officers Mark Schollmeyer, Brock Padley and Jay Oren are progressing very nicely in their roles with very few issues and no major corrections.

Brandon Hill was promoted to Lieutenant and officially started on January 1st, 2023. Brandon started with the PD in 1999 and has been a detective since 2009. Brandon brings with him a wealth of departmental knowledge with much expertise in not only investigations but also court and personnel related topics.

CSO Brooke Schmidt accepted a full time position with the Edgerton School District beginning on January 3rd, 2023. She has agreed to stay on here in a lesser capacity role. Brooke's regular attendance is being missed already.

In the Dispatch Center, a part time addition Tanya Martinez-Knauer continued her training process. Tanya is new to dispatching. Tanya has completed 208 hours of training and is close to being on her own.

Significant Incidents

On 11-08-22, a 41 year old male was arrested for domestic battery and disorderly conduct

On 11-11-22, a 40year old male was arrested for strangulation and disorderly conduct, both domestic related.

On 11-22-2023 a stolen vehicle was recovered near River Bluff School.

On 11-22-22, a 41 year old male was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and an outstanding warrant.

On 11-28-22, a male subject was arrested for possession of a firearm by a felon, battery and disorderly conduct domestic related.

On 12-03-22, a 58 year old male was cited for operating while intoxicated (eighth offense).

On 12-11-22, a 30 year old male was arrested for child abuse

On 12-17-22, a 40 year old male was arrested for OPERATE W/ CONTROL SUBS-CAUSE INJURY 2nd offense.

November Statistics

The Stoughton Police Department logged 935 incidents for November. Cases of interest for the month were: one stolen vehicle, two OWIs, six thefts, five frauds, five domestic disturbances, three threats, twenty one disturbances, eighteen traffic crashes, forty five EMS assists, twelve alarms, sixteen juvenile incidents, forty three 911 calls, eighteen animal related complaints, forty three traffic complaints, six criminal damages to property, three residential burglaries and officers responded to twenty five suspicious activity calls. Officers also logged 33 check persons, 111 check properties, 17 assist cases, 29 parking complaints/citations, 28 criminal charges, 8 ordinance violations, and 23 traffic arrests from 81 traffic stops.

December Statistics

The Stoughton Police Department logged 875 incidents for December. Cases of interest for the month were: one stolen vehicle, one OWI, one sexual assault of a child, ten thefts, four frauds, four domestic disturbances, six threats, twelve disturbances, twenty-eight traffic crashes, forty four EMS assists, twenty one alarms, thirteen juvenile incidents, sixty three 911 calls, one residential burglary, nineteen animal related complaints, twenty five traffic complaints, six criminal damages to property, and officers responded to eight suspicious activity calls. Officers also logged 38 check persons, 128 check properties, 44 assist cases, 36 parking complaints/citations, 28 criminal charges, 8 ordinance violations, and 22 traffic arrests from 68 traffic stops.

Training Highlights

October

Officers attended the final session of Consortium In-service Training at the Dane County Range Topics centered around marksmanship both handgun and rifle.

Office Manager Nate Anfinson and Dispatcher Tracie Bauer attended sixteen hours of telecommunication training in Stevens Point.

Odin, Paul Johnson and Chad O'Neal attended canine training multiple times throughout the quarter.

Detective Cole Sargent attended DCI Internet Crimes Against Children (five days).

Officer Alec Thurston attended Instructor Development (four days).

Office Manager Nate Anfinson attended Supervisor Training at the Door County Sheriff's Department.

Officer Noel Crystal attended Evidence Tech Training (five days) in Middleton.

Officers Alec Thurston and Ronnie Sime attended Drone Training in Fitchburg.

November

Officer Jay Oren completed Intoximeter Certification (three days).

Sgt. Andrew Johnson attended DAAT Transition training in Milwaukee.

Officer Thurston and Crystal attended a sixteen hour drone class in Oshkosh.

Chief Jenks and Sergeants O'Neil, Hoeper and Olson attended open records training in Waukesha.

December

All sworn attended in house taser training for annual recertification.

Other

All staff members attended a Healthy Minds session for one hour. A mental health professional met with employees individually.

I attended the monthly Dane County Chief's Meetings with Sergeants Johnson, O'Neal and Hoeper each attending one.

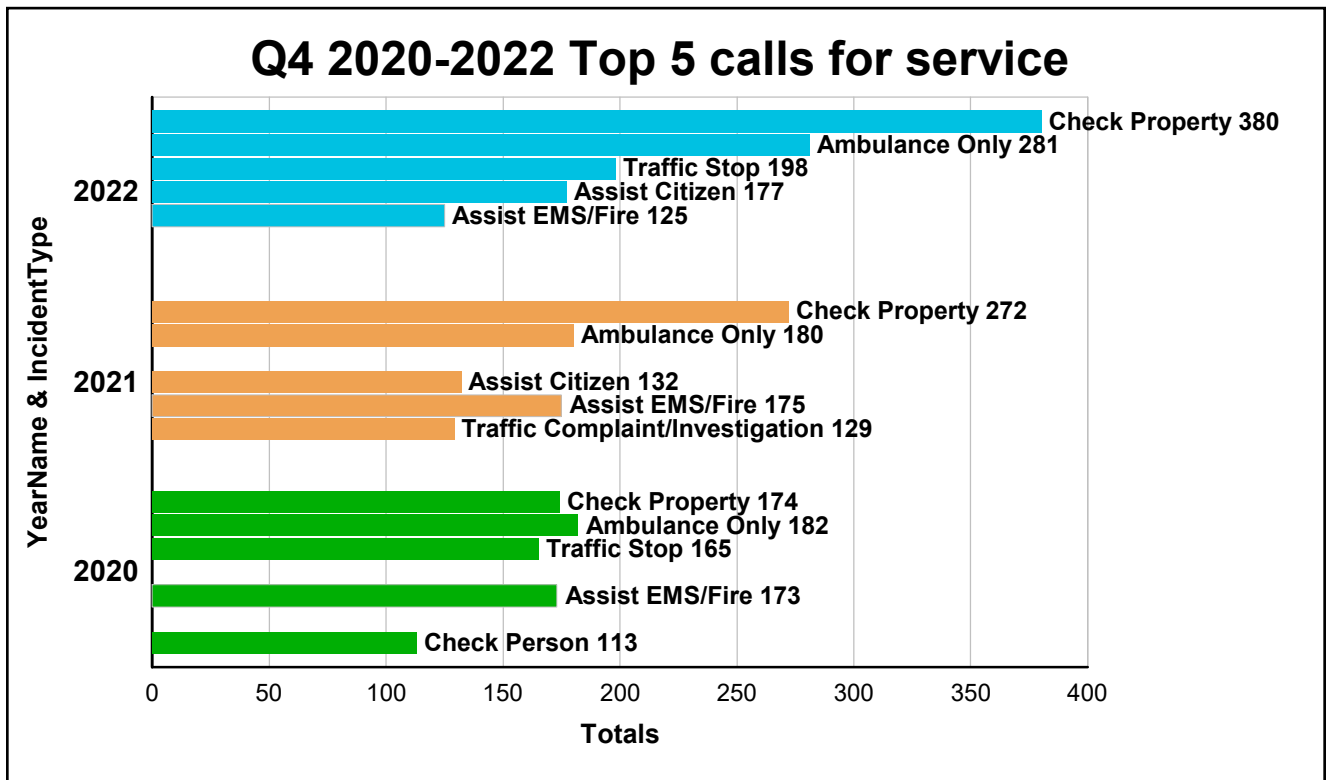
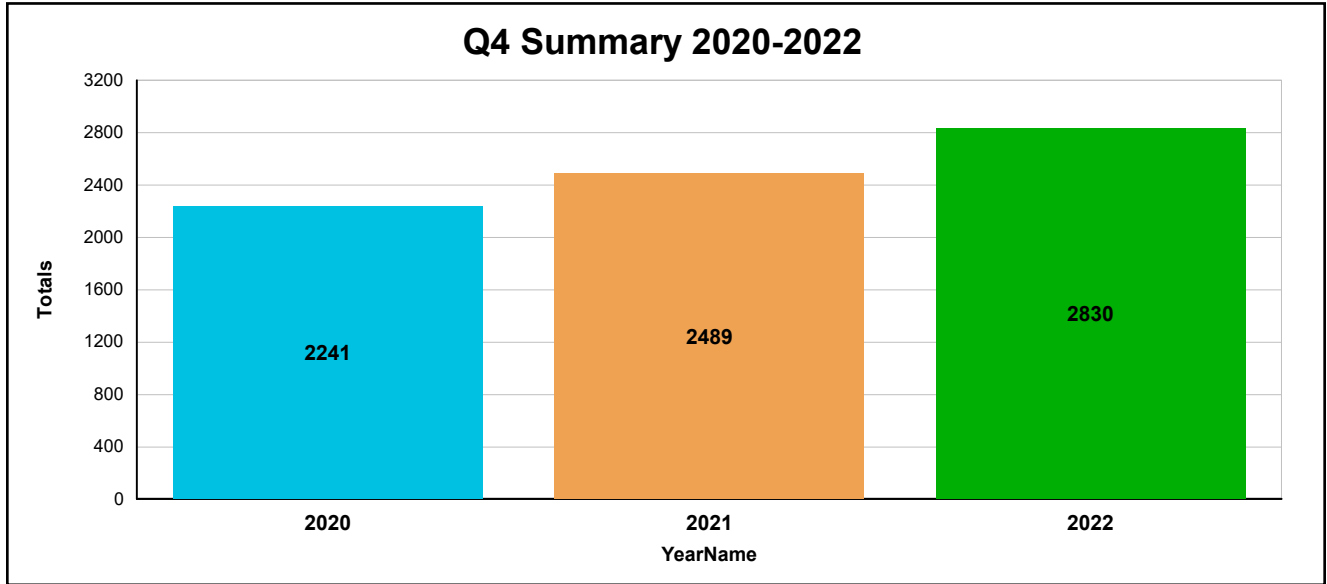
We participated in a stolen vehicle operations in November in Monona. I was in the Command Post while Officer Paul Johnson (K9) and Ronnie Sime (drone) provided support in the field. Thirteen agencies participated and two arrests were made.

I continue to hold weekly meetings with supervisors. By doing so we have managed to establish a communication line that is very valuable.

I have attached some statistics for you to review. One illustrates how each fourth quarter we have gotten busier. 2020 we had 2241 calls for service. Then 2489 in 2021 and last year 2830 calls for service.

Report respectively submitted,
Chief Daniel Jenks

Stoughton PD Q4 Calls for service comparison between 2020, 2021, and 2022



2022 Fire Prevention Report / Message from: Mark A. Miller Deputy Chief / Fire Marshal

The Fire Prevention inspections of commercial buildings and multifamily residential buildings are by law an important part in making sure that buildings are safe.

In 2022, annually there were about 1164 fire inspections in the city of Stoughton and then there are about 110 inspections in the townships. DC Mark Miller does 6-month inspection prevention sites within the city. This equals out to 581 every 6 months. There are commercial and multifamily residential occupancies within the townships. Firefighters Trent Nihles Mike Stacey, Travis Miller, Paul Updike, Kent Brown and Eric Hohol. We applaud these firefighters for taking the extra initiative to help with the fire prevention inspections that keep the city and the townships safe

Every year numerous fire violations or hazardous conditions are discovered and reported in various buildings requiring corrections usually by the building owners. Some of the more frequent violations were exit lights not working, address numbers missing and grills being stored on decks and balconies.

Other task that I do are review fire alarm and sprinkler plans prior to construction within the city or townships. I will also visit the site as the building is under construction and then at the end of the project, I will test the fire alarm and sprinkler systems to make sure the systems are working and calling out to the alarm company. Investigate fires and work with the insurance companies, response to all fire calls day, night, and weekends

SFD had a great year getting back out into the community with our Public Education. Some of the events were SFD open house, National night out, and many schools that we went to. We saw about 500 kids and about 200 adults in 2022. Not all this would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers at SFD

I went to some of our local business in town and did fire extinguisher training; this total is about 100 community members. In this training, I showed them different fire extinguishers and how to use them. The employees then trained on the fire extinguisher while using a live fire. I finished the training with a fire safety talk. Answering any questions, comments or concerns they may have had.

I would like to thank the City of Stoughton, Town of Dunkirk, Town of Rutland, Town of Dunn, and Town of Pleasant Springs business that make the fire code violations corrections and improvement is that help keeps our citizens safe from fire and injury.

Sincerely

Mark A Miller

Deputy Chief / Fire Marshal

Stoughton Fire Department

1st Quarter, 2023 Police and Fire Commission Report

Fire Chief – Josh Ripp

PERSONNEL INFO

Personnel Statistics

We are currently at 36 staff members. The Breakdown is:

Qualification Wise:

33 Qualified for interior FF operations

17 Engine Operators

12 Officers (current rank or qualified to be)

Personnel Notes

- **New Members** – We started Bryce Bischel, and he will be taking Entry Level FF class in Oregon, starting the night of the January 23rd.
- **Member Losses** – We had one promising member resign in November, due to job issues. He has indicated that if things change, he'd be willing to re-apply.
- **Recruitment Activities** – While nothing is planned yet, we will be pushing forth a recruitment effort for daytime ff's this spring.
 - In conjunction with this, I have gotten word that we may be seeing a limit put on some of our "heavy hitter" daytime ff's. I'm not sure the details of things yet, but this is a consistent issue the volunteer fire and EMS runs into.
- **Duty Crew** – We continue to have a small crew of personnel that sign up for duty crew, but they are pretty consistent in doing so. We are still refining the "definition" of duty crew calls, as the first attempt hasn't rendered much for single unit/duty crew calls being dispatched as such. We started with:
 - EMS Assists
 - CO Calls w/o illness
 - Citizen Assist Calls.

TRAINING:

Regular Trainings:

- I've included the current training schedule. Recently, we had a company come in and do LP Gas firefighting training from up north. LP was donated by Lucivia (formerly Landmark Co-op), with training being funded by a grant. FF's from Cottage Grove FD participated with us (5) and were very much happy to be invited.
- We've spend the past few months working scenarios at a house donated by Skaalen. They gave us free use of the house, short of burning it. This provided plenty of opportunities to run scenarios for structure fires, firefighter rescue, pulling hoses, laddering, etc.

Projects

ESO Reporting – This software package was purchased to replace the Firehouse software we were using (and was being discontinued). We are investigating other software packages at this point. Transition to ESO has been horrible at best. DC Miller has struggled to get our inspection process on board there, and we aren't the only ones. There are many deficiencies that are being found now, and those departments that had switch with us, are also moving (Fitchburg, Janesville, Green Bay, for example).

Fire Prevention Week – Deputy Chief Miller worked with Captain Updike for our 2022 Fire Prevention Open House on October 16. There were a number of stations for people. I'm hoping the Fire Prevention Props (inflatable houses) that Dane County Fire Chiefs' Association has purchased will be delivered and usable for next year. We had a number of great comments from attendees.

CALL STATISTICS

Attached are sheets showing call volume for 2022 vs the same time period in 2021. As a note, part of our uptick was the rush of calls last March when we had the high wind/storm event. However, the previous year also included high call months due to increased brush fires from extremely dry positions. We are ahead of last year, and I'm not anticipating it slowing down though.

They are:

100 Fires – Structure Fires, brush/vegetation fires, car fires, etc.

200 Explosions, ruptures, etc, w/o fire

300 Rescue and EMS – EMS, Medical Assists, Extrications, Tech Rescue

400 Hazardous Condition w/o Fire – Gas odor/leak, CO leak, other dangerous chemicals, etc

500 Assist Citizen – Lockouts, water leaks, animal rescue, cover assignments at FD's, unauthorized burning complaints

600 Good Intent Calls – Dispatched and cancelled, controlled burns, reports of fire that are incorrect, etc.

700 False Alarms – Fire Alarms in buildings w/ no fire, false 911 calls, detector malfunction,

800 Severe Weather/Natural Disaster – Lightning Strikes, wind/tornado, flooding

900 Citizen Complaints

One note to be aware of, the “EMS” category, includes EMS assists and vehicle crashes. We aren’t running routine EMS calls though.

NOTE: The amount of EMS Assists that we go on has been brought up as a concern. These are the current call counts for EMS Assist type calls:

2022: **50 Calls**

2021: **50 Calls**

2020: **67 Calls**

2019:

MONTH	DATE	GROUP	GROUP 1	GROUP 2
January	2	OFF	OFF NEW YEARS	
	9	ALL	DEPARTMENT MEETING	
	16	OFF	OFF MLK DAY	
	23	ALL	RIT HANDS ON	
	30	ALL	ZINKPOWER TOUR	
February	6	ALL	DEPARTMENT MEETING	
	13	A	ICE RESCUE	CPR - EMS
	20	A	CPR - EMS	ICE RESCUE
	27	ALL	B&G FOOD TOUR	
March	6	ALL	DEPARTMENT MEETING	
	13	ALL	COMPANY TRAINING WORKSHOP NIGHT	
	20	ALL	UNIROYAL TOUR	
	27	ALL	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
April	3	ALL	DEPARTMENT MEETING	
	10	B	ATV (Scenario)	2 1/2" Hose
	17	B	2 1/2" Hose	ATV (Scenario)
	24	ALL	COMPANY LED TRAINING 01 (Company 6)	
May	1	ALL	DEPARTMENT MEETING	
	8	C	BOAT	RADIO COMMUNICATIONS - CHIEFS
	15	ALL	SYTTENDE MAI PREP	
	22	C	RADIO COMMUNICATIONS - CHIEFS	BOAT
	29	OFF	MEMORIAL DAY	
June	5	ALL	DEPARTMENT MEETING	
	12	ALL	COMPANY LED TRAINING 02	
	19	ALL	COMPANY LED TRAINING 03	
	26	ALL	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
July	3	OFF	OFF JULY 4TH	
	10	ALL	DEPARTMENT MEETING	
	17	ALL	COMPANY LED TRAINING 04	
	24	ALL	COMPANY LED TRAINING 05	
	31	1	COMPANY LED TRAINING 06	
August	7	ALL	DEPARTMENT MEETING	
	14	ALL	DEPT FUNERAL OPERATIONS - HONOR GUARD LED	
	21	ALL	COMPANY AERIAL	COMPANY PUMP/WATER SUPPLY
	28	1	COMPANY PUMP/WATER SUPPLY	COMPANY AERIAL
September	4	OFF	OFF LABOR DAY	
	11	ALL	DEPARTMENT MEETING	
	18	ALL	RIT OPERATIONS DISCUSSION	
	25	ALL	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
October	2	ALL	DEPARTMENT MEETING	
	9	D	TABLE TOPS - CHIEFS	SCBA CONFIDENCE
	16	D	SCBA CONFIDENCE	TABLE TOPS - CHIEFS
	23	ALL	ELEVATOR (FIRE INC)	
	30	2	COMPANY LADDER	COMPANY ROPE
November	6	ALL	DEPARTMENT MEETING	
	13	ALL	SMOKE READING	
	20	OFF	OFF THANKSGIVING	
	27	2	COMPANY ROPE	COMPANY LADDER
December	4	ALL	DEPARTMENT MEETING	
	11	ALL	CVMIC	
	18	ALL	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
	25	OFF	OFF CHRISTMAS	

DEPT TRAINING ROTATION GROUPING		
	GROUP 1	GROUP 2
A	1-2-3	4-5-6
B	1-2-4	3-5-6
C	1-2-5	3-4-6
D	1-2-6	3-4-5

COMPANY LEVEL TRAINING GROUPINGS		
	GROUP 1	GROUP 2
1	1-2-3	4-5-6
2	2-4-6	1-3-5

Alarm Date between 2021-01-01 and 2022-12-31

Incident Type Group	2021	2022	Total
100 - Fire	29	32	61
300 - EMS	119	109	228
600 - Series	68	84	152
500 - Service Call	36	25	61
400 - HAZMAT	68	49	117
700 - False Alarm	85	86	171
200 - Series	4	1	5
800 - Natural Disaster	1	21	22
Annual Total	410	407	817

Call types / Per Year

Incident Type Group	2021-01-01	2021-02-01	2021-03-01	2021-04-01	2021-05-01	2021-06-01	2021-07-01	2021-08-01	2021-09-01	2021-10-01	2021-11-01	2021-12-01	2022-01-01	2022-02-01	2022-03-01	2022-04-01	2022-05-01	2022-06-01	2022-07-01	2022-08-01	2022-09-01	2022-10-01	2022-11-01	2022-12-01	Total
100 - Fire	3	1	0	4	6	2	3	1	3	2	4	0	3	4	5	1	3	2	1	0	1	5	5	2	61
300 - EMS	9	13	11	8	9	14	7	6	9	5	18	10	6	10	9	10	13	6	10	11	7	13	8	6	228
600 - Series	3	3	4	7	14	8	6	6	4	1	3	9	4	8	7	6	5	6	8	13	8	7	7	5	152
500 - Service Call	2	3	1	5	3	6	1	2	2	0	6	5	1	2	4	3	2	1	1	2	1	0	2	6	61
400 - HAZMAT	3	8	6	6	5	3	6	8	6	2	10	5	4	3	5	5	4	1	3	5	3	3	6	7	117
700 - False Alarm	4	7	4	0	6	15	8	8	9	2	14	8	5	7	6	7	6	12	5	7	8	10	5	8	171
200 - Series	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
800 - Natural Disaster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	22
Monthly Total	25	35	26	30	43	50	31	32	33	12	56	37	23	34	55	32	33	28	31	38	28	38	33	34	817

