STOUGHTON POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION

April 2022 Police Department Report

Last quarter highlights:

In an effort to include the community in our traffic safety planning the police department, in conjunction with the Dane County Traffic Safety Commission, will be hosting a listening session sometime in the spring. To prepare for that we have a traffic survey that people who have traffic complaints can fill out to assist in identifying specific traffic complaints/concerns and locations. The survey is for the City of Stoughton and surrounding townships. If you have a complaint or concern about a traffic issue feel free to direct them to the police department. If the complaint is about enforcement, you can direct them to the survey as well. The survey will be active until the first week in March. The survey will be available on the Police Department Facebook page. Questions regarding the Traffic Safety survey can be directed to Sgt. Pat Frisch, at email pfrisch@ci.stoughton.wi.us.

The department has completed its transition to new firearms. The department issues duty weapons to all sworn staff and recently changed from Glock .40 caliber handguns to Glock 9mm. The new weapons allowed for a smooth transition as both weapons use the same holsters. Accuracy was one of the big reasons for the switch to 9mm from the .40 caliber. The 9mm shoots mush easier and with newer ballistics, the stopping power is relatively the same.

The department said goodbye to long time Lieutenant Pat Conlin on April 1st. Lt Conlin retired after 41 years in law enforcement, the last 21 year with Stoughton. Chief Leck had served with Pat off and on for most of those 41 years, having both started in the early 80's at Green County Sheriff. Pat went on to serve as Sheriff of Green County for many years before coming to Stoughton. Our department will miss Pat. We hope he enjoys his well-earned retirement.

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.

PERSONNEL NEWS

The department said goodbye to long time Detective Allen Adams retired on January 31. Al has been one of our detectives for over 13 years and has been with the department a total of 19 years. Detective Adams and Chief Leck share the unique position of being the only two department members that were on their second tours with the department. We wish Det. Adams continued success in the future.

The department extended an offer to an experienced applicant following interviews by the PFC. Officer Mark Schollmeyer started with the department on 1-18-22. Mark was previously employed as a police officer in Iowa. Mark originally grew up in Stoughton. Mark will be in Field Training for the next several weeks.

The Stoughton Police & Fire Commission will also be interviewing a group of four candidates from the most recent hiring process. The PFC has elected to move their process forward to the interview stage with experienced officers. The department still have two vacant officer positions.

The Stoughton Police & Fire Commission interviewed and approved the eligibility list of three additional experienced police officers. The department will be working through offers to fill the current vacancies.

The department and PFC are working on the promotional process to fill our vacant Detective position. This position is going to be promoted from in-house candidates. The department will also be starting the Lieutenant and Sergeant promotional processes. These too will likely be filled internally.

The Office Manager Recruitment process is moving along. This first set of Outside Panel interviews have been completed and the internal interviews are scheduled for early April. The department is still recruiting for a vacant Dispatcher Position.

An employment offer has been extended to a second experienced police officer and we are waiting to complete the background. Another experienced applicants decided to take a position elsewhere and a second did not pass the background investigation. The department is still recruiting for a current open Officer Position.

The department and PFC are working on the promotional process to fill our vacant positions of Police Detective, Police Lieutenant, and Police Sergeant. These positions will be filed through internal candidates.

The department is pleased to announce that Sgt. Patrick Frisch has been promoted to the rank of Police Lieutenant. Lt. Frisch has been with the department for 25 years and will bring extensive experience to his new position. Additionally Officer Cole Sargent has been promoted to Police Detective. Det. Sargent has been with the department for over 13 years. Both position became effective on 4-25-22. Congratulations to both Lt. Frisch and Det. Sargent.

Significant Incidents

01-01-22, Officers took a 16 year old male into custody on charges Credit Card Fraud, Theft, and Prowling following an incident where caught the subject entering their vehicle and attempting to enter their residence. Through investigations, officers identified that the subject had entered other vehicles and stole a credit card, which was used to make large purchases. The officers were able to recover and return the property to the store, which allowed them to recover over $2,300.00 for the victim.

1-04-22, Officers arrested a 30-year-old female for Impeding Breathing (strangulation), Battery, Disorderly Conduct, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia following a domestic disturbance.

1-12-22, Officers arrested a 26-year-old male for Operating Auto without Owners Consent and an Outstanding Warrant following the officer spotting a vehicle that can back stolen.

1-13-22, Officers arrested a 38-year-old female for Bail Jumping following a domestic disturbance.

1-16-22, Officers arrested a 27-year-old male for Felony Bail Jumping and Felony Theft following a theft of $3,300.00 cash from a video poker machine at a local establishment. The suspect was a prior employee of the business.

1-21-22, Officers cited a 38-year-old male for Battery following an incident where the suspect punched a co-working at a business.

2-01-22, Officers arrested a 56-year-old male for Felony Substantial Battery and Disorderly Conduct following a domestic disturbance.

2-01-22, Officers arrested a 40-year-old male for Burglary following a where the suspect entered the home and literally made himself at home using the facilities.

2-05-22, Officers arrested a 49-year-old male for Impede Breathing, Battery, Disorderly Conduct, and Bail Jumping following a domestic disturbance.

2-07-22, Officers arrested a 23-year-old male for Possession of Controlled Substance by Fraud Attempted Possession by Fraud, and Outstanding Warrants following an incident where the subject attempted to fill a fraudulent prescription at a local pharmacy.
2-24-22, Officers arrested a 17-year-old male for 4th Degree Sexual Assault following an investigation into a complaint of inappropriate touching.

2-24-22, Officers arrested a 68-year-old male for Disorderly Conduct following a domestic disturbance.

2-25-22, Officers arrested a 56-year-old male for Felony OWI 6th Offense, and Operating after Revocation following a traffic stop.

3-04-22, Officers cited a 30-year-old female for Theft following an investigation into an employee theft from a local business.

3-09-22, Officers cited a 16-year-old female & 15 year old female for Battery following a fight at the High School.

3-10-22, Officers arrested a 27-year-old male for Disorderly Conduct and Bail Jumping following a domestic disturbance.

3-15-22, Officers arrested a 32-year-old male on an Outstanding Warrant following the officer recognizing the subject who he knew to be wanted.

3-19-22, Officers arrested a 27-year-old male on an Outstanding Warrant following a traffic stop.

3-22-22, Officers took a 13-year-old female into protective custody on charges of Battery to an Emergency Rescue worker and Resisting/Obstructing an Officer following an incident where the out of control juvenile kicked an officer. Subject was later transported to a mental health facility.

3-27-22, Officers referred charges on a 34-year-old male for Felony Bail Jumping and Stalking following continued violations of a domestic restraining order. Subject had left the scene prior to the officer's arrival.

January Statistics

The Stoughton Police Department logged 2167 incidents for January. Cases of interest for the month were: four stolen vehicles, four OWI's, one sexual assault, eighteen thefts, nine frauds, thirteen domestic disturbances, two threats, twenty-three disturbances, ten disorderly conducts, twenty-six traffic crashes, fifty-three EMS assists, ten alarms, ten juvenile incidents, fifty-six 911 calls, thirteen animal complaints, fifty traffic complaints, two criminal damages to property, and officers responded to sixteen suspicious activity calls. Officers also logged 32 check persons, 105 check properties, 83 assist cases, 51 parking complaints/citations, 28 criminal charges, 8 ordinance violations, and 29 traffic arrests from 56 traffic stops.

February Statistics

The Stoughton Police Department logged 1991 incidents for February. Cases of interest for the month were: one stolen vehicle, three OWI's, five sexual assaults, eleven thefts, eight frauds, seven domestic disturbances, two threats, sixteen disturbances, fifteen disorderly conducts, thirty-eight traffic crashes, sixty-five EMS assists, eleven alarms, twelve juvenile incidents, forty-three 911 calls, nine animal complaints, thirty-four traffic complaints, five criminal damages to property, and officers responded to twenty-eight suspicious activity calls. Officers also logged 35 check persons, 92 check properties, 75 assist cases, 24 parking complaints/citations, 23 criminal charges, 9 ordinance violations, and 30 traffic arrests from 59 traffic stops.

March Statistics

The Stoughton Police Department logged 2547 incidents for March. Cases of interest for the month were: one stolen vehicle, three OWI's, three sexual assaults, ten thefts, two frauds, three domestic disturbances, five threats, fourteen disturbances, six disorderly conducts, seventeen traffic crashes, sixty-three EMS assists, eighteen alarms, twenty-two juvenile incidents, fifty-eight 911 calls, nine animal complaints, fifty-seven traffic complaints, eight criminal damages to property, and officers responded to forty-four suspicious activity calls. Officers also logged 37 check persons, 180 check properties, 101 assist cases, 18 parking complaints/citations, 11 criminal charges, 3 ordinance violations, and 42 traffic arrests from 92 traffic stops.

Training Highlights

<u>January</u>

Officers attended the first session of Consortium In-service Training at the Madison Police Training Center. Topics included; annual firearms qualification and defensive tactics/de-escalation.

Sgt. Johnson attended orientation for the FBI National Academy that he is scheduled to attend in April.

February

Officers Stachel, Covarrubias, and Sime attended 40 hours of Crisis Intervention Training at Verona PD

Lt. Conlin, SSgts. Frisch & Johnson, and I attended the WI Chiefs Mid-winter Training Conference.

Sgt. O'Neil attended 8 hours of Media & Crisis Communications.

March

Officer Schollmeyer is currently in the 2nd phase of in-house Field Training.

All officers completed handgun transition training to the new 9mm Glock handguns. At the Madison Police Range.

Officers attended the 8 hour Consortium In-service Training

Officers Sargent and Wilkinson attended 8 hours of Crime Lab Training held at McFarland PD.

Officer Sargent attended 4 hours of Social Media from Intelligence to Evidence Training via Zoom.

Stachel, Covarrubias, and Sime attended 40 hours of Crisis Intervention Training at Verona PD

Officer Sime attended 32 hours of Basic Field Training Officer training in Waukesha.

Sgt. O'Neil attended 8 hours of K-9 Training in Madison.

Dispatcher Mathison attended 4 hours of Time System Validation Officer Training.

Report respectively submitted,
Chief Greg Leck