STOUGHTON POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION

October 2021 Police Department Report

Last quarter highlights:

Fair week went very well from the department's standpoint. Crowds seemed to be quite good and people appeared to be having a nice time. No serious incidents were reported.

The department has closed out our $10,000.00 COVID Grant from the WI Dept. of Justice. The grant was used to purchase eight laptop computers and software to be used for remote training and court appearances.

The department hosted National Night Out at Nordic Ridge Park on August 3rd. We estimated the crowd at over 700 people and were very pleased with the turn out. The Stoughton Fire & EMS Departments, Stoughton Rotary Club, Primal Fitness, Med Flight, WI National Guard, and WI DNR assisted department staff this year. Agencies provided demonstrations of equipment and usage. The highlight of the night was the Med Flight landing. We want to thank all our partners for making this a special night for all.

The department participated in the annual Coffee Break Festival at Mandt Park. The festival drew a very nice crowd. Staff sold water and participated with an information booth. Proceeds of the sales went to the Officer Paul Kraby scholarship fund.

The department hosted the Annual Officer Paul Kraby Memorial Service at Riverside Cemetery. The department annually recognizes Officer Kraby on the date of his on duty homicide on September 30, 1934. The Stoughton American Legion Honor Guard and family members of Officer Kraby joined the department Honor Guard Unit during the service.

Following the Kraby Memorial Service, the department held a full staff meeting. During the staff meeting, various officers were recognized for work achievements with awards. Staff also participated in our annual photo day for department pictures.

PERSONNEL NEWS

Officer Kyle Knoeck tendered his resignation effective October 6th. Kyle has taken a job as Detective-Sergeant at the Maple Bluff PD. Kyle was an outstanding officer during his three years with us. We wish Kyle good luck in his new opportunity. The recruitment process has begun to find a replacement officer.

Dispatcher Madeleine Meeker has resigned to take a position at the Columbia County Medical Examiner's Office. Even though Maddy was only with us a short time, she left a very positive mark on the department and we wish her luck in her "dream job". The recruitment process has begun to fill the vacancy.

Sergeant Rover Miller tendered his resignation effective October 29th. Bob has been a great Sergeant for the department and was in charge of several of the department's specialized unit. Bob commanded the Tactical Response Unit, The Consortium Crowd Control Unit, and the department Honor Guard. Loosing Bob will be a blow to the department. Bob has stated that he is leaving the department to do his "dream job" as a Game Warden for the WI DNR. We wish Sgt. Miller the very best in his future endeavors.

Significant Incidents

7-01-21, Officers are investigating an Attempted Strong Arm Robbery that occurred at Walmart. Subject approached an elderly female and tried to forcibly steal her purse. Suspect was unsuccessful and fled empty handed. Case remains under investigation.

7-04-21, Officers arrested a 34-year-old male for Impede Breathing, Battery, Disorderly Conduct, and Criminal Damage to Property following a domestic disturbance.

7-10-21, Officers arrested a 44-year-old female for Felony 4th Offense OWI, Battery to an Officer, Obstructing/Resisting Arrest, and an Outstanding Warrant following a traffic stop of a suspected impaired driver. The driver also kicked and scratched one of the officers during the OWI process. The officer suffered minor injuries.

7-10-21, Officers are investigating an Impede Breathing and Battery to an Elderly Victim following an incident that occurred at a nursing home.

7-16-21, Officer arrested 25-year-old female for Obtaining a Controlled Substance by Fraud and Misappropriation of Personal Identifying Materials following an incident where the suspect tried to fraudulently obtain narcotics from a pharmacy.

8-07-21, Officers are investigating a Threats and possible Extortion complaint regarding a juvenile that had sent explicate pictures over the internet and found that the receiving party was fraudulent. Juvenile is being threatened and the subject was demanding money. Case remains under investigation.

8-15-21, Officers arrested a 37-year-old female for Bail Jumping following a following a domestic disturbance where the subject was yelling at her kids and found to be in violation of bail conditions for drinking.

8-19-21, Officers arrested a 24-year-old male for Disorderly Conduct and Resisting/Obstructing an Officer following a domestic disturbance where the subject resisted officers. No one was injured during the incident.

8-31-21, Officers took a 30-year-old male into protective custody following an incident where the subject stabbed himself in the throat with a large knife. During the incident the subject would not let go of the knife and needed to be Tased in order to get him to stop injuring himself. Fortunately, the subject missed vital organs and arteries. The subject had previously harmed himself in a similar manner in March.

9-02-21, Officers arrested a 32-year-old male for Disorderly Conduct after the intoxicated shirtless male was found to be yelling and chasing cars on Page Street.

9-02-21, Officers arrested a 36-year-old male on an Outstanding Warrant following the subject coming into the PD for a Salvation Army Voucher and the warrant discovered.

9-10-21, Officers referred charges of Felony Bail Jumping following on a 34-year-old for violating conditions of his bail on a domestic violence charge.

9-10-21, Officers arrested a 23-year-old male for Bail Jumping following a disturbance at a motel and the subject was found intoxicated in violation of his previous bail conditions.

9-15-21, Officers referred charges of Bail Jumping on a 37-year-old male following an incident where the subject came to the victim's residence in violation of his bail conditions. The subject fled on foot prior to the officer's arrival.

9-17-21, Officers arrested a 41-year-old female for Felony OWI 4th Offense, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of a Controlled Substance 2nd offense, and possession of Drug Paraphernalia following a traffic stop.

9-18-21, Officers took a 20-year-old male into protective custody and transported him to the detoxification unit after the subject was found passed out and unresponsive on the sidewalk. The subject was also cited for Underage Drinking.

9-29-21, Officers arrested a 19-year-old male for Vehicle Theft and Resisting/Eluding an Officer following an incident where a vehicle was stolen in the City and led officers on a pursuit when the operator failed to stop. STPD officers terminated the pursuit, but Dane County Sheriff Deputies later pursued and eventually stopped the vehicle and took the operator into custody.

July Statistics

The Stoughton Police Department logged 2,470 incidents for July. Cases of interest for the month were: six OWI's, two sexual assaults, one stolen vehicle, three burglaries, two drug incidents, ten thefts, eleven frauds, seven domestic disturbances, seven threats, forty-three disturbances, ten disorderly conducts, twenty-two traffic crashes, sixty-eight EMS assists, six alarms, eight juvenile incidents, eighty-two 911 calls, twenty-three animal complaints, twenty-eight traffic complaints, eight criminal damages to property, and officers responded to thirty-eight suspicious activity calls. Officers also logged 59 check persons, 105 check properties, 59 assist cases, 28 parking complaints, 27 criminal charges, 7 ordinance violations, and 49 traffic arrests from 116 traffic stops.

August Statistics

The Stoughton Police Department logged 2,598 incidents for August. Cases of interest for the month were: two OWI's, one sexual assault, two stolen vehicles, one burglary, six drug incidents, thirteen thefts, eight frauds, four domestic disturbances, six threats, thirty disturbances, eleven disorderly conducts, nine traffic crashes, seventy-six EMS assists, twelve alarms, three juvenile incidents, eighty-five 911 calls, twenty-six animal complaints, twenty-eight traffic complaints, eleven criminal damages to property, and officers responded to thirty-four suspicious activity calls. Officers also logged 54 check

persons, 89 check properties, 32 assist cases, 23 parking complaints, 15 criminal charges, 9 ordinance violations, and 65 traffic arrests from 92 traffic stops.

September Statistics
The Stoughton Police Department logged 2,466 incidents for September. Cases of interest for the month were: two OWI's, three sexual assaults, two burglaries, five drug incidents, thirteen thefts, four frauds, six domestic disturbances, five threats, twenty-seven disturbances, eighteen disorderly conducts, seventeen traffic crashes, sixty-five EMS assists, twelve alarms, six juvenile incidents, eighty-four 911 calls, forty animal complaints, fifty-seven traffic complaints, two criminal damages to property, and officers responded to twenty-nine suspicious activity calls. Officers also logged 58 check persons, 95 check properties, 58 assist cases, 14 parking complaints, 13 criminal charges, 11 ordinance violations, and 108 traffic arrests from 97 traffic stops.

Training Highlights

July

Officers Sargent & Dovichi attended 8 hours of De-escalation Train the Trainer at the Madison PD Training Facility.

Officer Thurston attended 24 hours of Intoximeter Operator training in Madison.

Officers Sargent & Knoeck attended 16 hours of Celebrite Digital Forensic training in Lake Delton.

August

Sgt. O'Neal and Chief Leck attended the 24 hour WI Chiefs Summer Training Conference.

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September

All officers attended the fourth session of Consortium In-service Training at the Dane County Range. Topics included; annual firearms qualification, Taser Re-certification. Less Lethal and defensive tactics de-escalation.

Officer Covarrubias attended 40 hours of Hostage Negotiator Training at Jefferson Co. Sheriff's Department.

Officer Thurston attended 16 hours of Operation RUSH Training.

Sgt. Miller, Officers Olson, Wilkinson, Julseth, & Knoeck attended 8 hours of Tactical Response Unit training.

Sgt. Miller and Officers Olson & Sime attended Special Event Team (Crowd Control) training with the Consortium and Dane County Teams conducted at Racetrack Park.

Report respectively submitted,
Chief Greg Leck