

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION

October 2011 Report

Last quarter highlights:

The department received 202 applications for the police officer hiring process that closed on October 23, 2011. Of the applicants, 35 did not meet the minimum qualifications and 167 will move on to the next phase. This is by far the largest amount of applications that we have seen.

The department has hired three new dispatchers to help fill two fulltime dispatcher vacancies. Jennie Sigg, initially hired as a part-time dispatcher, has now been promoted into one of the two vacant fulltime dispatcher positions. Additionally, the department has hired Candy King and Gail Healey as new part-time dispatchers. Two additional applicants are currently being reviewed. The Stoughton City Council recently removed the cap on the number of part-time dispatchers that the department can have. Our goal is to fill the five fulltime dispatcher positions and to have a pool of around five or six part-time dispatchers available to fill in. Currently the remaining vacant fulltime position is being filled by part-time dispatchers.

The City Council approved the Public Safety Radio Improvement Project to begin immediately. The City has been setting aside monies to purchase new radio equipment to bring us in compliance with the FFC Narrowbanding rules set to begin on January 1, 2013. These monies will be used to purchase new radio equipment, which also includes new dispatch base equipment and fixtures that will bring us into compliance and be compatible with the new Dane County radio system being built. The new system here will give us the capability to have radio interoperability with almost all agencies in our area.

The Stoughton Public Safety Committee and later the City Council approved to move ahead with department's plans to join with the City of Madison Police Department Records Management System (RMS) consortium pending final budget approval. As reported previously, our records system was in serious need of improvement and joining the Madison PD New World System will allow us to upgrade at a fraction of the costs of buying our own systems. In addition, the department will be partnering with Dane County to provide Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) software to our new system. With both improvements the department will be better able to track activities and provide information to officers in the field in real time through the computers already in the squad cars.

Also, pending final budget approval by the City Council, the department has budgeted funds to make building improvements to the Public Safety Building. The plans include expanding the basement property/evidence room and adding air exchange units to allow evidence processing. Most administrative offices and detectives will be moving to the second floor of the building to free up space for the patrol supervisors and officers. In addition, and depending how the work bids come in, a second garage bay will be added to the Jefferson Street side of the building. These changes will improve the usage of the evidence processing area and also better utilize the PSB.

The department has received a \$2,000.00 grant from Wal-Mart Inc. to help fund our Safety Camp program. The 2012 City budget has removed city funding of Safety Camp because of budget constraints. The Safety Camp program will rely on fundraising efforts to sustain the future this popular prevention tool. The Wal-Mart Inc. donation is a positive boost to get the 2012 fundraising off the ground. The department estimates it will take approximately \$6,000.00 to fund the 2012 Safety Camp.

The department received a \$5,570.00 reimbursement check from the WI Department of Administration for our assistance provided during the protests that occurred at the State Capitol. The department had sent officers and command staff several times during the event as part of the WI Emergency Police Services program. The reimbursement was for all costs accrued by the city.

July Statistics

The Stoughton Police Department logged 1240 incidents in July, 864 of which, were cases. Cases of interest for the month were: eight intoxicated driver arrests, six sexual assaults, fourteen domestic disturbances, twenty-six disturbances, eleven disorderly conducts, ten intoxicated person, twelve burglaries, four batteries, one non-weapon robbery, thirty-nine thefts, three frauds, twenty-two traffic accidents, thirty-four EMS assists, and officers responded to thirteen alarms. Officers also logged 218 traffic stops and issued 106 traffic citations during this month.

August Statistics and Case Highlights

The Stoughton Police Department logged 2769 incidents in August, 917 of which, were cases. Cases of interest for the month were: nine intoxicated driver arrests, nine drug arrests, two sexual assaults, sixteen domestic disturbances, twenty-seven disturbances, twenty-two disorderly conducts, one intoxicated person, six burglaries, four batteries, thirty-seven thefts, five frauds, twenty traffic accidents, thirty-one EMS assists, ten alarms, and officers responded to sixty-two suspicious activity calls. Officers also logged 215 traffic stops and issued 106 traffic citations during this month.

Selected Incidents

8-01-11, Officers assisted the Dane County Sheriff's Department and Stoughton EMS & Fire when they responded to a plane crash just north of the Stoughton Airport on Hwy 51 S. The 2 occupants of the plane were severely injured.

8-02-11, Officers arrested a 41 year old male for Battery, Burglary with Intent to Commit another Crime, False Imprisonment, Intimidation of a Victim, and Disorderly Conduct following two separate domestic disturbances.

8-10-11, Officers arrested a 21 year old male for Delivery of THC and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia follow the officer investigated a disturbance in a parking lot.

8-21-11, Officers arrested a 21 year old male for Aggravated Battery following a bar fight were the victim was struck unconscious.

September Statistic and Case Highlights

The Stoughton Police Department logged 2123 incidents in September, 1009 of which were cases. Cases of interest for the month were: fourteen intoxicated driver arrests, five drug arrests, two sexual assaults, sixteen domestic disturbances, thirty-two disturbances, sixteen disorderly conducts, six intoxicated person, seven burglaries, four batteries, one robbery, thirty-eight thefts, three frauds, nineteen vandalisms, twenty traffic accidents, twenty-six EMS assists, fourteen alarms, forty-eight 911 calls, and officers responded to sixty-one suspicious activity calls. Officers also logged 198 traffic stops and issued 117 traffic citations during this month.

Selected Incidents:

9-14-11, Officers arrested a 46 year old male for 2 counts of Resisting an Officer and Bail Jumping after the officer found the subject intoxicated and unconscious lying on a downtown street. The subject then resisted the officer trying to take him into custody. The officer received minor injuries during the incident but did not need medical attention.

9-22-11, Officers referred a 14 year old male to Juvenile Court after the subject brought an air-soft weapon to the High School. High School staff was alerted by a fellow student who observed what they thought was a real weapon and reported it.

9-30-11, Officers arrested a 39 year old male for a **Felony 7th Offense** of Operating while Under the Influence and numerous other traffic violations following a hit and run crash involving an occupied vehicle. The suspect and vehicle were located a short distance from the crash scene.

October Case Highlights

10-15-11, Officers arrested a 55 year old male for Financial Transaction Crimes, Resisting Arrest, Identity Theft, and numerous other charges following an incident at a local bank. The suspect was arrested after bank officials became suspicious of an attempted \$4,500.00 cash withdrawal on an account from out of state. The suspect then resisted officers when they tried to detain him and had to be Tasered after he fought with officers. Follow up investigation found that the suspect was part of a large ring of individuals that had been committing bank frauds throughout the country resulting in losses over \$100,000.00. The suspect was then linked to other crimes and also to a bank employee in Georgia.

10-17-11, officers arrested a 23 year old male on a warrant for Attempted First Degree Homicide out of the City of Madison. The suspect was arrested after an alert officer observed a person making the description of a suspect in a recent Madison shooting. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Training Highlights

August

Officers are beginning to attend the fall Southern WI Law Enforcement Training Consortium (SWLETC) Active Shooter Training in Monona. Officers are learning tactics to respond to different types of active shooter scenarios.

Sergeant Helstad & Officer O'Neil attended the WI Field Training Officers Annual Conference in the WI Dells. Officer O'Neil is serving as a Board of Director for the Association.

Chief Leck attended the WI Chiefs of Police Association Annual Conference in WI Rapids.

September

All officers completed the fall Southern WI Law Enforcement Training Consortium (SWLETC) Active Shooter Training in Monona.

Sergeant Jenks, Officers Vogel & Nelson have been touring the new City of Madison Training facility on Madison's south side. The new facility will open in December and provide an open 24 hour a day firearms range. The City is making the facility available to all law enforcement agencies at a very reasonable price. The 24 hour operation of the facility should help us reduce training costs by not having to move PM and late shift officers to different shifts in order to provide training.

Sergeant Helstad & Jenks attended the WI Field Training Officers Annual Conference in the WI Dells.

Sergeants Helstad, Jenks, and Frisch attended Officer Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training, sponsored by the WI Law Enforcement Death Response Team (LEDR).

Administrative Assist Veum attended supervisory training in Brookfield sponsored by CVMIC.

October

Dispatcher Sigg attended Protecting Emergency Responders training for Dispatchers in Watertown.

Administrative Assist Veum attended several supervisory courses sponsored by CVMIC.

Sergeants Helstad and Jenks attended TraCs training in the WI Dells.