

## **STOUGHTON POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION**

January 2012 Report

### **Last quarter highlights:**

The department is pleased to announce the hiring of Nicholas Auz as a police officer for the City of Stoughton. Mr. Auz began as one of 202 applicants that applied for a vacant police officer position. The hiring process had begun in October of 2011 and was completed in January with his the hiring of Auz. Of the applicants, Mr. Auz was chosen based on his performance in a series of tests, interviews, and scenario based examinations. Mr. Auz will begin his new career on January 30, 2012 and will complete three months of Field Training.

In October, during Stoughton's latest medications disposal program, we collected 233 pounds of sharps, 70 pounds of liquids, and 130 pounds of pills and tablets. The pills and tablets were taken to the WI State Patrol Headquarters in Deforest and turned over to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The other items will be disposed of through a program with Waster Management.

Department supervisors took a field trip to Chicago to attend the exhibitor area of the International Chiefs of Police Conference (IACP). Over 900 vendors of police related products showcased their items at the conference. It was a great opportunity to expose our supervisors to an international conference and to be able to look at and in some cases handle new law enforcement products and tools.

Under unfortunate circumstance the department had to terminate the employment of Officer Erik Hansen due to a medical issue. Officer Hansen had been on extended medical leave since May and will not be fit to return to duty as a police officer in the foreseeable future. Officer Hansen was a valued member of the department and will be greatly missed

The department continues to work on the Radio System Project. The new dispatch console equipment has been installed. The new base station equipment is being installed and should take about several weeks to complete the installation. Testing and changeover to the new system will occur after the testing is completed. The mobile and portable radio equipment is arriving at the vendor's shop and will be setup and installed after the first of the year.

The department has been meeting with the Dane County 911 Center Director and staff regarding a radio frequency issue that arose with DaneCom. The City received word a few weeks ago that the DaneCom project was interested in pursuing our two primary police department frequencies and the public works department's car-car frequency to be used by the DaneCom system. DaneCom is also working to obtain the primary frequencies in several other communities as part of the project. Even though we have final veto authority, Dane County is offering to pay all expenses related to providing and setting up an alternate frequency for us. We will continue to discuss this issue with DaneCom under the premise we do not have any additional costs or degradation of service.

In other DaneCom news, the final decisions on the new county system are still pending. According to the latest reports, all cities and villages have agreed to participate. The majority towns have also signed on and it appears that the county has reached the goal of 28 of 32 towns agreeing to participate. All indications are that the system will move forward but there has been no official announcement yet.

As 2011 comes to an official close, the department wanted to take the opportunity to thank Mayor Olson, the Public Safety Committee members, The Stoughton Police & Fire Commission, and the City Council for all the continued support that we have received over the last year. 2011 was filled with numerous challenges and without this community support many of our successes would not have occurred. As we move into 2012 the department will continue a rapid pace of change with the many projects that are planned for. As always we will continue to do our best in keeping Stoughton a safe place to live, work, and play.

The department will be preparing a 2011 Annual Report, which we hope to have out in a couple of months. In the meantime, here are some 2011 statistical highlights;

<b>Incidents logged</b>	<b>Cases logged</b>	<b>Arrests</b>	<b>Citations</b>	<b>Traffic Crashes</b>
2011 - 18,441	2011 - 10,349	2011 - 799	2011 - 1,507	2011 - 242
2010 - 12,915	2010 - 4,600	2010 - 634	2010 - 1,593	2010 - 179

  

<b>Burglaries</b>	<b>Criminal Damage/Vandalism</b>	<b>Robberies</b>	<b>Thefts</b>
2011 - 69	2011 - 126	2011 - 4	2011 - 325
2010 - 40	2010 - 93	2010 - 2	2010 - 202

The department has located two new 2011 Ford Crown Victoria squad cars at Kayser Ford in Madison. These appear to be some of the last 2011 cars available. Because of the projected delivery date of the 2012 squads, we have decided to purchase these 2011's for or fleet use in January. These cars are about \$4,000.00 less than the 2012 models and are available now. This will assist us in retiring some of our older fleet earlier so that we don't run the risk of additional maintenance costs. The department still intendeds to purchase one 2012 model squad when they become available after April of 2012. Squad changeovers will begin soon after the squads arrive and we will be switching to the new black and white design for increased visibility.

### **October Statistics and Case Highlights**

The Stoughton Police Department logged 2306 incidents in October, 913 of which were cases. Cases of interest for the month were: eight intoxicated driver arrests, eight drug arrests, one sexual assault, twelve domestic disturbances, forty-eight disturbances, eleven disorderly conducts, six intoxicated person, four burglaries, three batteries, thirty-one thefts, twelve frauds, fourteen vandalisms, twenty-one traffic accidents, twenty-five EMS assists, ten alarms, thirty-nine 911 calls, and officers responded to forty-eight suspicious activity calls. Officers also logged thirty-eight criminal arrests, seventeen ordinance violations, 194 traffic stops, and issued 94 traffic citations during this month.

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 Tased 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 to banks and individuals. The suspect was linked to other crimes and also to a bank employee in Georgia whom we suspect was supplying bank information to the group.

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

matching the description of a suspect in a recent Madison shooting. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. Officers then assisted Madison Police with follow up investigation.

### **November Statistics and Case Highlights**

The Stoughton Police Department logged 2,141 incidents in November, 855 of which were cases. Cases of interest for the month were: eight intoxicated driver arrests, five drug arrests, six domestic disturbances, twenty-seven disturbances, twenty-four disorderly conducts, four intoxicated person, eleven burglaries, four batteries, forty-four thefts, eleven frauds, eleven vandalisms, eleven traffic accidents, thirty-three EMS assists, thirteen alarms, thirty 911 calls, and officers responded to sixty suspicious activity calls. Officers also logged thirty-eight criminal arrests, seventeen ordinance violations, 159 traffic stops, and issued 44 traffic citations during this month.

### **December Statistic and Case Highlights**

The Stoughton Police Department logged 2,021 incidents in December, 865 of which were cases. Cases of interest for the month were: ten intoxicated driver arrests, three drug arrests, twenty domestic disturbances, forty-five disturbances, sixteen disorderly conducts, four intoxicated person, six burglaries, two batteries, thirty-eight thefts, four frauds, sixteen vandalisms, twenty-six traffic accidents, thirty-nine EMS assists, fourteen alarms, thirty 911 calls, and officers responded to sixty-one suspicious activity calls. Officers also logged sixty-four criminal arrests, twenty-nine ordinance violations, 171 traffic stops, and issued seventy-eight traffic citations during this month.

### **Training Highlights**

#### 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.

#### November

Lt. Conlin attended training sponsored by Nextel and Sprint regarding wireless services.

#### December

Officers Vogel and Nelson attended instructor facilities orientation at the Madison Police Department Training Academy.

All qualified officers completed the annual Intoximeter Recertification Training in Madison.