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Police Department

1899 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Monthly Report: January 2024

Detroit Lions Spirit

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On January 19th, police personnel were authorized to wear a Detroit Lions hat with their uniform in support of the home team. Go Lions!



(Pictured: Officers from the Bravo shift along with Lt Hollenbeck and Detective Collick showing off their spirit)

Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm

On January 10th, Officers Schneider and Bryant were dispatched to Beaumont Hospital for a victim being treated for injuries from an assault that occurred in Auburn Hills.

The victim, a 27-year-old female from Shelby Township, went to a hotel to spend time with her boyfriend, a 34-year-old male from Macomb. The two had an argument about some information in the suspect's phone and the victim started to leave the hotel. Before she could leave the hotel room, the suspect jumped on top of her, straddled her, and choked her with his hands.

The victim eventually escaped from the room and sought medical care. She had bruising, swelling, and marks on her face and neck.

Officers were unable to locate the suspect at the hotel. The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office authorized charges for Felony Assault to do Great Bodily Harm and Aggravated Domestic Violence.

The suspect later turned himself in at court.

Smash & Grab

On January 13th, officers were dispatched to Helzberg Diamonds inside Great Lakes Crossing Outlets for a report of three males who entered the store, smashed jewelry cases with hammers, then fled the store with stolen jewelry. Nobody was injured. Using video review and Flock cameras, officers developed a lead. The suspects were placed under surveillance a short time later by the Special Investigations Unit (SIU). Six suspects were arrested after, during surveillance, they commited a similar crime near Lakeside Mall. The suspects were males in their twenties from Detroit and Eastpointe, along with one female from Detroit.

This case is pending charges from the prosecutor's office.

Stolen Merchandise

On January 13th, Officer Saikalis was dispatched to Great Lakes Crossing Outlets for a report of a stolen shopping bag. The complainant explained that she was eating in the food court when her shopping bag went missing, which contained about \$150 in merchandise that she had purchased.

After review of mall video and Flock cameras, a suspect was identified. The suspect indicated that he grabbed the bag by accident and volunteered to return the items to the owner. The suspect brought the items to the police department where they were later turned over to the rightful owner.

Retail Fraud

On January 16th, Officer Kraiza was dispatched to Target on Brown Road for a theft that occurred earlier in the day. The store loss prevention observed a suspect stealing electronic items and obtained a vehicle description, but they were unable to see the license plate. Officer Kraiza located the license plate of the suspect vehicle using the Flock camera system. The drivers license photo and physical description of the registered owner matched the suspect who was in the store. This case is pending charges from the city attorney's office.



Possession of Cocaine

On January 20th, Officer Eckel conducted a traffic stop for a traffic violation. The driver, a 24-year-old male from Pontiac, was an unlicensed driver and did not have insurance on the vehicle. He was placed under arrest for driving without a valid license. When the vehicle was impounded, officers searched the vehicle for inventory reasons and located a bag of cocaine tucked between the driver and passenger seat.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office authorized charges for Possession of Cocaine and Operating with a Suspended License.

Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Fleeing & Elude

On January 26th, Officer Ferriter was dispatched to Havenwyck for a report of a vehicle driving reckless in the parking lot, repeatedly doing donuts and honking the horn. When he arrived, Officer Ferriter located the vehicle in the parking lot. When he attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle, the driver accelerated through the parking lot and fled. With assistance from Havenwyck, the investigation determined that the driver, a 39-yearold female from Southfield, was a former patient of the hospital who was recently discharged.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office authorized charges for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Flee and Elude. The suspect was later taken into custody at her residence.

False Report of Terrorist Threat

On January 27th, officers were dispatched to Fanuc on West Entrance for a report an employee who sent threatening communications to his co-workers. The complainant explained that the employee, a 21-year-old from Warren, sent text messages and emails to other staff members making specific homicidal and suicidal threats. The suspect was taken into custody at his residence in Warren. The suspect said that he was not serious about the threats and did not intend to harm anyone. Weapons and ammunition were confiscated from the suspect's bedroom, including a crossbow and a hatchet.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office authorized charges for False Report of Terrorist Threat.

Crime and Service Statistics

We continually strategize our responses and make the best use of the tools and personnel we have in order to produce the best possible outcomes.



Year to date we have experienced a 17% decrease in Part A incidents (more serious offenses), a 52% decrease in Part B incidents (nonviolent misdemeanors), and a 38% increase in Part C incidents (misdemeanor and service-related incidents) compared to 2023.



During January, we handled 164 crashes. Year to date we have experienced an 18% increase in traffic crashes compared to 2023.





Officers handled 2166 calls for service during January. Year to date the department has handled 2166 calls for service, which is an 4% decrease compared to 2023.



In January, Officers spent 332 hours in our neighborhoods. Officers spend time in neighborhoods proactively patrolling, conducting traffic enforcement, and engaging with our residents.



Year to date we have spent 332 hours in our neighborhoods, which is a 4% decrease compared to 2023.

Financial Reports

We continually analyze our department expenditures to ensure we remain within our approved budget, while delivering the best possible service to our community.



During January, we received 2,971,769 in revenue. Year to date we have received \$2,971,769.



During January, we expended \$623,362. Year to date we have expended \$623,362 or 4% of our approved budget. We are currently \$13,139,801 under budget as of the end of January 2024.

Department Overtime



Officers worked a total of 430 hours of overtime in January. This is a cumulative year to date decrease in overtime of 124 hours compared to this same time last year.