

WEST ST. PAUL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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July 6, 2023

TO: Mayor O'Leary and Council Members
FROM: Chief Brian Sturgeon
SUBJECT: Calls for Service -May 20, 2023 – June 19, 2023

Below is a summary of the calls for service during the month May 20, 2023 through June 19, 2023.

Suspicious Activity

- A piece of steering column was found in roadway by caller and moved to the side of the road. Officer found it to be a Kia steering column. Called reporter and advised there had been no related reports in area, The piece was disposed of.
- Officer out with a man on a bicycle. He was cutting through area on way home from work at Thomson Reuters. Advised to get light on bike as he was riding after dark.
- Unoccupied vehicle in church parking lot found with rear passenger window open and various clothing inside vehicle.
- Caller worried about neighbor who has been gone and has home for sale. Normally dark but now all the lights are on. Officers checked home. No answer at the door and residence was locked up and looking through the windows appears immaculate. Called and left a message with the homeowner and also called the caller back and advised of our findings.
- Facebook message received from Inver Grove Police where reporter advised regarding finding bones on hole 4 at the disc golf course. Officers checked the heavily wooded area and were unable to find anything. Could not find a contact number for the original caller.
- Received call from original caller of the bones as noted above. The caller showed the officer the location of the bone that was found. The Hennepin County Medical Examiner confirmed the bone was not human. A report was completed.
- Vehicle parked on side of road. Found vehicle unoccupied and it is believed to be door to door salesperson's car as this vehicle was involved in a complaint in another city in Dakota County. Searched for the driver of the vehicle but did not locate anyone in the area.

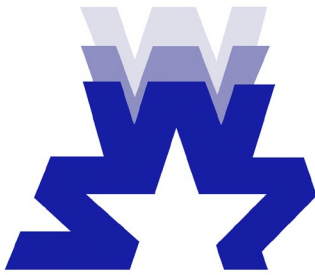
Traffic Stop

- MH – Warned for no license plate.
- WS – Driver warned for equipment violation.
- IG – Driver warned for weaving in and out of lane and for cell phone use.
- WS – Warned for driving conduct.
- WS – Warned for speed.
- MH – Stopped for headlight out. Issued voucher for headlight repair.
- MH – Stopped for headlight. Voucher issued.
- IG – Warned for failure to use turn signal.
- MH – Warned for no license. Passenger with license advised to drive.
- MH – Warned for tabs and speeding.
- MH – Warned for speed and not staying in lane.
- MH – Warned for speed.
- WS – warned for speed.

Alarm

- Alarm covers front door. Homeowner unable to punch in code quick enough. False alarm.

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Animal Call

- Injured deer reported by homeowner. Deer appeared to be limping. Deer decided to hobble away to an unknown destination.
- Reporter works for wildlife control and has questions about eliminating a coyote from the area. Sgt Muellner will follow-up with reporter and options on Monday.
- Rescued two turtles from the roadway.

Medical

- 59 year-old male fainted but was now conscious and breathing. Medics needed no assistance.

Fire Alarm

- Residential fire alarm. Fire arrived and nothing found.
- Owner on site and burnt some food which set off the alarm.

Road and Driving Complaint

- Caller who was driving through town had a complaint about a truck that was driving down the middle of the road at a fast pace. Also had general complaints about people driving and the design of roadways.

Parking Violation

- Hyundai parked on the side of road. Called Inver Grove Hyundai and they said they just purchased the vehicle and it died on way back to dealership. They will be sending a tow truck.

911 Hangup

- Open line – caller found to be working in area. No emergency.
- Accidental dial. Confirmed location.
- Misdial – voicemail on callback.

Fraud Activity

- Fraud involving a credit card linked to Apple ID that was used to purchase items.

Accident – No injury

- Two vehicle accident with no injuries. State accident report completed.

Disturbance

- Loud party in area with cars driving back and forth. Found only two kids walking from a car into the house. Spoke to homeowner and he advised he will talk to his kids.
- Loud party and found it to be a college graduation party. Caller advised not out of hand yet and did not want a police response but will call back if it gets too loud.
 - Based on the above two calls and other emails I received, we spoke with the homeowner and to make sure he understood the issues the recent parties caused his neighbors including litter and increased traffic. The homeowner was understanding. There are no plans for additional parties in the near future.

Found Property

- Reporter for piece of mail on road. Appears to be an opened bill addressed to a resident in Minneapolis.

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Sturgeon".

Chief Brian Sturgeon

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2023 ALARM CALLS

	Current	2023 YTD	2022YTD
January	3	3	3
February	3	6	9
March	6	12	10
April	5	17	14
May	1	18	15
June			18
July			18
August			22
September			23
October			25
November			27
December			30

Numbers indicate burglar alarms received regardless if a cancellation was received prior to officer arrival.

July 8, 2023