

WEST ST. PAUL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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September 25, 2023

TO: Mayor O'Leary and Council Members
FROM: Chief Brian Sturgeon
SUBJECT: Calls for Service -August 20, 2023 – September 19, 2023 and Public Safety Report

Below is a summary of the calls for service from August 20, 2023 through September 19, 2023.

Traffic Stop

- IG – Warned for expired tabs.
- MH – Warned for expired tabs.
- SS – Warned for expired tabs.
- MH – Warned for lane usage and seat belt.
- IG – Warned for light out.
- WS – Citation issued for speeding.
- WS – Warned for expired tabs.
- WS – Warned for no rear lights.
- EA – Warned for expired tabs.
- IG – Warned for expired tabs.
- IG – Warned for illegal lane usage.
- EA – Warned for speeding.
- IG – Warned for speeding.
- MH – Warned for speeding.
- WS – Warned for no taillights.
- WS – Warned for equipment violation.
- IG – Warned for speeding.
- MH – Warned for expired tabs.
- WS – Advised/Warned of registration issues.

Dumping

- Numerous electronics and plastic planter pots dumped alongside of the roadway. Items were disposed of.

DNR/Hunting/Fishing Complaints

- Assisted MN DNR on a complaint of a resident shooting geese on his property. Resident was cited by DNR for shooting geese out of season and warned for other violations.

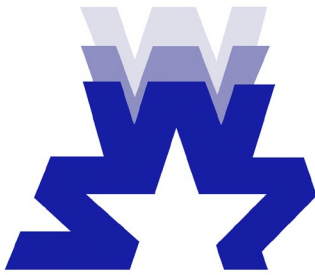
Fire Alarms and Fires

- Small fire in an oven which was extinguished. Cleared by FD.

Motorist Assist

- Party locked keys inside of vehicle.
- Vehicle stalled blocking traffic. Pushed vehicle off the roadway to a safe location. Driver has help coming.

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Road and Driving Complaint

- Dead raccoon in the roadway. Roadway was cleared.

Crisis Mental Health

- Assisted parent with a juvenile in crisis. Transported to the hospital by medics.

Burglar Alarm

- Alarm covers interior motion detector. Found the house secure and no one home.
- Alarm covers the front door. Found the house secure and received a request from the alarm company to cancel as officers were on scene.

Extra Patrols

- Extra patrols were conducted in area of previous dumping's.

Suspicious Activity

- Caller reporting a male on an electric bicycle and thought it was suspicious. Checked the area and did not locate anyone.
- Numerous callers regarding tents set up on wooded area near Robert Street and Salem Church Rd. Worked with our homeless outreach team and got them to move. MNDOT was also advised since they were on MNDOT property. Please note that I did not list every call we received on this situation.

At the last council meeting I was asked to determine the viability of another fire department to provide service to the City of Sunfish Lake, one other than Mendota Heights Fire Department. Considerations taken into account for this process included:

1. Proximity to the City of Sunfish Lake
2. Staffing
3. Equipment

The equipment required for Sunfish Lake is somewhat unique as there are very limited fire hydrants available and water will need to be delivered to the scene of a structure or wildfire. The water tender is a truck that will carry water from a source to the location of need.

The only two fire departments that could service Sunfish Lake that is reasonably close in proximity is Mendota Heights and Inver Grove Heights as they both have the needed tenders.

Inver Grove Heights has a fire station that is .9 miles from the border of Sunfish Lake and is located at Babcock and Upper 55th Street. They also have two other stations across the city and have full-time staff along with numerous on-call volunteer firefighters. The southern part of Inver Grove Heights does not have city water so they have a need for tenders as well and have two in their fleet.

I met with the Chief Judy Thill and explained my role in reaching out to determine if there would be an initial interest in exploring the possibility of providing service to Sunfish Lake. After our meeting and a couple of additional conversations, there is an interest by Inver Grove Heights to explore this endeavor.

It is my interpretation that the City of Sunfish Lake is looking for a budgetary solution to control large increases in budget allocation for fire services and I explained this to both fire chiefs, Inver Grove Heights

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and Mendota Heights. Additionally, through my experience, discussion could take place by City Council to determine if a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) is an option in order to implement a contract, either with Mendota Heights or Inver Grove Heights, for fire service that regulates fees in a way to better plan for future budgets.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Sturgeon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a flourish at the end.

Chief Brian Sturgeon

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	1	19	18
July	6	25	18
August	2	27	22
September			23
October			25
November			27
December			30

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

September 26, 2023