

July 29, 2022

TO: Mayor O'Leary and Council Members
FROM: Chief Brian Sturgeon
SUBJECT: Calls for Service July 20, 2022 – August 19, 2022

Below is a summary of the calls for service during the month of July 20, 2022 through August 19, 2022.

Fire Related

- Gas can be smelled and heard. Leak is from a one inch ruptured residential line. Everyone is clear and shutting stuff down. Fire and Excel responded and no police assistance needed.
- Fire Alarm – Homeowner tried to cancel alarm as he was cooking a burger and it went wrong. No issues.
- Fire Alarm – homeowner called alarm company and confirmed false alarm with proper code.
- Male reporting vehicle is smoking and is trying to get property out of the vehicle. No smoke or flames when officer arrived. Tow is on the way and State Patrol is on scene.

Traffic Stop

- WS – Cited for speed
- WS – Warned for speed
- MH – Warned for no lights on
- WS – Cited for speed
- MH – Warned for brake light
- WS – Warned for speed
- WS - Warned for expired registration.
- MH – Warned for speed.
- MH – Warned for speed.
- MH – Warned for tail lights.
- IG – Warned for brake light
- MH – Warned for registration.
- IG – Officer attempted to stop vehicle for speeding and expired plates. Vehicle fled and officer did not pursue.
- BV – Unknown.
- MH – Driver warned for speed.

Damage to Property

- At police department lobby to report vandalism to mailbox. Appears as though a vehicle struck the mailbox and left the scene.

911 Hangup

- Party advised they were trying to repair dad's phone and accidentally called.

Suspicious Activity

- Male driving around soliciting for tree work – no logos or markings seen. Caller is concerned he is "casing" the area. The party is a representative from Arbor Gold Tree Service. They do have a solicitors permit.

- Reported a suspicious car at end of driveway 15 minutes ago. The car then pulled slightly away. Reporter saw a shadow of a person running to the suspicious vehicle. Vehicle then drove off. Reporter checked on his vehicle in driveway that had been left unlocked and noticed that the door was not shut all the way but nothing was taken. Surveillance camera available but too dark to see details of vehicle or subject. Officer relayed information for extra patrol in area.
- Male rang her doorbell and is now walking northbound. Report is not on site. Daughter home alone. Saw on ring camera. No vehicle seen. Area was check and unable to locate anything/anyone suspicious.
- Suspicious 4 door old white sedan occupied by two people parked in the turnaround at the end of the street. Officer searched the area but the vehicle was gone on arrival.
- Silver Toyota has been “lurking” around the neighborhood. The vehicle and occupants were looking for their lost dog as reported in the below animal call.
- Male in parking lot appears to be trying to break into a vehicle. Reporter stated party not trying to hide their actions. Officer assisted the owner in getting into the vehicle as they had been locked out of the vehicle since previous day. Officer advised the owner to the move along.
- Abandoned vehicle on side of the road with their flashers on.

Premise Check/Extra Patrol

- Checked area – no issues.
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- Extra patrol – no issues.
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Animal Call

- Loose dog running in the highway lanes and now in the woods by a pond. Officer unable to locate the dog.

Dumping/Littering

- Someone dumped mattresses on the roadway. Mattresses have been tied up to cover up a no parking sign. Picked up and disposed of at WSP Public Works.

Motorist Assist

- Vehicle on Robert over 494. Cleared the lane.

Harassment

- Phone report. Reporter has been getting “goofy messages” from a male for 7 years (former colleague). Reporter is looking for advice and to document the incident. Reporter called back and stated nothing was needed.

Additionally, we worked with the planner and engineer regarding an internal residential demolition project that occurred on Salem lane. The city planner’s report spelled out the concerns and actions taken very well. Refer to her report.

On August 27 Sunfish Lake has a weather event with a severe storm that moved through the area. The storm knocked down several trees and large branches in the area with most of the damage occurring near Salem Church Rd east of Delaware. One tree fell onto the roadway and the city forester was notified who removed the large pine tree from the roadway.

Damage assessments were done by this department and the National Weather Service (NWS). The NWS did not believe the damage was caused by a tornado in Sunfish Lake, but they did confirm EF0 tornado touchdowns in neighboring Eagan and West St Paul.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Sturgeon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "S".

Chief Brian Sturgeon

2022 ALARM CALLS

	Current	2022 YTD	2021 YTD
January	3	3	3
February	6	9	7
March	1	10	10
April	4	14	13
May	1	15	17
June	3	18	23
July			24
August			26
September			29
October			29
November			30
December			37

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

September 1, 2022