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TO: Mayor O'Leary and Council Members
FROM: Chief Brian Sturgeon
SUBJECT: Calls for Service -March 20, 2024 – April 19, 2024 and Public Safety Report

Below is a summary of the calls for service from March 20, 2024 through April 19, 2024.

TRAFFIC STOP

- DC – Warning for headlight.
- IG – Driver cited for driving after revocation.
- MH – Warned for expired registration as well as driving after suspension.
- IG – Warned for expired registration.
- IG – Vehicle parked on side of road. Dispatch advised Minneapolis Police Department to check address to see if it was an unreported stolen vehicle. Dispatch was advised to contact officer when they hear back from Minneapolis Police.
- IG – Warned for brake light.
- WS – Stopped for window tint. The driver supplied a doctor slip for window tint.
- MH – Driver warned for weaving in and out of traffic without signaling.
- IG – Driver warned for failing to signal turn.
- IG – Driver cited for speed.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- The vehicle that Inver Grove Heights PD is checking on with Minneapolis (see above) was seen earlier driving in West St. Paul. Officer attempted to catch up and located this vehicle on the shoulder of Robert Street at Salem Church Rd unoccupied and had a tampered ignition.
- Stopped male on bike for not having flashing red light to rear on bike.

PREMISE CHECK

- Premise Check – Southside Baptist – routine.
- Premise Check – Southside Baptist – routine.
- Premise Check - First Calvary Baptist Church – routine.
- Premise Check – Southside Baptist Church – routine.
- Premise Check - St. Anne's Episcopal Church – routine

FIRE ALARM

- Alarm Company spoke with the homeowner who provided the correct password. All okay. Fire Department was not dispatched and we cancelled.

BURGLAR ALARM

- Utility room door alarm. Alarm company received proper code and we were cancelled.
- Open door but no sign of forced entry. Searched interior and found nothing out of place and no one inside. Door was locked and secured.
- Open door was found and the officers checked the interior finding nothing out of order. No keyholder available. The door was secured and business card was left.
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PARKING VIOLATION

- Car parked on the road that reporter said is “unusual”. Officer found vehicle parked on shoulder not completely blocking the roadway, in front of the house that the vehicle registers to. The homeowner came out and stated they had an event tonight and that daughter parked on the street due to company being over.

911 HANGUP

- Found to be accidental by grandchildren. No assistance needed.

ANIMAL CALL

- Phone call. Reporter took custody of deceased family members cat but son is allergic so can't keep it now. Caller has reached out to humane society, but none are accepting cats for a few weeks. Inquiring about other options.
- A very large snapping turtle in the middle of the road with cars swerving to avoid it. Officer checked the area but no turtle was found.
- Reporter states neighbor was walking his dog and it was attacked by a muskrat and concerned it could be rabid. The officer called reporter and let her know that the dog should go get checked out and monitored for 10 days. Asked her if the muskrat was still around and she said it went back to the water. Phone call only.

EXTRA PATROL

- Reporter lost his house key and is out of town. Reporter requested police drive by. No contact needed, just extra patrol requested.
- Caller found a pop can at end of driveway today. Saw one at end of neighbors to the north as well. Worried that it is some type of “marker” left to case a property and is asking for extra patrol over the weekend. Officers will provide extra patrol.

CRISIS/MENTAL HEALTH

- We responded to numerous calls for service to a residence as a result of mental health issues. Our social workers and mental health officer continue to work with the family, the individual, and along with other entities in order to seek and obtain the support this person needs.

Additional Topics

Due to the date change of the City Council meetings, future reports will be for the full month prior. The next report will include about 10 additional days in order to make the adjustment.

The camera system that was approved at the last meeting has been ordered and hopefully will be online and running in the next 30 days.

Respectfully,



Chief Brian Sturgeon

2024 ALARM CALLS

	Current	2024 YTD	2023YTD
January	1	1	3
February	5	6	6
March	3	9	12
April			17
May			18
June			19
July			25
August			27
September			29
October			34
November			34
December			37

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

May 8, 2024