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TO: Mayor O'Leary and Council Members
FROM: Chief Brian Sturgeon
SUBJECT: Calls for Service -July 2024 and Public Safety Report

Below is a summary of the calls for service from July 1 – July 31, 2024.

Parking Violation –

- Construction vehicles are parked on a private road blocking half the roadway. Officer contacted the construction company, and they agreed to move the vehicles to a better location.
- Blacked Nissan parked at location since November. Officer could not locate the vehicle on Charlton Rd and spoke with the caller and determined the vehicle was in West St Paul on Mendota Rd and not on Charlton Rd in Sunfish Lake. The officer chalked driver side tires and will recheck in 48 hours.

Medical –

- Fall with head injury. Officers assisted medics.
- Possible stroke. Officer assisted medics.
- Medical alarm. Female on scene and advises no issues.

Burglar Alarm -

- The mother of the homeowner was watching the house and didn't get to the alarm fast enough to disarm it.
- Alarm covers basement. Officers cleared the interior of the house. All okay. No signs of attempted or gained entry. Homeowners dog was able to go through invisible fence inside of home possibly setting off alarm. Let the homeowner know everything appeared fine.
- Alarm covering dining/pantry windows. The proper code was received from the homeowner and officers were cancelled.
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Traffic Stop –

- IG – Driver warned for speed.
- WS – Warned for expired registration.
- MH – Driver warned for lane line violation.
- WS – Warned for no front plate.
- IG – Warned for driving without lights.
- WS - Vehicle driving northbound. Vehicle displayed "Exempt" in bold letter. Made contact with the driver who refused to identify himself. The driver, who claimed to be a sovereign citizen (aka traveler) was identified via computer and was cited for various violations including no vehicle registration, obstructing legal process, and no proof of insurance.
- IG – Warned for expired registration.
- EA – Warned for speed and registration.
- MH – Warned for expired registration, no proof of insurance and failed to change identification to Minnesota within 60 days.
- IG - Warned for stop sign violation.

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- IG – Warned for turn signal.

Suspicious Activity –

- Solicitor in the area. The company is Bold North Roofing. The officer spoke with the sales manager and confirmed employment and advised of ordinance. Advised to leave the city.

Missing Person/Runaway –

- Reporter is concerned with brother missing since Sunday morning. He is believed to be living in Oregon. The reporter has been in contact with Condon, OR police department. Officer contacted the PD in Oregon and after additional follow-up, we learned the subject is in custody in the western part of the United States.

911 Hangup -

- Dispatch can hear males talking and laughing in background with no distress heard. Got the reporter back on the line and advised that it was a “pocket dial” from workers on site. No issues.

Miscellaneous –

- Phone call reference parking on the street for an event.

Fire Alarm -

- Alarm company spoke with homeowner who reported that they are having issues with alarm. Advised fire is on scene. Officers cancelled.
- Medium sized church. Nothing showing. Cleared by fire no apparent issues.

Motorist Assist -

- Two abandoned vehicles that have been there 6 – 7 hours near driveway entry. Officers looked at the vehicle. Fishing line was observed on the front seat of one vehicle. Could not locate the vehicle occupants and have possibly accessed the lake via another property. The vehicles were gone a bit later in the day.

Fire Related –

- Small area of branches burning due to a lightning strike. A branch fell on an electrical line. Xcel was notified. Fire arrived and closed their incident.
- A propane tank was leaking, and Fire Department arrived shutting off a small tank on a food truck.

Property Lost/Found –

- Reporter called from the police department lobby and needs to file a police report for lost passport.

Followup -

- Phone call – reporter discovered the other half of crash did not have valid insurance from a previous accident report. The officer checked insurance and found that the insurance was current.

Welfare Check –

- Male throwing garbage at vehicles and is hiding behind stop light. Male now lying down on southeast corner. Officer arrived. The male stated he got up to go to the bathroom and the cans got over that way and that he did not throw them. Male moved along.

Public Assist –

- Four boys are at the reporter's doorstep saying they have a 2 hour long walk home and no one to pick them up. Mother of one of the children now coming to get the children. Officer had children sit in squad car to get out of the heat while waiting for mother of one of the children. Mother then arrived and took control of the children.

Recreational Fire –

- Burning brush, very smoky. Not endangering anything. The owner was done burning, however officers advised him of the process for getting a permit.

Respectfully,



Chief Brian Sturgeon

2024 ALARM CALLS

	Current	2024 YTD	2023YTD
January	1	1	3
February	5	6	6
March	3	9	12
April	0	9	17
May	2	11	18
June	4	15	19
July	4	19	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.

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