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TO: Mayor O'Leary and Council Members

FROM: Chief Brian Sturgeon

SUBJECT: Calls for Service – July 2025 and Public Safety Report

Below is a summary of the calls for service from July 1 to July 31, 2025

Traffic Stop

- **IG** - Driver warned for driving with no lights on.
- **IG** – Driver warned for expired registration.
- **MH** – Driver warned for speed.
- **WS** – Vehicle stopped for displaying white light to rear and displaying 2 different plates.
- **WS** – Vehicle stopped and warned for expired tabs.
- **MH** – Driver stopped for passing on the right.
- **MH** – Driver stopped and warned for expired registration.
- **WS** – Driver stopped and warned for expired registration and passenger side brake light not functioning.
- **DC** – Driver warned for no headlight.
- **MH** – Driver warned regarding move over law.
- **IG** – Driver stopped for expired registration. Appears to be a department of motor vehicle issue. Advised the driver to get issue straightened out.
- **IG** – Driver warned for no taillight and expired registration.
- **WS** – Driver warned for expired registration.
- **WS** – Ignition Interlock violation. Driver was cited.
- **MH** – Driver was slow to stop. Driver had an open container and was swerving. Driver said he was tired but had not been drinking. H was given a portable breathalyzer that came back as 0.00. Driver warned regarding lane lines and open container.
- **WS** – Driver warned for rear lights and lane violation. No signs of impairment.
- **IG** – Driver warned for inoperable passenger headlight.
- **MH** – Driver warned for inoperable taillights.
- **IG** - Driver warned for equipment violation.
- **EA** – Driver warned for speed.
- **RS** – Citation issued for speed.
- **IGH** – Warned for license plate light.
- **LA** – Warned for speed.
- **WS** – Driver cited for speed.
- **DC** – Driver warned for headlight.
- **WS** – Driver warned for suspended object.
- **IG** – Driver warned for hands free violation.

Fire Alarm

- Residential fire alarm. Officer and FD walked through the residence after homeowner provided code access to the home. No signs of flame or smoke. Officer texted resident with findings.
- Residential fire alarm. No issues.

Suspicious Activity

- Two people were found sleeping in the back of a vehicle. They stated they were looking at the

stars and had blankets slung from the roof. They were warned there is no camping in the city limits, and they must move on which they did.

- Vehicle parked on side of road for over an hour 2 people inside. Was parked further down the road earlier – now in cul de sac. A teenage couple sitting in their car chatting. They stated their friend lives in the area. Legally parked – no issues.
- Spoke with party on site who was swinging on the swing set. Advised her grandfather is pastor and she had permission to be there. No crime.
- Family returning home from dinner witnessed a bicyclist drive by and heard a house alarm sounding. Reported that the alarm was no longer sounding. Officer checked the area and was unable to find bicyclist. A lawn care employee did not witness anything suspicious. Officers also check a couple homes in the area finding nothing suspicious.

Extra Patrol

- Request for extra patrol for an event they are having right now. Caller also requested someone stop in and speak to him. Extra patrol requested on Sundays to prevent any criminal activity. No issue today or as of recent.
- Two kids playing basketball. No issues.
- 13 additional extra patrol events documented.

Medical

- Officer assisted medics with a patient hit in the face with multiple roman candle rounds.

DNR/Hunting/Off Road/Fishing

- Party of 4 fishing from a canoe. A disagreement occurred between two intoxicated parties and the canoe flipped. Reporter advised he was able to get occupants into his boat. They are all okay. One of the parties was concerned about their partner's health due to being underwater. Medics checked him over and sent him home with a friend. The other party was brought to the police station awaiting pickup by their mother.

Alarm

- Alarm covers basement window. Officer made contact with the homeowner and there were no issues.
- Alarm covers dining room windows. Officers walked outside of property. All doors and windows secured. Branches were noted to be down near the window and that could have tripped the alarm. Left a voicemail on homeowner's phone.
- Alarm covers smoking room windows. All doors and windows are secure around property upon arrival. No signs of damage or forced entry.
- Alarm showing garage entry door. Officer checked residence with everything appearing secure. No answer at door. The brother-in-law was driving to residence and advised no one should be at the house. Relatives confirmed the same. He advised he would contact 911 if there was anything out of the ordinary.
- Alarm covers garage service door. Cancelled per alarm company.

Public Assist

- Assisted resident with questions about parking for an upcoming event.
- A resident requested on street parking today for driveway replacement. Permission was granted.

911 Hangup

- Sounds like a pocket dial. Upon callback male said pocket dial only and no emergencies.

Welfare Check

- Female knocked on reporter's door. She was really upset and said she was kept captive in the neighborhood, and the captive has her phone and purse. Officer spoke with female who stated her and the male were out drinking this evening. When they got back to the male's house they

got into an argument about her talking with other people. Officers were able to collect the female's property from the home. Officers were able to get female to her sister's house for the evening. Follow-up was conducted the next day. Purse and watch were later located and returned to the female.

Accident/Injuries

- Accident involving a car versus motorcycle. No helmet worn. Driver is walking around. Assisted State Patrol.

Assist Other Agency

- Assisted State Patrol briefly with the pursuit of a motorcycle. Officer did not get involved as the pursuit was only briefly in the city.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Sturgeon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chief Brian Sturgeon

2025 ALARM CALLS

	Current	2025 YTD	2024 YTD
January	3	3	1
February	5	8	6
March	5	13	9
April	3	16	9
May	6	22	11
June	6	28	15
July	5	33	19
August			21
September			24
October			27
November			47
December			54

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

August 7, 2025