



Memorandum

To: Shea Charles, City Manager
From: George Basar, Police Chief
Date: March 19, 2015
Subject: Monthly Departmental Report – February 2015

Below is a statistical report of the Howell Police Department for the Month of February, 2015:

CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE

Officers responded to 688 calls for police service.

The Howell Police Department prides itself on a proactive rather than reactive philosophy of policing. This *preventative* approach is reflected in the Calls For Service in February, 2015:

- Building Checks at 139 (in which 8 buildings were found open);
- Assist EMS at 69;
- Foot Patrols at 58;
- Investigated 44 Traffic Crashes (20 Non-Injury Crashes, 13 Non-Traffic Area Crashes, 6 Hit and Run Crash; and 5 Injury Crashes);
- Citizen Assists at 40.

Further, Officers:

- Motorist Assists at 39;
- Suspicious Activity at 32 (19 Suspicious Situations, 9 Suspicious Persons and 4 Suspicious Vehicles);
- Investigated 23 Area Checks;
- Responded to False Alarms 20 times;
- Handled 19 Welfare Checks.

Criminally, Howell Police Officers addressed:

- 6 Larceny complaints (4 Larceny From Building, 1 Larceny From Motor Vehicle, and 1 Larceny Other);
- 5 Warrant Arrest complaints;
- 3 Drove While License Suspended or Revoked
- 2 Assault and Battery Complaints;*
- 2 Operating While Intoxicated.

**The OSSI system does not differentiate between the Assault and Battery that involved a domestic relationship and an Assault and Battery under non-domestic circumstances. To date, the Livingston County Information Technology, which owns and manages the system has not provided that level of functionality.*

ARRESTS

Overall, the department executed 14 physical arrests comparative to 20 in February, 2014. These arrests include 5 Obstructing Justice Arrests, Two (2) Assault and Battery – Domestic, two (2) Operating While Intoxicated Arrests and five (5) other types of arrests.

WARRANTS REQUESTED

During the month of February, the Howell Police Department submitted 35 warrant requests to the Prosecutor’s Office and the City Attorney. Of the cases submitted, 32 criminal/traffic charges were obtained, which includes 26 misdemeanor offenses and 6 felony offenses. 3 resulted in no charges.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/TRAFFIC CRASHES

Traffic Enforcement:

Howell Police Officers initiated 147 traffic stops. Of those traffic stops, officers issued a total of 101 Uniform Traffic Citations (UTC).

The top 5 citations issued are as follows:

- Speeding 1-10 Over Posted Limit at 24;
- Defective Equipment Violations at 17;
- Expired Plates at 10;
- Fail to Stop within Assured Clear Distance at 10;
- No Proof of Insurance at 6.

During February, 2015, Officers issued 37 parking citations

Year	UTC	Parking
2015	101	37
2014	130	39

Traffic Crashes:

On the traffic crash side, Howell Police Officers responded to a total of 44 traffic crashes, of which 31 are reportable*:

PIA	PDA – Traffic Area	PDA Non-Traffic Area	Accident – Hit and Run
5	20	13	6

**Property Damage Accident – non-traffic area occur on private property and therefore are not reportable*

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

The following is an analysis of Departmental productivity on a shift level. These statistics have been forwarded to the sergeants to assist them in their decision making process with regards to staffing and personnel deployment.

A breakdown by shift is as follows:

Shift	Reports	Arrests	Citations
Midnights	207	6	36
Days	261	4	22
Afternoons	213	4	43
Other*	7	0	0
Total	688	14	101

*Other includes Criminal Investigations, LAWNET Officer and Desk Personnel.

This data can be refined to averages per shift, per day:

Shift	Reports	Arrests	Citations
Midnights	7.4	.2	1.3
Days	9.3	.1	.8
Afternoons	7.6	.1	1.5

RESIDENTIAL VACATION CHECKS

During the month of February 2015, 322 Residential Vacation Checks were conducted.

SPECIAL EVENTS

There were no Special Events occurring in Howell during the month of February, 2015.

TRAINING

- On February 5 - 6, all officers attended Taser certification training.
- On February 9, Sergeants' Woods, Kelleher and Fogo attended Improving Law Enforcement Officer training.
- On February 23, Officer Small attended Female Enforcers training.
- On February 23 – 27, Detective Miller attended Evidence Technician training.
- On February 24 - 27, Sgt Fogo attended Supervision of Field Training Officer program training.

LAWNET

The Officer assigned to LAWNET reported a productive month. A calculation of his weekly reports determined that during the month of February the following were seized:

- 86.6 grams of Marijuana
- 6 plants of Marijuana Clones

- 68 Marijuana plants
- 0.1 Grams of Marijuana Wax
- .1 grams of Crack Cocaine
- 2.8 grams of Cocaine
- .01 grams of Heroin
- 30 Pills/Doses of Vicodin
- 14 packs of Suboxone
- 50 pills of Alaprazolam
- 1 Pistol
- 1 Shotgun
- 1 60 inch television
- \$18,850 in cash

The LAWNET officer reports 13 new investigations were opened and 3 arrests were executed.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

On February 3rd, LAWNET officers conducted a search warrant in the City of Howell. Marijuana WAX and Heroin were seized. There was also a Glock 23, 40 cal that was recovered. Investigation continues into the narcotics and Glock 23.

On February 9th, Officers located a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of the North Jonna's complex. Officers made contact with the only occupant sitting in the driver's seat of the running car. The subject appeared to be sleeping and would not wake up when Officers knocked on the windows. After a few minutes, the driver woke and exited the car. It was apparent the driver was intoxicated. During Standardized Field Sobriety Tests the driver stated "I'm drunk, I can't do this", which turned out to be true. The driver was arrested and a breath test showed the driver was a .18. He was lodged for High BAC.

On February 19th, Officers responded to the Kensington Inn for a drug overdose. Upon arrival it was discovered a male subject had consumed two bottles of Vodka and registered a .37 on a Preliminary Breath Test. EMS responded and transported the subject to the hospital for treatment.

On February 20th, Officers were traveling west on M-59 near Michigan Ave. A vehicle passed the officers going the same direction at a high rate of speed. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle and activated the emergency lights. The vehicle turned onto Byron Rd by not using the boulevard turn and began to flee from officers. The driver continued south on Byron Rd. The vehicle went into an apartment complex. The driver fled from the vehicle and into one of the apartment buildings. Officers chased the subject on foot. The driver was highly intoxicated and refused his chemical test. He was subsequently lodged for Flee and Elude, Resisting & Obstructing and Operating While Intoxicated.

On February 28th, Officers were following a pickup truck south on Michigan Ave. The truck was not able to maintain its lane. The driver would cross the center line then drift back across the lane and almost hit the curb. A traffic stop revealed the driver had been drinking. The driver failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and was subsequently arrested for Operating While Intoxicated. An open beer was found in the truck as well. Chemical test showed the driver was .17 and he was lodged for High BAC and open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

On February 11th, LAWNET officers conducted surveillance in the City of Howell where a suspect was discovered to be in possession of 4 packs of Suboxone.

On February 11th, LAWNET officers conducted a controlled buy in the City of Howell. 10 packs of Suboxone were purchased by LAWNET officers.

On February 16th, LAWNET officers responded to the City of Howell to assist a road patrol officers who had a male suspect in custody for a traffic offense. The suspect was also found to be in possession of marijuana. LAWNET officers responded and seized .4 grams of marijuana. Investigation continues.

On February 20th, LAWNET officers conducted a traffic stop in the City of Howell where marijuana was seized.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Detective Bureau is currently assigned 10 active investigations. During the month, the Detective closed three (3) of the investigations. The three closed investigations were: one (1) Suspicious Situation Investigation, one (1) Death Investigation determined to be an overdose and one (1) Fraud Investigation.