



Memorandum

To: Shea Charles, City Manager
From: George Basar, Police Chief
Date: March 8, 2016
Subject: Monthly Departmental Report – February 2016

Below is a statistical report of the Howell Police Department for the Month of February, 2016:

CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE

Officers responded to 817 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, 2016:

- Building Checks at 186 (in which 17 buildings were found open);
- Assist EMS at 78;
- Suspicious Activity at 62 (45 Suspicious Situations, 10 Suspicious Vehicles, and 7 Suspicious Persons);
- Citizen Assists at 57;
- Foot Patrols at 54;

Further, Officers:

- Investigated 44 Area Checks;
- Handled 31 Welfare Checks;
- Investigated 31 Traffic Crashes (20 Non-Injury Crashes, 8 Non-Traffic Area Crashes, 2 Hit and Run Crash; and 1 Injury Crashes);
- Assisted 26 Motorists;
- Responded to False Alarms 20 times.

Criminally, Howell Police Officers addressed:

- 8 Assault and Battery Complaints;*
- 7 Fraud – Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine;
- 5 Damage to Property Complaints;
- 4 Operating Under the Influence of Liquor or Drugs;
- 2 Intimidation/Stalking Complaints.

**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 19 physical arrests comparative to 14 in February, 2015. These arrests include: Four (4) Obstruction of Justice Arrests, three (3) Operating While Intoxicated Arrests, three (3) Violation of Controlled Substance Act (VCSA) Arrests, two (2) Assault and Battery Arrests, two (2) Traffic related Arrests and five (5) other types of arrests.

WARRANTS REQUESTED

During the month of February, the Howell Police Department submitted 45 warrant requests to the Prosecutor’s Office and the City Attorney. Of the cases submitted, 35 criminal/traffic charges were obtained, which includes 25 misdemeanor offenses and 10 felony offenses. 10 resulted in no charges.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/TRAFFIC CRASHES

Traffic Enforcement:

Howell Police Officers initiated 200 traffic stops. Of those traffic stops, officers issued a total of 136 Uniform Traffic Citations (UTC).

The top 5 citations issued are as follows:

- Speeding 1-10 Over Posted Limit at 40;
- Disobey Traffic Control Device at 18;
- Defective Equipment Violations at 17;
- No Proof of Insurance at 13;
- Expired Plates at 11.

During February, 2016, Officers issued 174 parking citations.

| Year | UTC | Parking |
|-------------|------------|----------------|
| 2016 | 136 | 174 |
| 2015 | 101 | 37 |

Traffic Crashes:

On the traffic crash side, Howell Police Officers responded to a total of 31 traffic crashes, of which 23 are reportable*:

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|-----|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| PIA | PDA – Traffic Area | PDA Non-Traffic Area | Accident – Hit and Run |
| 1 | 20 | 8 | 2 |

**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 regard to staffing and personnel deployment.

A breakdown by shift is as follows:

| Shift | Reports | Citations | Arrests | Parking |
|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Midnights | 255 | 44 | 9 | 43 |
| Days | 229 | 35 | 2 | 110 |
| Afternoons | 328 | 57 | 6 | 21 |
| Other* | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Total | 817 | 136 | 19 | 174 |

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

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

| Shift | Reports | Citations | Arrests | Parking |
|------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Midnights | 8.2 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 1.4 |
| Days | 7.4 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 3.5 |
| Afternoons | 10.6 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 0.7 |

RESIDENTIAL VACATION CHECKS

During the month of February 2016, 932 Residential Vacation Checks were conducted.

SPECIAL EVENTS

There were no Special Events occurring in Howell during the month of February, 2016.

TRAINING

- On February 5, Detective Dunn and Officer Kobel attended Biology/DNA Evidence Collection Training.
- On February 22 -29, Detective Dunn and Officer Kobel attended Evidence Technician training.
- On February 23, Officers Burke, Charlick and Briggs attended Active Shooter training.
- On February 26, Officer Charlick attended Report Writing School.

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:

- 3.5 pounds of Marijuana;
- 102 Grams of Marijuana wax;
- 13 Marijuana plants;
- 44 Grams of Darvocet;
- 14 Grams of Psilocybin Mushrooms;
- 6 Grams of Heroin;
- 33 Pills of Cyclobenzaprine;
- 5 Pills of Tylenol 3;
- 5 Pills of Tramadol;
- 4 Pills of Adderall;
- 4 Pills of Methphidate;
- 1 Pill of OxyContin;
- 1 Smith & Wesson 40 Caliber Pistol;
- 1 Stun Gun.

The LAWNET Officer reports 11 new investigations were opened and 6 arrests were executed.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

On February 2nd, Officers responded to Saint Joseph Livingston for a retail fraud report. Security at this location reported kids stealing hot chocolate and cookies for several mornings. There was video evidence available of the thefts. Officers tracked one of the male suspects down to the Highlander Way Middle school where the suspect is a student. While attempting contact at the school, the suspect walked away from the school. He was later found outside his home in the city of Howell. Officers spoke with the 14 year old suspect with his mother present. The male suspect admitted he had been walking through the hospital on the way to school and had taken the cookies. A report was forwarded to the prosecutor. A juvenile petition was authorized for retail fraud.

On February 5th, Officers responded to a residence at the Byron Terrace apartments. The dispatch was for a domestic assault involving a knife. Upon arrival it was discovered there was no assault. The altercation was between a male and female. The male half stated they had been arguing and the female took hold of a knife and stated she would kill herself. He tried getting the knife from her and was cut in the process. The cut was minor and the male refused medical attention. The female was eventually transported to Saint Joseph Livingston for a mental health evaluation.

On February 6th, LAWNET Officers located a suspect in a parking lot in Howell that was known to have a warrant for his arrest. A traffic stop was made and the suspect was arrested and lodged without incident.

On February 6th, LAWNET Officers observed a vehicle that is known to LAWNET Officers in the Howell area. LAWNET Officers followed the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Driver was arrested and lodged at the jail for warrants.

On February 10th, Officers investigated a report of fraud involving a 51 year old female. The female victim had accepted a friend request on Facebook. This person then told her she had won money but needed to pay taxes on it. The victim sent a total of \$13,963 dollars to a location in Nigeria. The victim was advised this was a scam and she should not send any further

money. There is no suspect in this case at this time. The victim is a patient of community mental health and Officers notified her caseworker of this incident.

On February 16th, Officers were dispatched to Uptown Coffee for a disorderly subject. An intoxicated male subject had been inside the business. He was reported to have been bothering customers and insisting he receive discounted coffee from employees. The man repeatedly told employees he was a police officer and wanted a discount. The subject had left prior the arrival of officers. He was later located across the street in Mr. B's restaurant. The subject was given a preliminary breath test and was intoxicated. He was transported home to his residence. The report was then forwarded to the prosecutor for review.

On February 16th, LАWNET Officers were in Howell and observed a suspect vehicle traveling in and out of retail stores. LАWNET Officers requested the LCSD to make a traffic stop. Traffic stop was made and the driver was in possession of marijuana and had warrants for his arrest.

On February 17th, LАWNET received information that a male and a female were going to be traveling to the Jackson/Lansing area to pick up Heroin. LАWNET Officers located the suspects and followed the suspects to Lansing where the suspects purchased Heroin. A traffic stop was conducted on the suspects and Heroin was located. LWN-58-16

LАWNET 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 18th, LАWNET Officers were in Howell investigating information on a suspect traveling to the City of Detroit to purchase Heroin. LАWNET Officers followed the suspect vehicle from the City of Howell to Detroit where Heroin was purchased. Howell Officers stopped the suspect vehicle and Heroin, Marijuana and OxyContin were located. Both suspects were lodged.

On February 23rd, LАWNET Officers conducted a search warrant in Howell. Located were two (2) separate marijuana grows that were not secured. Also located was approximately 46 grams of marijuana and marijuana WAX. There were also materials to manufacture marijuana wax inside the residence. LАWNET Officers also located a Smith and Wesson handgun.

On February 24th, LАWNET Officers conducted a search warrant in Howell. Seized was approximately 3.3 pounds of Marijuana/Marijuana WAX, mushrooms and multiple pills. LАWNET Officers also recovered a Stun-Gun.

On February 25th, Officer Burkes investigated an MDOP outside 311 Holly Hills Drive. A witness observed a male subject walking a dog. The subject stopped next to a parked vehicle and stuck what appeared to be a razor blade into one of the tires. Upon arrival officers found the passenger side tire on the vehicle was flat. The witness did not know the male suspect but pointed out the apartment building he entered. Officers followed up with an employee at the complex who based on a description identified a possible suspect. Upon contact with the male suspect he was wearing similar clothing as described by the witness and there was a small dog present. The male suspect repeatedly denied he flattened the tire. He did admit knowing the

owner of the car stating it was his girlfriend's brother. He also stated he has an ongoing dispute with the brother. Officer Burke put together a photo lineup the same day and had the witness view it. The witness did not identify the subject Officer Burke spoke with. There is no further evidence at this time.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Detective Bureau is currently assigned 8 active investigations. During the month, the Detective closed four (4) of the investigations. The four closed investigations were: one (1) Suspicious Situation Investigation, one (1) Criminal Sexual Conduct Investigation, one (1) Fraud Investigation and one (1) Death Investigation.