



Memorandum

To: Shea Charles, City Manager
From: George Basar, Police Chief
Date: March 27, 2019
Subject: Monthly Departmental Report – February 2019

Below is a statistical report of the Howell Police Department for the Month of February 2019:

CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE

Officers responded to 782 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 2019:

- Building Checks at 123 (in which 15 buildings were found open);
- Foot Patrols at 111;
- Assist EMS at 80;
- Suspicious Activity at 59 (40 Suspicious Situations, 15 Suspicious Vehicles, and 4 Suspicious Persons);
- Assist Non-Law Enforcement Agency at 46.

Further, Officers responded to:

- Citizen Assists at 44;
- Area Checks at 28;
- Motorist Assists at 25;
- Assist Fire Department at 21;
- Civil Matter/Family Trouble at 16.

Criminally, Howell Police Officers addressed:

- 12 Assault and Battery Complaints (11 Assault and Battery complaints and 1 Aggravated Assault complaint);*

- 5 Drove While License Suspended or Revoked complaints;
- 3 Violation of Controlled Substance Act (VCSA) complaints;
- 2 Burglary – Forced Entry complaints;
- 2 Expired/No Insurance 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 16 physical arrests comparative to 20 in February 2018. These arrests include: Five (5) Assault and Battery arrests, three (3) Obstruction of Justice arrests, two (2) Traffic – Driving on Revoked, Suspended or Refuses, two (2) Breaking and Entering arrests, two (2) Operating Under the Influence of Liquor arrests, one (1) Violation of Controlled Substance Act (VCSA) arrest, and one (1) Weapons Offense – Poss/Use of Firearm While Under the Influence arrests.

WARRANTS REQUESTED

During the month of February, the Howell Police Department submitted 34 warrant requests to the Prosecutor’s Office and the City Attorney. Of the cases submitted, 23 criminal/traffic charges were obtained, which includes 14 misdemeanor offenses and 9 felony offenses. 11 resulted in no charges.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/TRAFFIC CRASHES

Traffic Enforcement:

Howell Police Officers initiated 113 traffic stops. Of those traffic stops, officers issued 67 Uniform Traffic Citations (UTC).

The top 5 citations issued are as follows:

- Speeding Over Posted Limit at 17;
- Expired Plates at 12;
- No Proof of Insurance at 9;
- Fail to Stop within Assured Clear Distance at 8;
- Disobey Traffic Control Device at 5.

During February 2019, Officers issued 139 parking citations.

Year	UTC	Parking
2019	67	139
2018	98	103

Traffic Crashes:

On the traffic crash side, Howell Police Officers responded to a total of 34 traffic crashes, of which 27 are reportable*:

PIA	PDA – Traffic Area	PDA Non-Traffic Area	Accident – Hit and Run
1	25	7	1

**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 Citations
Days A	188	24	4	46
Midnights B	252	10	5	25
Days C	180	18	2	56
Midnights D	144	12	5	12
Other*	18	3	0	0
Total	782	67	16	139

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

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

Shift	Reports	Citations	Arrests	Parking Citations
Days A	6.7	0.9	0.1	1.6
Midnights B	9.0	0.4	0.2	0.9
Days C	6.4	0.6	0.1	0.1
Midnights D	5.1	0.4	0.2	0.4

RESIDENTIAL VACATION CHECKS

During the month of February 2019, 631 Residential Vacation Checks were conducted.

SPECIAL EVENTS

There were no Special Events occurring in Howell during the month of February, 2019.

TRAINING

- On February 2nd, Officers Briggs and Vanbuskirk attended Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence training.
- On February 25th, all Officers attended Patrol Tactics training.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

During the month of February, the SRO responded to 15 calls for police service, authored 11 non-criminal reports and 4 criminal reports. In addition to the above reports, the SRO attended a meeting with school staff and Howell Area Fire Department to update the school's tornado policy. The SRO also attended scheduled lockdown drills for the district.

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 three Fraud investigations, and one (1) Suspicious Situation investigation.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

On February 6th, Officers stopped a vehicle with an expired license plate. The driver did not have insurance on the vehicle. The vehicle was impounded and the driver was cited for no insurance and having an improper registration tab. The driver was released at the scene.

On February 18th, Officers responded for breaking and entering at two businesses on S. Michigan Ave. During the investigation, it was determined there were around \$20,000 worth of merchandise and computers that were taken. A suspect was quickly identified developed and he was taken into custody within a few hours. The suspect was lodged at the Livingston County Jail without incident.

On February 18th, Officers were dispatched to a welfare check for a subject locked in a bathroom and not answering. It was discovered the subject had overdosed on heroin and was not responsive. Treatment was started and on arrival of EMS, Narcan was administered and the subject regained consciousness.

On February 22nd, Officers were dispatched to assist EMS with an overdose. A subject went to a friend's house and overdosed on heroin. Upon on officer arrival, the subject was unresponsive. Narcan was administered and the subject regained consciousness and walked to the ambulance for further treatment.

On February 25th, Officers responded to Saint Joseph Catholic Church for a breaking and entering complaint. Staff reported a sliding, interior office window had been forced open over the prior weekend. An undisclosed amount of cash was taken from a drawer. Fingerprints were lifted and sent to the Michigan State Police crime lab for processing.

On February 26th, 2019, Officers responded to a city residence for a report of a mercury spill. It was determined that the spill was 24 hours old and that other agencies (Health Department, HAFD, EPA, and Emergency Management) had already been notified.

Interviews were conducted and it was determined that an adult family member staying at the residence had found the bottle of mercury and dropped it. The spill was contained to a stairway in the basement. The family evacuated the residence until further cleanup actions could be conducted.