



**HOWELL  
MICHIGAN**

City of Howell  
Police Department

# Memorandum

To: Shea Charles, City Manager  
From: George Basar, Chief of Police  
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Subject: Monthly Report – March 2016

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Below is a statistical report of the Howell Police Department for the month of March, 2016:

## CALLS FOR SERVICE

Officers responded to 1011 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 March, 2016:

- Building Check at 294 (in which 14 were found open);
- Citizen Assist 81;
- Assist EMS 79;
- Foot Patrol 75;
- Suspicious Activity 59 (41 Suspicious Situations, 9 Suspicious Vehicles and 9 Suspicious Persons).

Further, Officers:

- Area Checks 53;
- Accidents 52 (32 Traffic Area, 13 Non- Traffic Area, Personal Injury 4, Hit and Run 3);
- Assist Non – Law Enforcement Agencies 31;
- Welfare Checks 29;
- Motorist Assist 28.

Criminally, Howell Police Officers handled:

- 12 Assault complaints;
- 6 Warrant Arrests;
- 5 Driving While License Suspended complaints;
- 4 Damage to Property;
- Expired/ No Insurance.

*\*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.*

#### ARRESTS

Overall, the department executed 21 physical arrests. These arrests include 6 Warrant arrests, 4 Obstructing Justice arrests, 2 Assault and Battery arrests, and 9 other arrests.

#### WARRANTS REQUESTED

During the month of March, the Howell Police Department submitted 48 warrant requests to the Prosecutor's Office and the City Attorney. Of the cases submitted, 32 criminal/traffic charges were obtained, which includes 22 misdemeanor offenses and 10 felony offenses. 16 charges were denied.

#### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/TRAFFIC CRASHES

Traffic Enforcement:

In March, Howell Police Officers completed 193 traffic stops. Of those traffic stops, Howell Officers issued a total of 163 Uniform Traffic Citations (UTC).

The top 5 citations issued are as follows:

- Speeding 1-10 over limit at 50;
- Disobey Traffic Control Device at 16;
- Fail to Stop in Assured Clear Distance at 14;
- Defective Equipment Violations at 13;
- Expired License Plate at 11.

In the month of March Howell Officers issued 196 parking citations.

Traffic Crashes:

On the crash side, Howell Police Officers responded to a total of 52 traffic crashes, of which 39 are reportable\*.

PIA	PDA-Traffic Area	PDA Non-Traffic Area	Accident-Hit and Run
4	32	13	3

*\*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.

A breakdown by shift is as follows:

Shift	Reports	Citations	Arrests	Parking
Midnights	230	32	3	35
Days	296	48	5	126
Afternoons	470	82	13	34
Other*	15	01	0	01
TOTAL	1011	163	21	196

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

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

Shift	Reports	Citations	Arrests	Parking
Midnights	7.4	1.0	0.1	1.1
Days	9.5	1.5	0.2	4.1
Afternoons	15.2	2.6	0.4	1.1

## RESIDENTIAL VACATION CHECKS

During the month of March, Howell Officers conducted 766 Residential Vacation checks.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

There were no special events to report on for the month of March, 2016.

## TRAINING

During March, 2016, Officers attended the following training:

- On March 1<sup>st</sup>, Officer Briggs attended Data Master Certification Training.
- On March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Detective Dunn and Officer Kobel attended Evidence Technician Training.
- On March 17<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Kelleher, Detective Dunn, and Officers Kobel and Charlick attended Skimmer Training.
- On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Detective Dunn and Officers Kobel and Vallance attended Crime Prevention for Business training.

## DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau is currently assigned 13 active investigations. During the month, the Detective was able to close seven (7) investigations. Two (2) Criminal Sexual Conduct investigations were closed. Two (2) Assist to Law Enforcement were closed (Michigan Department of Agriculture and the Livingston County Sheriff's Department). One (1) Death Investigation was closed and One (1) Illegal Possession/Use of Financial Transaction Device was closed.

## LAWNET

The LAWNET Officer reported a productive month with the following substantial seizures:

- 77Grams of Marijuana;
- 28 Marijuana Plants;
- 30 Grams of Marijuana Wax;

- 24 Grams of Heroin;
- 10 Doses of LSD;
- 7.1 Grams of Mushrooms;
- 7.6 Grams of Kraton;
- 276 Doses of miscellaneous pharmaceutical narcotics (Hydorcodone, Suboxone, Azlepram, Cyclobenzaprine, Levetiracetam, Gabapentin, Phenobarbital, Zolpidem, Clonazepam.)

Additionally, 30 investigations were initiated and 8 arrests were executed.

#### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

- On March 1<sup>st</sup>, LAWNET officers located a suspect that had a warrant for his arrest in the City of Howell. Suspect was lodged at the jail.
- On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, LAWNET officers were working surveillance in Genoa Township and witnessed a retail fraud on a known drug user that resides in Howell. LAWNET officers followed the suspect to the City of Howell where the suspect committed a second retail fraud. Howell PD was contacted and LAWNET officer made contact with the suspect. The suspect was arrested and lodged.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, Howell Officers were requested to assist LAWNET at Kroger. LAWNET officers watched a subject place several items into a cart in the store and then run out of the building without paying for the items. Howell Officers arrived and LAWNET had the suspect in custody. Howell Officers transported the suspect to the Livingston County Jail where he was lodged.
- On March 8<sup>th</sup>, LAWNET officers located a suspect that had a warrant for his arrest in Howell. LAWNET officers made contact with the suspect and he was placed under arrest and lodged at the jail without incident.
- On March 10<sup>th</sup>, LAWNET officers located a suspect that was smoking marijuana in a parking lot in Howell. LAWNET officers made contact with the suspect and seized the marijuana. Suspect was interviewed and released.
- On March 14<sup>th</sup>, LAWNET officers observed two subjects make fraudulent purchases in the Howell area. LAWNET officers made contact with the subjects, post surveillance, after observing suspects making numerous purchases with manufactured checks. While interviewing the suspects it was learned that they are currently involved in an ongoing multi-state bank insider fraud ring responsible for over \$400,000 in losses. The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of Secret Service.
- On March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Officers responded to an address in Howell Estates. A 13 year old female subject was reportedly holding a knife and threatening to kill herself. Upon arrival Officers observed the female holding a knife pointed at her stomach. The female stated she wanted to hurt herself. The female was observed as having cuts on her wrist. The female was told to put the knife down and she complied. The female was then transported to Saint Joseph Livingston for a mental evaluation.

- On March 19<sup>th</sup>, Officers assisted the Michigan Department of Agriculture with an inspection of gas stations within the city for illegal credit card skimmers. Officers located two of these devices while performing the checks. The skimmer devices were collected by the Detective and later turned over to the Michigan Department of Agriculture.
- On March 20<sup>th</sup>, Officers conducted a building check at the Jonna's Market Plaza on N Michigan Ave. While checking doors officers discovered a fresh damage at the Nails Studio. Officers observed the front door's glass to be broken out with a brick. The building was searched and no one was found inside. The owner was contacted and stated they had closed the store at approximately 1930 hours on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The owners stated that the cash register and the start up money that was in the cash register was missing. Investigation continues.