



# Memorandum

To: Shea Charles, City Manager

From: George Basar, Chief of Police

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Subject: Monthly Departmental Report – November 2013

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Below is a statistical report of the Howell Police Department for the Month of November, 2013:

## CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE

Officers responded to 746 calls for police service in November, 2013.

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 November, 2013:

- Building Check at 96 (in which 10 buildings was found open);
- Assist EMS at 75;
- Citizen Assist at 64;
- Area Check at 55;
- Foot Patrol at 55.

## Further, Officers:

- Documented 47 reports of Suspicious Activity (29 Suspicious Situations, 15 Suspicious Persons, and 3 Suspicious Vehicles);
- Responded to 27 False Alarms;
- Conducted 25 Welfare Checks;
- Assisted Fire Department 21 times;
- Assisted Non-Law Enforcement Agencies 18 times.

## Criminally, Howell Police Officers addressed:

- 15 Larceny complaints (7 Larceny from Auto, 4 Larceny from Building, 3 Larceny From Grounds, and 1 Retail Fraud);
- 11 Assault complaints\* (10 Assault and Battery and 1 Aggravated/Felonious Assault);
- 5 Damage to Property Complaints;

- 4 Violation of Controlled Substance Act Complaints;
- 3 Fraud Complaints (1 Credit Card Fraud, 1 False Pretenses Fraud, and 1 Fraud by Wire).

*\*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 22 physical arrests. These arrests include 15 various types of Warrant Arrests, 2 Assault Arrests (1 Assault and Battery – Domestic and 1 Aggravated Assault), 2 Burglary Arrests, 1 Operating While Intoxicated, 1 Damage to Property and 1 Driving While License Suspended.

For MICR reporting purposes, 2 arrest records were entered into OSSI RMS as a result of charges obtained and the suspect not taken into custody. See attached for additional information.

**WARRANTS REQUESTED**

During the month of November, the Howell Police Department submitted 19 warrant requests to the Prosecutor’s Office and the City Attorney. Of the cases submitted, 10 criminal/traffic charges were obtained, which were all for misdemeanor offenses; 9 charges were denied (8 of these charges stemmed from one trespassing complaint).

**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/TRAFFIC CRASHES**

Traffic Enforcement:

During the month of November, 2013, Howell Police Officers conducted 186 traffic stops.

Howell Police Officers issued a total of 151 Uniform Traffic Citations (UTC) in November, 2013.

The top 5 citations issued are as follows:

- Speeding 1 – 10 over limit at 37;
- No Proof of Insurance at 17;
- Defective Headlight at 15;
- Expired License Plate at 14;
- Failure to Stop Within Assured Clear Distance at 7.

During November, 2013, Officers issued 107 parking citations.

Traffic Crashes:

On the traffic crash side, Howell Police Officers responded to a total of 32 traffic crashes, of which 26 are reportable\*.

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|-----|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| PIA | PDA – Traffic Area | PDA Non-Traffic Area | Accident – Hit and Run |
| 3   | 22                 | 6                    | 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.

A breakdown by shift is as follows:

| Shift      | Reports | Arrests | Citations | Parking Citations |
|------------|---------|---------|-----------|-------------------|
| Midnights  | 189     | 9       | 36        | 38                |
| Days       | 233     | 6       | 37        | 60                |
| Afternoons | 299     | 7       | 75        | 9                 |

|              |            |           |            |            |
|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Other*       | 25         | 2         | 3          | 0          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>746</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>151</b> | <b>107</b> |

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

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

| Shift      | Reports | Arrests | Citations | Parking Citations |
|------------|---------|---------|-----------|-------------------|
| Midnights  | 6.3     | .3      | 1.2       | 1.3               |
| Days       | 7.8     | .2      | 1.2       | 2.0               |
| Afternoons | 10.0    | .2      | 2.5       | .3                |

#### RESIDENTIAL VACATION CHECKS

During the month of November, 2013, 130 Residential Vacation Checks were conducted.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Fantasy of Lights parade was held in downtown Howell. This annual event is managed by the Howell Chamber of Commerce and is traditionally held on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

This event caused the closure of Grand River Avenue from 1500 – 2200 hours for the Fantasy 5; which is a 5k race and the parade.

Sgt. Mannor was the departmental representative for this event. Throughout the year he attended planning meetings and he facilitated the Department’s involvement well. Officers and volunteers from the Community Emergency Response Team were stationed at traffic points and pedestrian crossing points to ensure safety for all and the smooth management of traffic.

#### TRAINING

On November 13-14<sup>th</sup>, Detective Miller attended a Craigslist Investigations seminar. This training was presented by Police Technical and was hosted by the Dearborn Police Department.

#### LAWNET

During the month of November, the LAWNET Officer reports the following seizures:

- 2448.8 grams or 5.4 pounds of marijuana;
- 9.7 grams of Methylone;
- 5 doses of Suboxone
- 1 live marijuana plant;
- 1 gram of heroin.

Additionally, 11 investigations were initiated, and 8 arrests were executed.

#### Events of Interest:

- On November 7<sup>th</sup>, LAWNET officers assisted the Howell School Resource Officer with a heroin investigation.
- On November 12<sup>th</sup>, LAWNET officers arrested a subject in the Howell City area on an outstanding LAWNET warrant. The subject was lodged at the Livingston County Jail without incident.
- On November 21<sup>st</sup>, LAWNET officers assisted the Howell Police Department with an arrest at the Kensington Inn on a parole absconder warrant. This subject is also a known heroin user. During the incident, 2 arrests were made and a small amount of heroin was seized.
- On November 25<sup>th</sup>, LAWNET officers received a tip that a fugitive wanted on felony charge was in a residence in the Howell City area. LAWNET officers established surveillance on the residence and

observed the subject inside. He was arrested after attempting to flee the residence, and was lodged at the Livingston County Jail.

- On November 27<sup>th</sup>, LAWNET officers entered into a joint investigation with the Brighton and Howell Police Departments that were investigating the passing of counterfeit money. The investigation led to a residence in Howell City. A search warrant was obtained and executed, which resulted in the seizure of electronic equipment used to produce counterfeit money, counterfeit money, and the drug Suboxone.



*Counterfeit money seized as a result of the search warrant*

Additional Information:

The LAWNET Officer has reported that a new form of Methylone, known on the street as “Molly” has been discovered. Methylone is not new to the area and it has previously been found in powder and granular form. This new form is remarkably similar to rock candy. This newly manufactured form is dangerous because it is difficult to determine how much of the drug a person has actually ingested.



*Methylone seized in a rock form*

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT:

November has been a consistent month for the Criminal Investigations Unit. There was 14 active criminal cases initiated in November.

Items of Interest:

- On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Detective Bureau was assigned a Felonious Assault complaint in which a man reported that he had been assaulted at his residence. Further investigation revealed that the complainant had been drinking and suffered from several medical issues. It was determined that this was an accidental injury that occurred when he opened the door and was struck in the head (by the door). He suffered a laceration during the incident and eventually sought medical attention.

- On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Detective Bureau assisted the Fire Department with an investigation of a structure fire. In the early morning hours, Howell Officers on routine patrol discovered the Clinton Street Car Wash on fire. This case is still under investigation, but it is thought that the origin of the fire is electrical.



*Clinton Street structure fire*

- On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Detective Bureau initiated an investigation into the larceny of donation jars from the Speedway gas station. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was involved in several other donation jar thefts in southeast Michigan. The Detective Bureau worked with several other police agencies and the suspect was eventually identified and arrested. During an interview, he confessed to the larceny in the City of Howell as well as several others thefts. Charges are currently pending at the Livingston County Prosecutor's Office.
- On November 16<sup>th</sup>, the Detective Bureau responded to an armed robbery. Upon arrival, it was discovered that a masked gunman entered the store and made contact with employees. He then demanded all the money in the cash register. After receiving the money, he fled the area on foot. The Livingston County Sheriff's Department assisted with the investigation and a K-9 tracked the suspect through the woods but was not able to locate him. The incident is still under investigation.



*Surveillance video of the Armed Robbery*

#### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

November, 2013 has been a busy month for the School Resource Officer. During the month of November, the SRO responded to 20 calls for police service, authored 12 non-criminal reports, 6 criminal reports, and 2 status offense reports. The SRO obtained 5 criminal charges, 2 status offense charges and authored 7 supplemental reports.