



Memorandum

To: Shea Charles, City Manager

From: George Basar, Chief of Police

Date: January 7, 2014

Subject: Monthly Departmental Report – December 2013

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

CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE

Officers responded to 669 calls for police service versus 738 in December, 2012.

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 December, 2013:

- Citizen Assist at 70;
- Building Check at 65 (in which 11 buildings were found open);
- Assist EMS at 54;
- Foot Patrol at 46;
- Area Check at 40.

Further, Officers:

- Documented 46 reports of Suspicious Activity (21 Suspicious Situations, 13 Suspicious Vehicles, and 12 Suspicious Persons);
- Assisted Non-Law Enforcement Agencies 32 times;
- Conducted 25 Welfare Checks;
- Responded to 23 Motorist Assists;
- Conducted 20 Liquor Inspections.

Criminally, Howell Police Officers addressed:

- 13 Assault complaints*;
- 9 Drove While License Suspended complaints;
- 7 Larceny complaints (4 Larceny from Building, 2 Larceny of Gasoline, and 1 Larceny From Auto);
- 5 Violation of Controlled Substance Act Complaints;

- 4 Damage to Property 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 22 physical arrests. These arrests include 8 various types of Warrant Arrests, 7 Assault and Battery – Domestic, 3 Operating While Impaired, 1 Assault and Battery, 1 Forgery, 1 Kidnapping, and 1 Violation of Controlled Substance Act.

WARRANTS REQUESTED

During the month of December, the Howell Police Department submitted 62 warrant requests to the Prosecutor’s Office and the City Attorney. Of the cases submitted, 50 criminal/traffic charges were obtained, 30 for misdemeanor offenses, and 20 for felony offenses; 12 charges were denied.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/TRAFFIC CRASHES

Traffic Enforcement:

During the month of December, 2013, Howell Police Officers conducted 167 traffic stops.

Howell Police Officers issued a total of 135 Uniform Traffic Citations (UTC) in December, 2013.

The top 5 citations issued are as follows:

- Expired License Plate at 25;
- No Proof of Insurance at 18;
- Speeding 1 – 10 over limit at 17;
- Defective Headlight at 12;
- Disobey a Traffic Control Device at 7.

During December, 2013, Officers issued 61 parking citations.

Traffic Crashes:

On the traffic crash side, Howell Police Officers responded to a total of 32 traffic crashes, of which 23 are reportable*.

PIA	PDA – Traffic Area	PDA Non-Traffic Area	Accident – Hit and Run
5	18	9	0

**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	161	10	29	28
Days	242	5	30	19
Afternoons	249	7	75	5
Other*	17	0	1	9
Total	669	22	135	61

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

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

Shift	Reports	Arrests	Citations	Parking Citations
Midnights	5.2	.3	.9	.9
Days	7.8	.2	1.0	.6
Afternoons	8.0	.2	2.4	.2

RESIDENTIAL VACATION CHECKS

During the month of December, 2013, 105 Residential Vacation Checks were conducted.

SPECIAL EVENTS

There were no special events involving Howell Police Officers during December, 2013.

TRAINING

During the month of December, 2013, Howell Police Officers attended the following training:

- On December 3rd, Officers Spyke, Lorenz and Fogo attended Standard Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) Refresher Training. This training was hosted and provided by the Michigan State Police in Lansing, MI.

LAWNET

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

- 60.7 grams or 2.14 ounces of marijuana;
- 18 doses of Morphine.

Additionally, 11 investigations were initiated, and 3 arrests were executed.

Events of Interest:

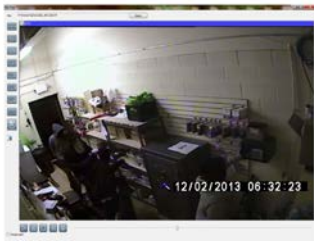
- On December 4th, LAWNET officers assisted the Howell School Resource Officer with a possession of marijuana investigation that originated at the Howell High School.
- On December 6th, LAWNET officers assisted Howell Police Officers with the investigation of a heroin overdose. This residence was the focus of an on-going LAWNET investigation.
- On December 12th, LAWNET officers arrested a subject in the City of Howell that was wanted on a Possession of heroin warrant. He was lodged without incident.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT:

December has been a consistent month for the Criminal Investigations Unit. Detective Miller is currently investigating 16 active criminal cases.

Items of Interest:

- On December 2nd, the Detective Bureau was assigned a Breaking and Entering case that occurred at an area cell phone store. The Howell Police Department is working in cooperation with other State and Federal Agencies on this investigation. Because this is still an active investigation, no further detail may be divulged at this time.



Video camera caught the suspects on tape while in the video store.

- On December 6th, the Detective Bureau was assigned a death investigation thought to have been the result of a heroin overdose. The victim was discovered lying motionless on a bed. Information revealed that the victim was a heroin addict and heroin and paraphernalia were found near the victim. The case is still open pending an autopsy report.



Heroin and paraphernalia located at the scene of a suspected death by heroin overdose.

- On December 19th, the Detective Bureau was assigned a death investigation. Investigation revealed that the victim had been deceased for at least a week. Nothing on scene appeared suspicious and the decedent most likely died of natural causes. The case is still open pending an autopsy report.
- On December 24th, the Detective Bureau was assigned a death investigation of a 58 year old who was found in a basement of a residence. Further investigation determined that the victim had a substantial medical history and most likely died of natural causes; there was no sign of foul play. An autopsy report is pending.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

During the month of December, the SRO responded to 13 calls for police service, authored 6 non-criminal reports, 6 criminal reports, and 1 status offense reports. The SRO obtained 5 criminal charges, and authored 1 supplemental report.