



Memorandum

To: Shea Charles, City Manager

From: George Basar, Chief of Police

Date: September 10, 2013

Subject: Monthly Departmental Report – August 2013

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

CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE

Officers responded to 759 calls for police service versus 883 in August, 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 August, 2013:

- Building Check at 100 (in which 15 buildings were found open);
- Area Check at 81;
- Citizen Assist at 63;
- Assist EMS at 56;
- Foot Patrol at 49.

Further, Officers:

- Documented 53 reports of Suspicious Activity (38 Suspicious Situations, 12 Suspicious Persons, and 3 Suspicious Vehicles);
- Conducted 29 Motorist Assists;
- Responded to 21 Alarms;
- Conducted 21 Welfare Checks;
- Assisted Other Law Enforcement Agencies 17 times.

Criminally, Howell Police Officers addressed:

- 12 Assault Complaints*;
- 12 Damage to Property Complaints;
- 10 Larceny complaints (3 Larceny from Auto, 3 Larceny from Building, 3 Larceny From Grounds, and 1 Larceny of Gasoline);

- 4 Drove While License Suspended/Revoked Complaints;
- 4 Operating Under the Influence 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 28 physical arrests. Included in that total are 12 Warrant Arrests, 5 Assault and Battery – Domestic, 2 Larceny From Auto, and 2 Operating While Intoxicated.

WARRANTS REQUESTED

During the month of August, the Howell Police Department submitted 56 warrant requests to the Prosecutor’s Office and the City Attorney. Of the cases submitted, 43 criminal/traffic charges were obtained, which includes 39 misdemeanor offenses, 4 felony offenses and 13 charges were denied.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/TRAFFIC CRASHES

Traffic Enforcement:

During the month of August, 2013, Howell Police Officers conducted 140 traffic stops.

Howell Police Officers issued a total of 123 Uniform Traffic Citations (UTC) in August, 2013. The top 5 citations issued are as follows:

- Speeding 1 – 10 over limit at 19;
- No Proof of Insurance at 17;
- Expired Plates at 11;
- Defective Headlight at 9;
- Failure to Stop Within a Clear Distance at 7.

During August, 2013, Officers issued 56 parking citations.

Traffic Crashes:

On the traffic crash side, Howell Police Officers responded to a total of 41 traffic crashes, of which 31 are reportable*.

PIA	PDA – Traffic Area	PDA Non-Traffic Area	Accident – Hit and Run
2	28	10	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	210	11	46	29
Days	240	4	30	12
Afternoons	295	13	47	15
Other*	14	6	0	0
Total	759	34	123	56

**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	6.8	.4	4.5	.9
Days	7.7	.1	1.0	.4
Afternoons	9.5	.4	1.5	.5

RESIDENTIAL VACATION CHECKS

During the month of August, 2013, 151 Residential Vacation Checks were conducted.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The annual Howell Melonfest was held in downtown Howell on August 16th – 18th. Like last year, Grand River Avenue was closed from 0500 hours on Saturday and remained closed until approximately 1900 hours on Sunday evening.

This event was sponsored by the Howell Area Parks and Recreation, with cooperation and support from several departments within the City.

Significant staffing hours were spent on the planning and management of this event, with Sgt. Woods assigned to act as the departmental liaison. Sgt. Woods deserves special recognition for his hard work during the planning stages and the management of the actual event.

TRAINING

During the month of August, the following Officers attended training:

- On August 1st, Detective Miller attended an 8-hour training course on Child Death Review. This training was provided by the Michigan Department of Health and was held at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

LAWNET

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

- 50 doses of Adderall;
- 25 doses of Vicodin;
- 20 doses of Methadone;
- 13 doses of Suboxone;
- 5.2 grams of Heroin
- 1.8 grams of cocaine
- 1.8 grams of crack cocaine
- .7 grams of MDMA (Molly)

Additionally, 10 investigations were initiated, and 5 arrests were executed.

Events of Interest:

- On August 20th, LAWNET officers conducted an undercover purchase of narcotics in the Howell City area. During the deal, Adderall was seized.
- On August 30th, LAWNET officers conducted an undercover purchase of narcotics on the Howell City / Marion Twp. border. During the deal, Heroin was seized.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT:

During the first week of August, Officer Miller was reassigned to Criminal Investigations and will assume the full time position on September 1, 2013. Detective Fogo, who is commended for doing an outstanding job while assigned to the unit, will be reassigned road patrol duties. The rotation of this position is a contractual requirement.

Items of Interest:

- On August 6th, Criminal Investigations were assigned two cases of Breaking and Entering into the Southwest School. Investigation revealed that local juveniles were responsible and charges of Breaking and Entering and Malicious Destruction of Property have been obtained.
- On August 14th, Criminal Investigations assisted the Major Crimes Task Force with a suspicious death in Hamburg Township.
- On August 15th, Criminal Investigations assisted the Fire Department with the investigation of a fatal house fire.
- On August 16th, Criminal Investigations initiated a fraud investigation in which a subject was listing an apartment for sub-lease in a local apartment complex. The suspect was not a resident of the apartment or the complex, and had no authority of offer a sub-lease. The suspect has fraudulently obtained money from at least two victims.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The SRO was re-assigned patrol duties during the school summer vacation period. He will resume his duties as the SRO in September, with the start of the new school year.