



Public Safety Department Memorandum



TO: Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director
FROM: Paul Burger, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police
RE: October 2024 Report

REPORTS

24 reports were taken from 160 dispatched calls for service.

CITATIONS & WARNINGS ISSUED

43 total citations written: 3 State violations, 24 ordinance violations, 16 written warnings.

REPORT HIGHLIGHT SYNOPSIS

Battery

A woman was jogging along the trail at Oakhurst FP, when she was slapped from behind on her buttocks by a male offender, who then ran away. The woman was able to take photos of the man as he ran away, and pictures of his vehicle and plate. The police were able to track down the offender at a nearby BP gas station. The man admitted to slapping the woman's buttocks. The man was issued a Notice To Appear and issued two citations, battery and obstructing a peace officer.

A woman was jogging along the Fox River Trail near Sunset Park in Elgin; she looked over her shoulder and saw a man on an electric scooter riding towards her with his hands in his pants. The woman got scared and began running away. She then felt the man grope her buttocks from behind, but not pass her on the trail. She continued to run until she was able to make it home. Officers responded to her home to take her statement. The woman relayed that she believes she saw the same offender in that area approximately 2-3 months ago, where she witnessed him urinating or masturbating on the trail. Officers then searched the area of the incident, but were unable to locate the offender.

Ongoing Equipment Thefts

A solar-powered speed sign that was recently posted on the Fox River Trail near Fox River Shores FP was found missing its solar panel. This case is possibly linked to the September 23rd case, where several solar panels were taken from the Raymond Street Tunnel of the Fox River Trail.

Personal Injuries

A man was riding his bicycle along the trail at the Raymond Street tunnel, when he lost control and fell onto the pavement, scraping his forehead. An ambulance was called and the man was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital in Elgin for treatment. An officer met the man at the hospital to take his statement and make a report of the incident.

Police and Fox River and Countryside Fire Departments, were called to the Riverbend Park baseball fields, for a possible ACL injury a man suffered during a flag football game. The paramedics transported the man to Sherman Hospital for evaluation and treatment.

Illegal Dumpings

An officer was on patrol at the newly acquired parcel, southwest of I-90 and Route 47, when they passed a landscaping company within the property. Further into the property, the officer found large piles of landscaping debris (grass clippings, tree branches) and half a dozen wooden pallets dumped. The officer turned around and stopped the landscaping truck. The driver and owner of the landscaping company were issued written warnings and warned of possible citations and fines, if they dumped again.

Unknown offender(s) dumped refuse at Kenyon Farm FP, including a small white wooden shelving unit, a Christmas wreath, and garbage bags.

While on a premise check at Bowes Creek Woods FP, an officer discovered items dumped next to the parking lot dumpster. The items consisted of two large garbage bags, full of household items. A piece of mail containing an address was recovered. Further investigation of the possible offender is ongoing.

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Public Indecency

While walking on the trail at Culver FP, a patron was approached by a man, who exposed his genitals to the patron. The patron called 911, and an officer responded to the scene. The offender was cited an ordinance violation for public indecency.

TRAINING & MEETINGS

Meetings:

- Tacos & Tequila / KC Cougars (KCSO Cmdr. McCowan & Chief Burger)
- Police Officer Interviews (Chief Burger & Sgt. Hayes)
- Full Time Police Officer Staff Meeting

Training:

- Departmental Police Law Training / Legal Questions Answered Pt. 2
- PDRMA Reasonable Suspicion Training (Chief Burger & Sgt. Hayes)
- IPLEA Training (Ofc. Kelly)
- NEMRT / High Risk T-Stops (Chief Burger)

