



# Public Safety Department Memorandum



TO: Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director  
FROM: Paul Burger, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police  
RE: May 2025 Report

## REPORTS

25 reports were taken from 185 dispatched calls for service.

## CITATIONS & WARNINGS ISSUED

35 total citations written: 4 State violations, 27 ordinance violations, 4 written warnings.

## REPORT HIGHLIGHT SYNOPSIS

### Illegal Dumpings

While on patrol at Campton FP, an officer came across a man placing a large brown moving box into the dumpster. The officer made contact with the offender and issued him an ordinance violation citation for illegal dumping.



While at Fox River Shores FP, an employee came across three piles of construction debris, dirt, and pine needles near the north chained gate of the preserve. When the employee reported the illegal dumping, they informed officers that this was a monthly occurrence. No suspect at this time.

A man was caught illegally dumping refuse at Campton FP. An officer made contact with the offender, who admitted to the crime. The officer issued an ordinance violation citation to the offender.

Illegally dumped refuse was found in the dumpster of Campton FP containing several industrial-sized bags full of building and construction debris, home waste, an infant mattress, and miscellaneous clothing and shoes. Possible suspect being investigated.

### Boat Capsize

Two patrons launched their boat for a fishing outing out of Voyageurs Landing FP, when they began experiencing boat stability issues. The gas-powered motor mounted on the stern was excessively heavy and outdated for the boat. The weight imbalance caused the boat to list heavily and eventually take on water, resulting in a full capsize. The men were briefly stranded in approximately 6 feet of water, partially submerged. A diver from Elgin Fire Department assisted the men and vessel back to shore. The men were treated by Elgin EMS for mild hypothermia on scene. A report of the incident was taken and the men left the scene after treatment.

### Dumpster Fire

An officer was called for a report of a dumpster that had been burned. The outside of the parking lot dumpster was charred and the contents completely burned down. No evidence was found of how the fire started or by whom.



### Dog Bite

While walking along an unpaved trail adjacent to the Schweitzer Woods off-leash dog park, a man encountered a woman walking two leashed dogs. As they passed each other, one of the dogs lunged and bit the man's left hand. The man suffered a puncture wound from the bite. The woman apologized but declined to remain on the scene or exchange information. The man is currently undergoing rabies prevention treatment, due to the seriousness of the bite and the uncertainty surrounding the dog's vaccination status.

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### Theft

A District staff member was at Raymond Street FP tunnel area, when they noticed two electrical junction boxes for the tunnel lighting system had been pried open, and the copper electrical wiring taken. No suspect at this time. A similar incident occurred last month at Pingree Grove FP.

## TRAINING & MEETINGS

### ***Meetings:***

- KCCOPA (Chief Burger)
- Mounted Rangers (Officer Rochotte)
- ILTESB Field Rep. H. Davis (Chief Burger)
- IPLEA (Officer Kelly)
- May Bike Safety Initiative (Officers Podschweit & Splittgerber)

### ***Training:***

- Departmental Police Law Training / Critical Incident & De-Escalation
- Departmental PDRMA Training
- Axon Taser Instructor Course (Full Time Officers)
- PT Officer Jones / Field Training Program

## May 2025 Reports by Location/Offense

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