

**MONONA POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



OCTOBER 2021

OPERATIONS DIVISION

In October of 2021, the Operations Division handled 42 vehicle crashes and issued 35 traffic warnings, 34 traffic citations, and 6 parking tickets. Our calls total for October was 987 calls for service.

Training

Officers Flora, Ginther and Franca attended an 8-hour Undercover Operations training at Waukesha Technical College.

One of our new officer recruits did not pass a mandatory proficiency test and was dismissed from the Academy. This is in part due to the very rigid testing standards from the WI DOJ for WI Police Academies. As a result of the dismissal, the new officer submitted their resignation and the Department is beginning a new hiring process to fill the vacancy. The long delay in having a fully staffed police department is complicated with the significantly lower number of persons looking for careers in law enforcement. **Applicants currently have 63 Wisconsin law enforcement agencies to choose from, who are all hiring in November.**

Security Checks

Officers performed 32 security checks in the month of October. A security check is when an officer goes into a business and walks around to meet with staff to discuss any problems that the businesses are aware of. This also serves as a deterrent for theft. For the overnight shift, this entails checking the perimeter of the business and pulling on doors to make sure the businesses are secure.

Retail Thefts

There were 31 retail theft cases in October, the same number as the 31 cases in September. Around 40 cases are typical in a month. These cases can be time consuming if the suspect flees and follow-up outside the City is necessary.

Use of Force Incidents

On October 20th, 2021 at 11:44 p.m. as part of a countywide stolen auto initiative, an officer observed a stolen pickup truck at a red light. He began following the vehicle, calling for additional officers to set up tire deflation devices further ahead. When the stop was attempted the vehicle fled and missed the first set of deflation devices. The pursuit was terminated but the suspect headed towards Stoughton. A Stoughton Officer successfully deployed a deflation device and the suspect continued to flee the Stoughton Officer and then drove into a ditch. The driver fled on foot and Stoughton PD detained the passenger. McFarland PD deployed their drone for the driver who fled into a cornfield and located the hiding male. The driver was taken to jail on a felony warrant, in

addition to felony eluding and operating a motor vehicle without owner's consent. The passenger was arrested on a probation violation. (MO21-09172) M/B 35, F/W 23

Citizen Complaints

There were no citizen complaints in October.

1st Shift Monthly Report (Highlighted events)

On October 14th, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. an officer was dispatched to a single vehicle fire in the 100 block of Owen Road. The van was a business delivery van and it caught fire due to an unspecified mechanical failure. The fire quickly destroyed the van and also caused damage to the pavement and two trees of the adjacent business due to the flames and heat. The driver was not injured. (MO21-08971)



Not a first shift event, but worthy of mentioning, on October 4th at 11:28 p.m. officers were on the beltline on a traffic stop when a passing vehicle struck one of the squads. The driver did not stop but rather continued at normal speeds. The officer then stopped this vehicle and the driver admitted to drinking. The driver was arrested for first offense OWI and had a breath alcohol concentration of .14. Thankfully this driver only grazed the squad mirror and didn't hurt anyone. (MO21-08689)



Officer Overtime Analysis

2021	JUL Hrs	AUG Hrs	SEPT Hrs	OCT Hrs	TOTAL HRS To Date	APPROX COST To Date
TRAINING CONSORTIUM (In-Service)	-	-	60	-	172.5	\$9,596
TRAINING CONSORTIUM (Instructors for In-Service)	-	-	32	-	56.5	\$3,143
OTHER REQUIRED TRAINING (ECIR/Radar/CPR/K9)	24	-	-	-	135	\$7,510
OPTIONAL OFFICER TRAINING	-	-	-	12	45	\$2,503
SICK LEAVE Coverage	24	41.5	42	28	241.5	\$13,435
VACATION Coverage	90	56	30.5	60	412.5	\$22,947
FLOATING HOLIDAY Coverage	4	12	4	24	88	\$4,895
FMLA Coverage (Work injury, baby leave, etc)	72	8	56	31	191	\$10,625
COURT	8.5	7	2.5	13	143.2 5	\$7,969
LATE/EARLY CALL or SERIOUS INCIDENT	21.75	15.25	13	14.5	171	\$9,513
Special Event (Meeting, Parade, Festival, Drug Work)	104	39	6.5	61	274.7 5	\$15,284
Mental Health Case	23.5	2.5	15	34	83.5	\$4,645
Officer Dispatch Coverage	-	-	-	-	0	\$0
MG High School OT (Reimbursed)	-	3.75	4	13	20.75	\$1,154
TRAFFIC GRANT (Reimbursed)	28	24	28	-	323.5	\$17,996
TASK FORCE (Reimbursed)	-	-	-	-	0	\$0
TOTAL HRS	399.75	209.00	293.50	290.50	2358.7 5	
Expense Per Month @ average OT rate \$55.63 / HR	\$22,23 8	\$11,62 7	\$16,32 7	\$16,16 1		\$131,21 7

Lieutenant Curtis Wiegel is the Operations Commander and 1st shift patrol supervisor. He can be reached at cwiegel@ci.monona.wi.us.

Second Shift Monthly Report

During the month of October second shift officers responded to 19 retail thefts complaints. The officers also responded to 21 crashes and conducted 26 traffic stops. Second shift officers continued to provide directed patrol in areas where we have received traffic complaints. The following are some cases that we handled.

On October 30th around 6:18 p.m. officers responded to 2500 Royal Avenue for a disturbance. While responding, officers learned that the suspect fled from the store. A female customer became upset when the clerk would not sell her cigarettes. The suspect then began trashing the store, knocking over racks. When the clerk called the police she left. The area was searched but the suspect was not located.

Officers then cleared from that call and responded to the area of South Towne Drive and Industrial Drive for a male reporting that another male pulled a knife on him. The victim stated that the suspects fled in a vehicle. The officers were unable to locate the vehicle. While interviewing the victim, officers learned that this incident occurred closer to the railroad tracks and that there was a time delay in reporting it. The victim stated that the night prior he was at a party under a bridge near Highway 30 in the City of Madison. He stated that he met some people and the female loaned him her debit card. He would later lose the card. The victim stated that the individuals later confronted him about the card. When he told them he lost it, the male pulled a knife on him. The investigation is on-going.

3rd Shift October 2021 Monthly Report

During the month of October, third shift officers for the conducted 23 traffic stops, investigated three accidents, and responded to several disturbance and suspicious persons complaints.

On October 4th, 2021 at 11:29 p.m., officers were on a traffic stop on HWY 12. During the stop, a passing vehicle collided into the mirror of a squad car and after doing so fled westbound on HWY 12. Officers caught up to the vehicle on John Nolen Drive and made a traffic stop. The operator of the vehicle was arrested for OWI 1st offense, with B.A.C. of .14 g/210L. The operator received an additional citation for hit & run.

On October 12th, 2021 at 1:56 a.m., the Madison Police Department investigated a carjacking which occurred at gunpoint. The suspects had stolen the victim's vehicle. Monona Officers located the vehicle and engaged in a vehicle pursuit. The suspect vehicle eluded Officers and the pursuit was terminated.

On October 21st, 2021 at 1:13 a.m., officers participated in a countywide stolen auto initiative. During this operation, officers located a stolen Chevrolet Silverado and a

vehicle pursuit ensued. Tire deflation devices were successfully deployed, resulting in the vehicle being disabled. The operator fled into a cornfield where a drone operator located the suspect. The individual was arrested without further incident and taken to the Dane Co Jail on several felony charges.

On October 31st, 2021 at 2:36 a.m., officers responded to a vehicle accident on HWY 12. The investigation determined a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed rear-ended another vehicle, causing significant damage and lane closure. The driver who rear-ended the vehicle was uncooperative and arrested for OWI 1st offense and operating with a suspended driver's license. A search warrant was obtained for the operator's blood to obtain a B.A.C. Those results are pending.

Sergeant Adam Nachreiner is 3rd shift patrol supervisor and can be contacted at anachreiner@ci.monona.wi.us

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The month of October brought unseasonably warm weather with it this year. The weather was welcomed because of the Monona Grove High School hosting their Homecoming Parade, football game, and dance, but along with it came an increase in activity from the students.

I completed an ALICE active threat instructor update via webinar, met with high school admin to discuss the upcoming training for staff on ALICE, played intramural volleyball with the high school staff team against the students, went on a construction class field trip to a Steven's Construction job site, gave Chief Austin Chaney a tour of the high school, attended a restorative justice program expansion meeting with Monona PD admin, and was interviewed by MG21 students twice about the SRO position and police in schools for their mini research project.

Incidents of note:

October 1, 2021 – A male high school student had been suspended the day before instigating a fight but chose to attend school the next day and ignore the suspension. I met with building admin to discuss the situation. After contact was made with the parent, the student left school on their own.

October 1, 2021 – A female high school student reported overhearing a classmate talking about having sex in the boy's bathroom with another student. The incident was investigated. After video review and several interviews, the incident was determined to be fabricated.

October 1, 2021 – A middle school boy got into an argument with several other middle school students at the MG Homecoming football game. An uninvolved parent came into

the middle of the argument to break it up. The middle school student and their high school sister began yelling at the parent. Claims were made the parent assaulted the middle school student. After reviewing video of the incident, the claims of assault were fabricated. All parties were separated.

October 2, 2021 – A fourth degree sexual assault compliant was reported by a student. The event occurred at an afterschool dance event. The victim did not see the attacker and there were no witnesses. Resources were provided to the victim to help the victim address the trauma. No suspect has been identified.

October 2, 2021 – A high school student got into an argument with another student before reporting the other student having a gun in his waistband at the Homecoming dance. All students were searched prior to entry at the dance by school admin and no weapons were found. The student who was supposed to have a weapon was detained and searched. No weapons of any kind were found. The student left the dance early to avoid further conflict.

October 4, 2021 – A student at the high school reported being sexually assaulted by another student in late 2019 or early 2020. A Safe Harbor Interview was conducted. The suspect declined to answer questions or provide a statement. The case was sent to the Dane County District Attorney for their review and possible charges.

October 7, 2021 – A high school student approached me at lunch and showed me a video of another student damaging property in the community of Cottage Grove. I was able to share the information with Cottage Grove Police in real time. The student was apprehended, and cited by Cottage Grove Police.

October 18, 2021 – A high school student went to Rocky Rococo's (in Madison). The student stole soda and proceeded to create a scene in the restaurant, cursing at employees and tipping chairs over. A patron and Rocky's called the police department and the school to complaint. I contacted the student when he returned to school and counseled him on his behavior. Parents were also contacted and made aware of the behavior. No law enforcement consequences issued.

October 18, 2021 – A high school student was trying to light a piece of cardboard from a frozen pizza on fire at lunch. School admin addressed the issue. The student returned from lunch and passed me in the commons. I noted a strong odor of marijuana. I notified admin and the student was searched. A small amount of marijuana, a pipe, multiple vape cartridges, and edible THC gummies were located. The school addressed the disciplinary issues. No law enforcement consequences issued.

October 26, 2021 – A concerned parent reported an argument that happened in front of Rocky Rococo's (in Madison). The parent also reported the two students had gotten into a fight in the bathroom at the high school on a previous date. I shared the info with high school admin. It was determined one student was assaulted in a bathroom approximately one month earlier, but he never reported it. The victim and suspect admitted an incident

happened to the school. The school referred the incident to police and requested a citation be issued if possible. I consulted with Chief Chaney Austin and determined a Disorderly Conduct citation was appropriate. A citation was issued to the suspect.

October 27, 2021 – A high school student emailed me and reported a friend talking about self-harm. I was in a meeting, outside the building, but was able to identify the student and pass along the information to student services. The student in question spoke with a counselor about what was going on and his parent was contacted. I followed up with the student upon returning to school. There was no immediate danger and no plan for self-harm.

Two vape devices were provided to me by high school admin to determine the contents. Both were disposable nicotine vapes. The devices were destroyed at the administrator's request. No law enforcement consequences issued.

Three separate pairs of AirPods were found and turned over to me. I was able to identify the owner of all three pairs and returned them to the owners.

School Resource Officer Luke Wunsch can be contacted at Lwunsch@ci.monona.wi.us

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Detective Unit

During the month of October 69 cases were reviewed for possible referral to the Investigative Division.

Crime	Number of Cases
Battery	1
Burglary	2
Drug Investigation	2
Fraud	4
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	2
Retail Theft	31
Sex Offense	3
Stolen Vehicle	1
Theft	12
Weapons Violation	1

Members of the Investigative Unit were assigned to review and/or assist with many of the current and past incidents.

Current Investigations

MO21-07497 – BATTERY AND ROBBERY / MO21-07560 – AUTO THEFT

A citizen met a man on a dating app. They hung out for a couple of days and things went bad leading to the suspect severely beating the victim and stealing his cell phone, and likely his car. The suspect was using a fake name. Detectives were able to identify him and requested multiple felony charges. *UPDATE* The suspect was arrested and charged with two felonies from this case. He had over 10 additional criminal charges from neighboring agencies for similar crimes.

MO21-08707 – SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD

A child disclosed repeated acts of sexual assault. Monona Detectives and CPS spoke to the victim. This is an ongoing investigation.

MO21-09479 – THEFT

A person had their coat stolen from a bar in Monona. The coat contained keys that had military dog tags of a family member that had tremendous sentimental value. Detectives obtained video from the bar and circulated photos of two suspects. The two suspects were identified and confessed to Detectives. The suspects returned all property to Detectives. The victim was very happy that his property was returned and declined to press charges.

MO21-06335 – THEFT

A local business had terminated a remote worker who had failed to return a company computer that contained sensitive data. It had been several months. Detectives communicated with police in Michigan and were able to facilitate the return of the computer.

MO21-09552 - THEFT

A dual axel trailer was taken from a business lot in the Industrial Park section. This is an open case and leads are still being pursued. But at this time the trailer has not been found.



MO21-09212 – RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary with forced entry occurred in the 800 block of West Dean Avenue. The front door was kicked in, and thankfully the homeowners were not home when it occurred. No suspects have been identified yet in this case.



MO21-09180 – CHILD ABUSE

A child abuse case was referred to us through Child Protective Services based on a tip by an anonymous person to them. The reporter alleged a mother allowed one of her two daughters to have sexual relations with an adult. This allegation was found to be false as the “Mother” does not have any children. Additional details provided by the reported were also determined to be false.

MO21-08960 – RETAIL THEFT

A Retail Theft occurred at Menards. Two suspects have been identified but have not yet been located.

Other Activities

- Property Room management
- Municipal Court officer duties
- Auto theft task force meeting
- Hosted and an auto theft initiative which resulted in several arrests

If you have information to provide in these or other incidents, please contact:
Det. Sgt. Ryan Losby can be contacted at rlosby@ci.monona.wi.us
Det. Matthew Bomkamp can be contacted at mbomkamp@ci.monona.wi.us

Citation and Arrest Statistics

During the month of October, the Monona Police issued numerous traffic citations, municipal ordinance (non-traffic) citations, parking citations and warnings. In addition, there were many referrals for charges. See the detail below.

Traffic Citations	34
Municipal Ordinance Citations	21
Parking Citations	14
Traffic Warnings	36
Adult Arrests & Referrals	8
Juvenile Arrests & Referrals	1
Warrant Arrest	3
Eligible CRC Referrals	3

Each of the adult and juvenile arrests and referrals take at least an hour of the Dispatchers' time to complete the reports and intake paperwork for the Dane County District Attorney's Office. Once completed these forms and reports are reviewed by the Investigations Lieutenant before submitting them to the DA's Office. Each of these submissions is reviewed for referral to the Dane County Community Restorative Court (CRC). CRC is a program to address youthful offenders, age 17 – 25, with little or no Criminal History in a restorative justice model as an alternative to formal criminal charges. The CRC Referrals line above shows the number of Adult Arrests & Referrals who qualified to participate in CRC. Offenders who fail to complete CRC are referred back to the DA's Office for formal charging.

Dispatch

The Monona Communications Center answers business line calls for Police, Fire, and EMS incidents. Calls for service for Fire and EMS are transferred to the Dane County Communications Center for dispatching of Monona Fire and EMS personnel. The Monona Communications Center advises Police of high priority Fire and EMS calls in the event Officer Response is required. Many of the business line calls include routine phone calls from citizens who are not only seeking police assistance, but also assistance with processing citation payments, requesting police records and general assistance. The dispatchers are also responsible for preparing and filing officer reports, citations, accidents, parking, UCR reporting and many other routine daily duties.

During the month of October, Dispatchers handled 987 calls for service. Most of these calls for service were received on the non-emergency lines, via personal reporting at the Police Department, transfers from the Dane County Communications Center or as self-initiated calls directly from Monona Officers.

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