



POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF



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The months of November and December are always busy months. The types of incidents do not change, but often we see increases in activities, like theft and mental health concerns. We had a few more arrests in December than November, but the numbers were not out of line from earlier months. Counterfeit money cases showed an increase.

We are closely watching issues of mental health. During the winter months, there has been an increase in occurrences revolving around mental health. Suicide attempts are on the rise, in addition to family concerns over behavioral issues. Recently, officers were confronted with a person who was threatening to shoot the officers, as well as harm himself. Windsor officers have spent many hours talking to individuals during a variety of cases. They were able to resolve virtually all of these cases without the use of force. We did, however, use a taser in one case.

A number of cases involved subjects who were homeless. The vast majority of these cases are impacted by some sort of substance abuse. Several of these cases were resolved by arrests (warrant arrest) or a medical transport. There were

no reported sexual assaults or aggravated assault cases over the past two months. There were six simple assaults. Drug and alcohol cases remain similar to prior months, with 27 total cases. One unattended overdose death occurred from a suspected opioid. A warrant was executed in a few days regarding connections to the death. Officers continue to conduct enforcement actions in areas of concern.

Officers not only worked on criminal cases in November and December, but also assisted with the Santa Cops program. We shopped for gifts with some families and also delivered presents to others. The local schools assisted us in collecting gifts for Windsor families in need. Several officers also came in contact with the family of a young boy dealing with Stage IV cancer. A uniform was made for him, and these officers have developed a relationship with him and his family. We continue to have interaction with the family.



CRIME REPORTS

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER ANALYSIS



Lieutenant Craig Dodd

Drug Crime and Offender Impact

One of the greatest crime-fighting strategies is to relentlessly investigate drug crime and drug offenders. Where there is illegal drug abuse, there are other

crimes being committed or about to be committed.

Active street-level drug offenders (meth, heroin, and pills) commit property crimes (burglary, theft, vehicle theft, vehicle trespass, ID theft, fraud, forgery, robbery) to support their drug habit and, in many cases, commit violent crimes (assault, domestic violence, sexual assault, homicide) as a result of addiction and desperation.

Windsor is not immune. In a recent seven-day period we arrested two residents for possession and distribution of heroin while experiencing the death of a third resident believed to be heroin-related. During the same week, we arrested a non-resident temporarily staying in our

community for possession of methamphetamine. This person had a lengthy criminal history to include burglary, theft, ID theft, counterfeiting, assault, and, of course, numerous drug crimes.

Investigating drug crime and drug offenders is crime prevention. The philosophy is simple, by removing drug offenders from our community it lessens the likelihood of associate crimes occurring and provides an opportunity for arrested offenders to begin receiving needed treatment.

BY THE NUMBERS

1,547 (N) / 1,654 (D) calls for service

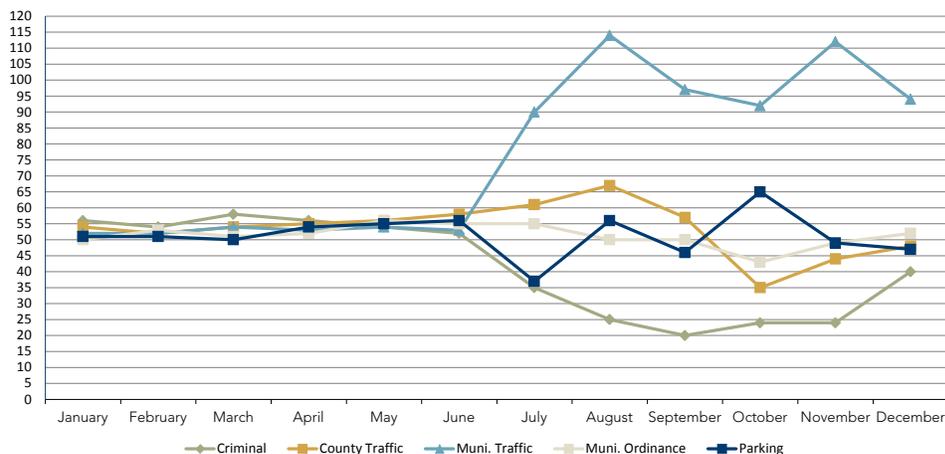
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- » 3 / 3 assault reports
- » 14 / 12 drug and alcohol complaints
 - 1 overdose death from an oppida
 - 1 arrest for distribution
 - 7 DUI/DUID arrests
- » 2 / 3 motor vehicle thefts
- » 9 / 9 forgery and fraud complaints
 - 4 cases of counterfeit money
- » 47 / 47 traffic accidents
- » 42 / 55 arrests, including criminal summons
- » 6 / 9 mental health-related calls for service

CITATIONS

December Citations*	
Criminal	40
County Traffic	48
Municipal Traffic	94
Municipal Ordinance	52
Parking	47

* Report is it not historically updated; past reports can be found individually.

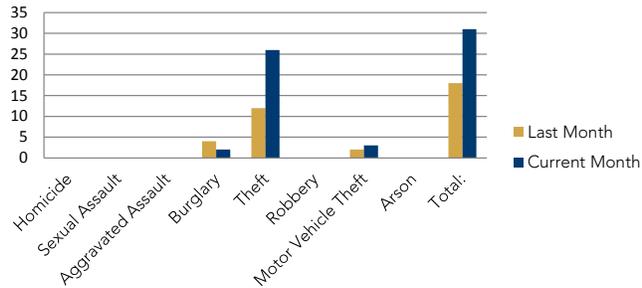
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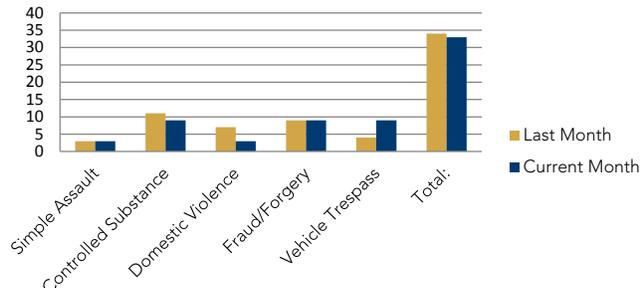
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GROUP A CRIME REPORT



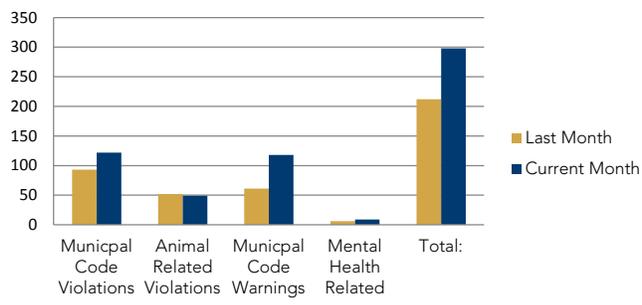
Group A reports are the primary data categories that nearly all law enforcement agencies report on nationwide; they are also the most serious crime categories and speak directly to community safety.

GROUP B CRIME REPORT



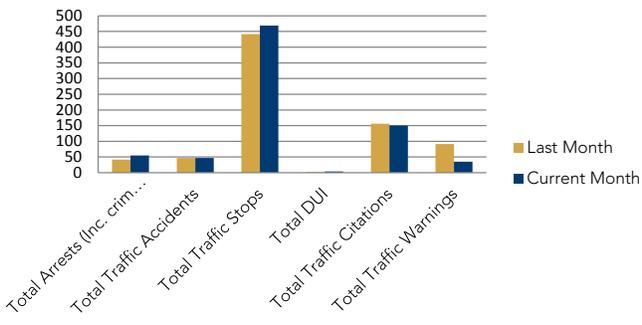
Group B reports are the lesser criminal offenses and/or root cause (controlled substance) categories that are valuable to track and monitor in our community.

QUALITY OF LIFE



Quality of Life reports are categories unique to our community and result in requests for service. Municipal Code violations include weeds, trash, snow, and abandoned vehicles. Mental health-related calls include welfare checks, attempted suicide, and suicide. These aren't criminal in nature, but require officers to respond.

OTHER



These categories relate directly to our total and traffic safety data.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Mental Illness and Homelessness' Effect on Community Policing

Mental illness and homelessness have an impact on all communities. The degree to which a community is affected varies depending on a variety of factors. Windsor is also affected by the issues that accompany these conditions. Currently, law enforcement is the first agency that must deal with the ramifications from these conditions whenever problems arise.

Those persons afflicted with being homeless or suffering from mental illness are not criminals. The resources available for law enforcement are, in most cases, extremely limited. A police officer cannot diagnose a mental illness nor prescribe treatment. Officers may take an individual into protective custody if they can show that the person is a danger to themselves or others. However, on many occasions, that severity of a condition cannot be established. The other option is a voluntary evaluation. Recent court rulings have stated that homelessness cannot be criminalized.

Passing municipal ordinances, in an effort to remove those affected by homelessness, are unconstitutional. Law enforcement and communities are left with a difficult

position of trying to find solutions. Often times, people in need also have some type of substance addiction. Substance abuse makes it extremely difficult to provide assistance to those in need. Individuals in this situation do not accept the help that is offered.

Our department offers Crisis Intervention Training for officers as one method of providing them with tools to cope with a variety of situations. We work with organizations to create solutions and options for those affected. Resources, at many levels, are not adequate, and the ability to require treatment is countered by constitutional freedoms.

It has become very common for officers to respond to these types of calls for service. The majority of interactions are resolved without conflict. The possibility of any of these calls escalating into violent confrontation is always present. The safety of the people involved, the public, and the officers is always a concern. We always try to attach at least two officers to any interaction taking place.



STANGER NAMED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

With the promotion of Chris Darcy to Sergeant, Andrew Stanger was named to the School Resource Officer post. Stanger has been with Windsor Police for 15 years.

Q: Why do you feel the SRO position is valuable for our community?

A: I feel that it is important that the Police Department is invested in its entire community. SRO's have the opportunity to be mentors and provide educational opportunities that forge partnerships with the youth of the community.

Q: What made you throw your hat in the ring for SRO?

A: I was a School Liaison Officer in 2006-07. That assignment provided me with a lot of great opportunities to be a mentor and work with students. When this opening came up, I felt it was a chance to become involved with the school district once again.

Q: What are you most looking forward to in your new role?

A: I am looking forward to working with students and staff to create positive relationships that will lead to a safe and productive educational experience.