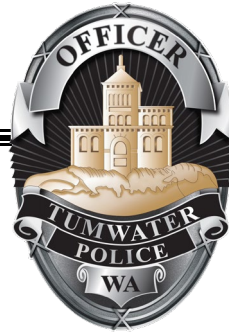


Police Department

Monthly Report



To: Lisa Parks, City Administrator
From: Jon Weiks, Chief of Police
Date: August 15, 2024
Re: July 2024

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

2024-1065 Assault 1st/DUI - Tumwater officers were dispatched to the 3300 block of 63rd Avenue SW for a report of an unknown male who had approached the reporting party's residence door, smelled strongly of alcohol, and had yelled at them. Additional calls were received by dispatch of a possible DUI in the area and the driver matched the description provided by the original reporting party. The additional callers reported the driver of the vehicle was driving recklessly in the area and yelling obscenities as he passed people. The last caller, a 14-year-old male who was home alone, called and reported the male had pointed a gun at him before driving off. An officer enroute to the call responded directly to the residence the car was registered to. The officer contacted a neighbor who reported seeing the man leave and then return home but stated the driver was acting strangely. While talking to the neighbor, the officer heard a vehicle approaching and then recognized the suspect's car approaching him. The officer blocked the vehicle from exiting the driveway and ordered him from his car. The driver exited the vehicle, and the officer immediately recognized the signs of the driver being under the influence of alcohol. The driver was detained while officers determined what crimes had been committed besides DUI. An officer contacted the juvenile victim at a residence where he was housesitting. He reported he was in a driveway in the 6100 block of Kirsop Rd when he observed the suspect drive down the driveway and drove past him and disappeared. A short time later, the suspect drove back down the driveway and stopped and talked to the victim. He asked the juvenile if he lived there. The victim told him he did, and his parents were out of town. The victim saw the suspect then pick up something from the passenger seat but did not immediately make out what it was. The suspect then pulled away and the victim watched as he drove into another neighborhood and turned around. The suspect returned to where the victim was standing and as he approached, he pointed what the victim believed to be a gun at him. The victim reported the suspect was pointing it in an aggressive manner, and he provided officers with a description of the gun, including the red laser that crossed his face/eyes several times. The victim reported the suspect did not say anything while pointing the firearm at him as he was driving past. The juvenile victim reported he was scared and did not know if the suspect was going to shoot him. The suspect then drove off and was soon contacted by law enforcement. Looking in the suspect's vehicle through the window, an officer observed what

appeared to be a firearm on the passenger floorboard. The suspect denied a consent to search of the vehicle, and he was transported to the police department to be processed for driving under the influence. During processing, the suspect declined to provide samples of his breath for the BAC and the investigating officer applied for and was granted a search warrant for his blood. The suspect was transported to the hospital where a sample of his blood was collected. Another officer applied for and was granted a search warrant to search the car for the firearm. A firearm matching the victim's description was collected from the vehicle. The suspect was then transported and booked at the Thurston County Jail for Assault 1st degree and Driving Under the Influence.

2024-1105 Commercial Burglary - Tumwater officers were dispatched to a burglary alarm at a local cannabis store. An officer in the area responded to the business, and as he pulled into the lot, he observed the front doors were intact, so he drove through the drive-thru. The officer observed glass on the ground from a broken drive-thru window, so he checked the area and did not observe any persons or vehicles on scene. When additional officers arrived to assist, they were able to determine no one was inside. They observed the interior of the business was in disarray and the business had clearly been burglarized, and the suspects fled before officers arrived. As officers investigated, they discovered one of the suspects cut themselves on the broken glass, so evidence containing the suspect's blood was collected to be processed by the crime lab. Dispatch called one of the employees to respond, and officers photographed and processed the scene. When the employee arrived, he provided video surveillance of the incident. Video showed a newer silver Dodge Durango driving into the drive-thru and use what appeared to be an airsoft gun to shoot out the drive-thru window. Three masked suspects exited the vehicle, and one made entry into the business through the window, while one stood as a lookout and the third collected stolen merchandise from the suspect inside. As officers continued to process the scene, they collected possible latent prints, DNA, and requested Dispatch to broadcast an attempt to locate for the vehicle (no license plate was visible on the vehicle). Officers were advised WSP's airplane had observed the vehicle leaving the scene earlier at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was last observed around exit 114 on I-5. Deputies checked the area but did not locate the suspect vehicle. Evidence for this case was logged and later sent to the crime lab to be processed. This is still an active investigation pending the outcome of the crime lab results.

2024-1164 Burglary 2nd - Tumwater officers were dispatched to a local restaurant for a report of a burglary and theft. The victim reported a female had broken into the back door, stole alcohol from inside, and was last seen drinking it in the parking lot. Officers arrived on scene and quickly located the suspect, and two employees. Officers contacted the suspect and discovered she was difficult to communicate with. Officers talked to the employees who reported the suspect had been loitering around the business for several hours. One of the employees had told her to leave their property, and she did, but she later returned. When she returned, the employee observed the suspect in possession of bottles that were specific to the business and that appeared to have come from their back banquet room. The employee checked and discovered the door to the banquet room, marked as "Employees Only", was open. The employee took the bottles from the suspect and told her to leave, but she did not comply, so they called 911. The suspect remained in the lot of a nearby business until the police arrived. Officers developed probable cause to arrest the suspect for Burglary 2nd degree and she was placed in handcuffs. Officers continued to try and communicate with the suspect, but she would not provide anything other than her first name and attempts to ID her were unsuccessful. The suspect was transported and booked at the Thurston County Jail as "Jane Doe". The following day, the investigating officer talked to an officer at the jail and learned the suspect's name. Corrections staff were able to locate prior booking information for the suspect using her first name and her photo.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP BOX

The public deposited 70 pounds of prescription drugs in January and a total of 430 pounds for the year.

K-9 STATISTICS

Officer Chase Grimmatt and K9 Thor

- Building Search Deployment
 - Assisted other Tumwater officers with searching a residence that had been burglarized. The initial searching officers believed there was a subject hiding in a basement bedroom, which was reported to contain firearms. The bedroom was heavily cluttered with furniture and laundry, providing several hiding spots. K9 Thor was deployed inside the residence and Officer Grimmatt provided several K9 warning announcements, which went unanswered. K9 Thor was provided a search command and was used to search the entire basement. No suspect was located.

- Tracking Deployments
 - Assisted the Thurston County Sheriff's Office with attempting to locate an Assault 2nd degree/DUI/Eluding suspect who had fled on foot from deputies after being involved in a collision. Officer Grimmatt responded to the scene and deployed K9 Thor inside the suspect vehicle. K9 Thor was able to acquire the suspect's scent and Officer Grimmatt provided K9 warning announcements, which went unanswered. K9 Thor was given a search command and led officers from the vehicle into a large junkyard a short distance away. The junkyard contained numerous commercial vehicle trailers and farm equipment. The track ended in the junkyard and resulted in K9 Thor searching the entire area. The suspect was not located.

 - Assisted the Olympia Police Department with attempting to locate a homicide suspect who was last seen on foot fleeing into a wooded area. Officer Grimmatt responded to the scene and deployed K9 Thor in the area where the suspect was last seen. Because the suspect was believed to be armed with a firearm, Officer Grimmatt provided only one K9 warning to alert any bystanders in the area. The warning went unanswered, and K9 Thor was given a track command. K9 Thor tracked the suspect through residential properties, wooded areas, a swamp, and on footpaths before losing the scent along a roadway.

- Escape Deterrent Deployment
 - Assisted the Thurston County Sheriff's Office with taking a domestic violence assault suspect into custody. The suspect was believed to be barricaded in a residence and possibly armed with a firearm. Officer Grimmatt responded to the scene and deployed K9 Thor outside the residence. Several surrender orders, as well as K9 warnings, were provided to the suspect, which went unanswered. During this time K9 Thor was given bark commands to ensure the suspect knew a police K9 was on-scene and encourage him to surrender. During this time, the suspect was contacted by other officers at a nearby restaurant and taken into custody.

 - Assisted the Olympia Police Department with attempting to contact a homicide suspect believed to be hiding in a shack at an encampment. Officer Grimmatt responded to the scene and deployed K9 Thor outside the shack. Several surrender and K9 warnings were provided to the suspect. During this time K9 Thor was given bark commands to ensure anyone inside the shack

knew a police K9 was on-scene and to encourage them to surrender. There was no response from inside the shack. K9 Thor was given a search command and deployed inside the shack but did not locate anyone inside.

- Evidence Search Deployment
 - Assisted the Thurston County Sheriff's Office with attempting to locate a firearm a suspect was believed to have thrown into a wooded area prior to being taken into custody by a deputy. Officer Grimmatt responded to the scene and a deployed K9 Thor. K9 Thor was provided a search command and spent 45 minutes searching the wooded area but was unable to locate any firearm.

SRO ACTIVITY

With the Tumwater School District being on summer break, the School Resource Officers spent this past month providing additional resources in the Patrol Division. Additionally, they both attended the SRO National Conference. Last, the SROs use the summer break to take their primary vacations.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement opened four cases this month:

- Building code violations at an existing commercial building,
- Land clearing on a residential property without permit,
- Overgrown vegetation from a residential property blocking a sidewalk and causing a sight obstruction; and,
- Overgrown vegetation from a residential property extending into the roadway.

Code Enforcement closed one case this month:

- Overgrown vegetation on a residential property was cleaned up with the assistance of a community non-profit organization. This has been a long-term case

Code Enforcement currently has 15 open cases.

TRAINING

- Two members completed ACCESS recertification
- One member completed the 14-week Field Training Program
- One member completed a 19-week Basic Law Enforcement Academy
- Two members began 2-weeks of post-BLEA training
- Two members attended the national School Resource Officer Conference
- 25 members attended a department training day
- Two TPD members of Thurston County SWAT attended monthly training

1,076 total training hours

QUANTIFIABLE ACTIVITY

	<i>Monthly</i>			<i>Year to Date</i>		
	2024	2023	% Changed	2024	2023	% Changed
Calls for Service	1,563	1,792	-13%	10,201	11,219	-9%
Self-Initiated*	817	1,066	-23%	6,608	7,351	-10%
Arrests	45	63	-29%	317	293	8%
Citations Issued	42	27	56%	325	152	114%
New Cases - Investigations	17	26	-35%	137	145	-6%
Public Disclosure Requests	162	105	54%	998	744	34%
Concealed Weapon Permits	9	25	-64%	162	164	-1%
Court Documents	119	87	37%	648	618	5%
Evidence	73	106	-31%	571	652	-12%
Overtime	723	672	8%	3,650	3,533	3%
Annual Leave	1,151	1,047	10%	3,890	3,704	5%
Sick Leave	117	82	43%	1,115	1,570	-29%

* *Self-Initiated includes: investigative follow-ups, civil paperwork service, area checks, business checks, school visits, resident contacts, traffic stops and back-up activity.*

PERSONNEL

- Tim Rios, Officer - 7 years of service
- Patrick Long, STO/CE Officer - 6 years of service

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

School Resource Officer Tyler Boling attended Tumwater Parks Camp TumTastic to talk with the kids about the role of police officers, let them see our police cars, and provide them a tour of the police department.

SRO Boling met with the Morningstar students at New Market Skills Center to talk about the role of police officers in our community

Sergeant Chuck Liska and Detective Danielle Dawson met with the kids enrolled in the Tumwater Parks Summer Youth Program to talk about our roles as first responders and give them a tour of the police station

School Resource Officer Rosco Rollman, SRO Boling, and Sergeant John Kenderesi each worked a shift at Camp Solomon Schechter providing a security presence at their first and last days of their summer camp sessions.

Officer Seth Stauffer attended Heroes Day at the Tumwater Valley Athletic Club summer camp, where he interacted with the kids and talked about being a police officer.

COMMENDATIONS/LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

The department received the following e-mail from a citizen this month:

I am writing this email because I think the police officers in the city of Tumwater deserve a great deal of praise and recognition. I can't give you the name of any particular officer, but the past several months I have had several interactions with many of them and, without exception, I have been impressed by not only their level of professionalism, but by their ability to recognize the difference between someone in need of help and someone who is in need of corrective action.

To get the obvious question out of the way, my multiple interactions with the officers in this city are not because I'm a criminal who can't stay out trouble, but because last year the symptoms of my PTSD (stemming from a bad thing that happened in Iraq) caused my marriage to fall apart at a rapid rate. Because of this, and because I have been cut off from the income my wife and I had through our business, I have been forced to go through treatment while not really having an exact place to call home. I don't sleep enough because the nightmares are difficult, and my car constantly runs out of gas because the gas gauge is faulty, so I imagine most of your officers have stopped to inspect my car stuck on the side of the road or approached me sitting in my car at some random hour, and in many of those situations I have been unpleasant, rude, sarcastic, and sometimes disrespectful. There are reasons for that, and they all are a direct result of the things I listed above.

Yet, without exception, every officer has asked me with an actual tone of sincerity if everything was okay and if there was anything they could do to help. I try my best to not complain, but I apparently am not exactly the best at hiding the fact that I am going through a tough time. The times I have expressed that I am struggling with something, your officers have talked to me, given advice, offered to help, expressed either sympathy or empathy, and without exception have left me feeling more hopeful than when the interaction began. This probably isn't news to you, but most police departments are not known for possessing these characteristics.

I do want to add one last thing, and that is this is in no way an attempt to garner sympathy. I have a deep appreciation for the police and I understand that, almost without exception, every interaction your officers have throughout their shift involves at least one party who is not happy to see them. I also understand that they have to deal with the stress that comes from knowing an innocuous traffic stop can result in a life-threatening situation, and compared to that, my life is a walk in the park.

Please, if this means anything coming from me, your officers are very much appreciated. I will get out of this rut because I refuse to stay in it, but saving money and dealing with treatment is not a linear thing. It will be a few more months, but no matter where I go, I will always have a great deal of respect and appreciation for these officers in Tumwater. Whether it's by a particular focus of your department or whether you just happened to hire great officers, I don't know, but please keep up the great work.