

# Police Department



## Monthly Report

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

### CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

**2024-1320 DUI** - At 0154 hours, Tumwater officers were dispatched to a report of an E911 crash notification near the 3000 block of Crosby Boulevard. Call details stated someone said, "hello", but did not respond any further. Officers arrived in the area and located a white Subaru sedan with significant front-end damage near the intersection of Crosby Boulevard at Dellrose Road. As the officer approached the vehicle, the driver opened the door and appeared hysterical. The driver, unprompted, then told the officer, "I'm drunk". The driver told the officer she had been drinking and attempted to drive home to Tenino when she got into the collision. The officer noted that based on the driver's recollection of events, the driver was in fact heading in the opposite direction of Tenino. The driver was also unable to identify how the collision occurred, but suspected she hit a curb. The entire time the officer talked with the driver, she was distraught and crying. The officer could smell the odor of intoxicants emanating from the driver and she displayed signs of being under the influence of alcohol. The driver submitted to voluntary standardized field sobriety tests, and she demonstrated she could not perform the tests to acceptable standards. The driver then submitted a sample of her breath for the portable breath test and the sample showed a reading of .299, over three times the legal limit. Based on the officer's observations and the driver's admissions, the driver was placed under arrest for DUI. Due to the high PBT result, medics were dispatched to evaluate the driver. Upon evaluation, medics determined the driver needed additional medical attention at the hospital and she was transported to St. Peter Hospital. The investigating officer applied for and was granted a search warrant to have a sample of the driver's blood obtained. The blood was drawn at the hospital by a medical tech and will be sent to the WSP Crime Lab to determine her blood alcohol content. The driver was issued a criminal citation for DUI and released.

**2024-1341 Assault 3<sup>rd</sup>, Unlawful Display of a Weapon** - At 1956 hours, Tumwater officers were dispatched to the parking lot of the Thurston County Jail for a report of a weapons violation. The victim reported she was followed into the lot by a male driving recklessly and then the driver displayed a firearm in a threatening manner. As officers were enroute they obtained more information from the victim who reported that she and her husband had been traveling on RW Johnson Boulevard behind the suspect vehicle. The suspect pulled to the side of the road and then pulled in behind the victim's vehicle. The

suspect started tailgating the victim and driving recklessly, almost striking the rear of the victim's vehicle more than once. The victim made maneuvers to get away from the suspect, but he continued to follow her, so she drove to the jail for safety. As the victim rounded a corner, the suspect displayed a firearm out the window and pointed it at the victims which intimidated them. The victim and her passenger then called 911. The victims were able to provide a description of the suspect, his vehicle, and the gun. As officers arrived in the area, one of the officers located the suspect's vehicle parked on 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. The doors to the van were ajar and the suspect was inside. The officer on scene recognized the suspect from prior contacts and was aware he had a history of acting hostile towards law enforcement. Once all officers arrived on scene and set up a perimeter around the location, the suspect, now standing by his open door, was advised he was not free to leave. The suspect was provided multiple commands to step away from the vehicle and to show his hands without the firearm. The suspect repeatedly reached into the passenger compartment of his vehicle, and he was advised that if he did not comply, he would be placed under arrest for obstructing justice. The suspect did not comply with the officers' commands and at one point appeared to have a firearm in his possession. During the interaction, the suspect pulled a backpack out of the vehicle and concealed one of his hands and continuously refused the officer's orders to get on the ground and to show both of his hands. Due to the prior volatile history with the suspect, and the possibility of a firearm, officers used time, distance and cover to engage with the suspect to take him into custody. When communication failed with the suspect, officers tactically approached the suspect and took him into custody, placing him into handcuffs. As an officer escorted the handcuffed suspect back to a patrol vehicle, the suspect forcefully broke free of her grasp and elbowed her in the face. The suspect was escorted to the ground and detained as he resisted their efforts and used derogatory words towards the officers. Tumwater Fire Department was dispatched to the scene to provide a medical evaluation of the suspect, as the suspect initially claimed he had a leg injury. Once the suspect was medically cleared, officers attempted to place the suspect into the back seat of a patrol car. However, the suspect again became non-compliant. The suspect was removed from the car and placed in the WRAP to ensure his safety and that of the transporting officer. The backpack the suspect previously removed from the vehicle was searched, and inside officers located a black pepperball gun that in appearance was similar to a handgun. The suspect was then transported and booked at the Thurston County Jail for Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> on L.E., Obstructing, Resisting Arrest and Unlawful Display of a Weapon.

**2024-1369 Commercial Burglary** - At 2357 hours, Tumwater officers were dispatched to a report of a commercial burglary at a cannabis growing facility on Arab Drive. An employee called and reported they could see multiple suspects on video surveillance running in and out of the building carrying product. There were three vehicles on scene associated with four suspects. Officers arrived in the area and set up containment in the event the suspects were still on scene. As officers and TCSO deputies approached the building, they observed one of the three vehicles was still on scene and the engine was running, but the car was unoccupied. Additionally, they observed damage to both the vehicle and the business door that indicated the suspects used the vehicle to force entry into the building. Officers and deputies entered the business and there were no suspects inside. Officers searched the area and discovered the suspects fled the area in the other two cars prior to law enforcement's arrival. Officers impounded the car that remained on scene to the Tumwater Police Department evidence garage. An officer contacted the registered owner of the vehicle and learned he had loaned out the vehicle and had not seen it since December 2023. The officer contacted the person the owner had loaned the car to, and she provided a different story and said she had not seen the vehicle since December 2023, when she returned it to the owner, nor did she have any contact with the owner since she moved to Texas in January 2024. A search warrant was applied for and granted to search the vehicle for evidence of who was driving the vehicle. The warrant was executed by detectives and evidentiary items were collected from inside the vehicle. Based on the condition of the vehicle, it did not appear it had been used frequently, as there was mold

inside. The items collected were sent to the WSP Crime Lab for DNA examination and this case remains active.

## **PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP BOX**

The public deposited 50 pounds of prescription drugs in August and a total of 480 pounds for the year.

## **K-9 STATISTICS**

Officer Chase Grimmatt and K9 Thor

- Apprehension Tool/Escape Deterrent
  - Assisted the Lacey Police Department taking into custody a suspect of multiple counts of domestic violence who had barricaded himself inside a residence. Officer Grimmatt responded to the scene and deployed K9 Thor as part of a contact team. The contact team approached the front of the residence and provided surrender orders, which included having Officer Grimmatt provide commands to K9 Thor to announce the presence of a police dog. The surrender orders went unanswered and forced entry was attempted but was unsuccessful. The contact team then moved to the rear of the residence to a sliding glass door. Again, surrender orders were provided and this time the suspect complied with the orders and surrendered without further incident.
  
- Tracking Deployments
  - Assisted other Tumwater officers attempting to locate a suspect wanted on multiple felony charges who had fled a vehicle into a wooded area. Officer Grimmatt responded to the scene and deployed K9 Thor in the area where the suspect was last seen. Officer Grimmatt provided multiple K9 warning announcements, which went unanswered. Officer Grimmatt then provided a command and K9 Thor was used to search the wooded area. Officers were unable to locate the suspect.
  
  - Assisted the Thurston County Sheriff's Officer attempting to locate a suspect wanted on multiple felony charges who had fled a residence on foot into a wooded area. Officer Grimmatt responded to the scene and deployed K9 Thor in the area where the suspect was last seen. Officer Grimmatt provided multiple K9 warning announcements, which went unanswered. Officer Grimmatt then provided a command and K9 Thor was able to acquire the suspect scent and began tracking the suspect away from the residence. K9 Thor led officers deep into forestry land before losing the scent. The track was terminated when no definitive direction could be determined.

## **SRO ACTIVITY**

With the Tumwater School District being on summer break, School Resource Officer Tyler Boling spent this month on vacation. School Resource Officer Rosco Rollman provided additional resources to our Patrol Division.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement opened 3 cases this month:

- A recreational vehicle and a truck parked alongside a roadway in a residential area for nearly two years without moving.
- A rooster in a residential area.
- People living in a recreational vehicle in a residential area.

Code Enforcement was unable to close any cases this month.

Code Enforcement currently has 18 open cases.

## QUANTIFIABLE ACTIVITY

	<i>Monthly</i>			<i>Year to Date</i>		
	2024	2023	% Changed	2024	2023	% Changed
Calls for Service	1,531	1,723	-11%	11,732	12,942	-9%
Self-Initiated*	1,019	890	15%	7,627	8,241	-8%
Arrests	68	53	28%	385	346	11%
Citations Issued	47	29	62%	372	181	106%
New Cases - Investigations	15	17	-12%	152	162	-6%
Public Disclosure Requests	121	127	-5%	1,119	871	29%
Concealed Weapon Permits	17	17	0%	185	181	2%
Court Documents	119	111	7%	767	728	5%
Evidence	37	81	-54%	608	733	-17%
Overtime	466	510	-9%	4,115	4,043	2%
Annual Leave	971	1,000	-3%	5,706	4,704	21%
Sick Leave	284	155	83%	1,399	1,725	-19%

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

## PERSONNEL

- Randy Baughn, Sergeant - 29 years of service
- Chris Tressler, Sergeant - 25 years of service
- Tyler Boling, School Resource Officer - 17 years of service
- Ashleigh Clark, Police Services Specialist - 2 years of service
- Anthony Dominguez, Officer - 1 year of service

## TRAINING

- 1 member completed ACCESS Level 1 training
- 7 members completed ACCESS Level 1 recertification training
- 1 member completed ACCESS Level 2 recertification training
- 1 member completed NCIC Violent Person File training
- 5 members attended internal department training
- 2 members continued in the Basic Law Enforcement Academy
- 1 member started the Field Training Program
- 1 member attended a 5-day Handgun Instructor course
- 4 TPD members of Thurston County SWAT attended monthly training

**614 total training hours**

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Officer Rachael Johnson and Lieutenant Jennifer Kolb participated the in Thurston County First Responder recruiting fair at the Capital Mall.

Lieutenant Carlos Quiles, Sergeant John Kenderesi, Sergeant Chuck Liska, Officer Tim Rios, Officer Kelly Clark, and Detective Danielle Dawson all provided a presence at the 2024 Tumwater Artesian Brewfest event.

Chief Jon Weiks, Commander Jay Mason, Chaplain Rob Bradley, Administrative Manager Laura Wohl, Lieutenant Jennifer Kolb, Sergeant John Kenderesi, Sergeant Chuck Liska, Sergeant Charles Lett, Detective Danielle Dawson, Officer Pete Navarro, Officer Tim Rios, Officer Hannah Ritter, and Senior Volunteer Dianne Powers all participated in the National Night Out event that took place at ten different neighborhoods throughout the city.

Officer Seth Stauffer and Lieutenant Jennifer Kolb both provided a presence at different Tumwater Parks and Recreation Screen on the Green events.