

Police Department



Monthly Report

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

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

2024-1427 Resisting Arrest/Arrest Warrant - On September 1, 2024, at 1800 hours, Tumwater officers were dispatched to a local motel for a suspicious circumstances report. The caller stated he was threatened by a male in a neighboring room. He also alleged the suspect had a gun. Before Dispatch could obtain additional information, the call disconnected. An officer arrived on scene, and he was contacted by the victim in the parking lot. The victim reported he and his family were in an upstairs room when they heard banging on the door. A male then yelled through the door, "I'm going to kill you!" The victim then heard what he believed to be the sound of a gun racking a round into the chamber. The victim did not know why the suspect was threatening them or banging on their door, but he was in fear for his own safety and the safety of his family. The suspect then returned to his own room next door. Officers contacted staff to identify the suspect, but the name on the registration did not match the description of the suspect. Officers got into position on the second story balcony and attempted to call into the suspect's room to get him to exit. While the phone was ringing, a male exited the room and immediately started yelling at officers in an aggressive and indiscernible way. The suspect did not comply with orders to walk to officers, so officers approached and detained the suspect in handcuffs. The suspect immediately provided static resistance, but he did not actively fight officers' attempts to detain him. Officers attempted to identify the suspect, but he would repeatedly yell, identify himself as "Jesus Christ" and "the Devil", as well as make claims he was already dead. While talking with the suspect, drug paraphernalia was observed in his room, and it appeared he was in a drug induced crisis. While trying to identify the suspect, his mood changed frequently, often yelling aggressively, using profanity, and spitting when he spoke. Once officers were able to positively identify the suspect, it was determined he had a felony Department of Corrections (DOC) warrant for his arrest. The warrant was confirmed, and the suspect was advised he was under arrest. The suspect remained verbally aggressive and multiple officers attempted to verbally de-escalate the suspect to get him to a police car to be transported to the jail. The suspect refused to cooperate and would get physically aggressive when officers approached to escort him. It was determined officers would use the WRAP restraint device to transport the suspect to a patrol vehicle. As officers approached the suspect, he threw himself off the chair onto the floor. Officers used a minimal amount of force to place the suspect in the WRAP, but while doing so, the suspect tried physically resisting efforts by squirming and kicking at officers, and he repeatedly banged his face on the floor while

screaming. Once he was secured and seated upright, medical personnel were dispatched to evaluate him. The suspect refused to cooperate with medical personnel and would not allow them to touch him. The suspect was transported to a patrol vehicle and transported to the hospital for an evaluation and treatment of any injuries sustained as a result of his resistance. The suspect was very uncooperative with hospital staff as well. Once cleared by the hospital, the suspect was transported to the Nisqually Jail where he was booked for Resisting Arrest, and the DOC arrest warrant for escaping community custody (the original charge listed on the warrant was for Assault 3rd against law enforcement).

2024-1429 Assault 1st Degree - On September 2, 2024, at 0526 hours, Tumwater officers were dispatched to a local restaurant for a report of an assault. An employee called and stated another employee was shot by a customer with a pellet gun and the suspect fled in a vehicle. Officers arrived at the location and contacted the victim, a restaurant employee. The victim was extremely pale and sweating. He appeared to either be in shock, or he sustained an injury because of being shot. The victim reported he had been outside emptying trash cans when he observed the suspect enter the drive thru. The suspect threw a cup of liquid on the ground in front of the victim and the victim picked it up and threw it back at the suspect's truck and walked away toward the north entrance of the business. The suspect completed his purchase in the drive-thru and drove around to the north side of the business where the employee was continuing to work. The suspect stopped the truck and deployed an air powered rifle from the driver's window. The driver fired two rounds at the victim, hitting the victim one time in the lower abdomen, and then fled northbound Capitol Blvd toward I-5. The victim was able to provide a good description of both the driver and the vehicle. Medical personnel were called to evaluate the victim, and they determined the victim needed to be transported to the hospital for unknown injuries sustained from the metallic pellet. Once at the hospital, medical staff determined the pellet perforated the victim's abdomen and caused internal injuries which necessitated emergency surgery. Investigating officers obtained witness statements and reviewed video surveillance to identify the suspect. An attempt to locate was broadcast to regional agencies in an attempt to locate the suspect as probable cause was developed for Assault 1st degree. The investigating officer used law enforcement information available to him, the victim's description of the suspect, as well as the video surveillance to positively identify the suspect. The vehicle's information was also entered into the FLOCK system by the Olympia Police Department at our request. At 2130 hours, OPD advised they had located the suspect's vehicle, but it was unoccupied. The vehicle was secured by OPD officers and then turned over TPD officers, who had it impounded to TPD pending a search warrant application. Shortly thereafter, OPD officers located the suspect close to where they located the vehicle. He was detained and transferred to TPD custody to be interviewed. The suspect was then interviewed and he confessed to firing the air rifle in the direction of the victim to scare him because the victim threw the cup back at the truck. The suspect denied knowledge that he had shot the victim. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked at the Thurston County Jail for Assault 1st degree. A search warrant was granted for the suspect's truck and an air rifle was recovered and logged into evidence.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP BOX

The public deposited 50 pounds of prescription drugs in September and a total of 530 pounds for the year.

K-9 STATISTICS

Officer Chase Grimmatt and K9 Thor

- Tracking & Building Search
 - Assisted the Thurston County SWAT Team with tracking an armed Assault 1st degree suspect who was believed to have possibly fled a residence (compound) on foot. Officer Grimmatt responded to the residence in Yelm and deployed K9 Thor near the residence. A single K9 warning was provided due to the suspect still possibly being armed with a firearm, which went unanswered. Officer Grimmatt then provided K9 Thor a track command and K9 Thor was able to acquire the suspect's scent. K9 Thor led officers through multiple wooded areas, yards, fields and driveways before losing the scent alongside a roadway. The track was then terminated and he returned to the compound and assisted SWAT in searching several trailers and residences. No suspect or items of evidentiary value were located.

- Escape Deterrent
 - Assisted the Thurston County SWAT Team with an armed suspect who was refusing to exit a vehicle parked inside a parking garage. Officer Grimmatt responded to the scene and was deployed with a SWAT reaction team to an area of the parking garage as an escape deterrent. Another TCSO K9 team was also on scene and deployed on the opposite side of the parking garage. The suspect eventually exited the vehicle and surrendered to SWAT members without incident.

SRO ACTIVITY

School Resource Officer Rosco Rollman and School Resource Officer Tyler Boling returned to the schools for the 2024-2025 school year.

SRO Rollman investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle parked in the Tumwater Middle School parking lot for multiple days. SRO Rollman determined the vehicle belonged to a parent at another school and was having vehicle issues. The matter was resolved.

SRO Rollman investigated a report made by a Black Hills High School student who was concerned about stalking type behavior by another student who lives in the same apartment complex.

SRO Rollman provided a presence at the Black Hills High School Spirit Fire event.

SRO Boling provided a security presence at the Tumwater High School Homecoming Dance.

SRO Boling investigated a report by a Black Hills High School student who disclosed an assault and threats made by their mother. Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) was also advised and investigated. The student stated they were afraid to go home, but after talking to the student further, SRO Boling determined that no assault occurred, and no crime had been committed. The student's father took custody of the child. The matter was turned over to DCYF for further follow-up.

SRO Boling was contacted by a Tumwater High School student in emotional distress from issues at home with their parents. SRO Boling had several conversations with the student and provided resources, and helped set him up for success at school, while also ensuring the student felt safe at home.

SRO Boling assisted staff with the Tumwater Middle School Fun Run by providing traffic control.

SRO Rollman assisted a homeowner on "L" street regarding parking violations by Michael T Simmons parents, as well as addressed concerns by the MTS parents regarding threats made by the homeowner.

SRO Rollman instructed Tumwater Middle School staff on Run/Hide/Fight.

SRO Rollman addressed an issue involving a Tumwater Middle School student caught vaping at school, and they discussed the consequences. The student expressed discipline concerns by their parent, so SRO Rollman had a conversation with the parent on the student's behalf. Any discipline given was overseen by the school.

SRO Rollman assisted Tumwater Middle School staff with a report of a student vaping at school. While looking on campus for the student, they fled and returned later without the vape. SRO Rollman and an administrator unsuccessfully looked off-campus where they believed the student may have hidden the device. The situation was referred to the school.

SRO Rollman and SRO Boling participated in multiple threat assessments involving a prior emergency expelled Tumwater Middle School student returning to school.

SRO Rollman met with a Black Hills High School student who spoke about some self-harm concerns. SRO Rollman and the school counselor talked, and SRO Rollman provided the student with resources to address some of these concerns.

SRO Boling investigated a threats complaint involving an East Olympia Elementary student. The student made comments on the bus about bringing a gun and knife to school. The comments were overheard by another student who reported it to a parent. The investigation was referred to TCSO because the student resides in their jurisdiction, and the school placed the student on emergency expulsion.

SRO Boling was called to investigate a report of an East Olympia Elementary student who assaulted another student by pouring salad dressing over their head. The victim's family did not want an investigation, but instead wanted it managed by the school. SRO Boling referred the case back to the school to handle for any discipline.

SRO Rollman was contacted by Black Hills High School Administration regarding a student giving another student notes and gifts that led them to believe the student was considering self-harm. SRO Rollman talked with the student who disclosed they had been depressed, but not considering harm. The situation was resolved with resources and counsel.

SRO Rollman talked with a Tumwater Middle School student who was in crisis, creating a scene, out of control, and throwing things in the office. SRO Rollman helped de-escalate the student so the school could take control and handle any necessary discipline.

SRO Boling assisted Bush Middle School staff with a student who self-reported taking 3-4x the prescribed amount of medication in an attempt of self-harm. SRO Boling called for a medical evaluation and the student was transported to the hospital. The student's family were also notified, and SRO Boling resolved the situation once the student received the necessary help.

SRO Boling assisted Tumwater High School staff with their fire/evacuation drill.

SRO Rollman assisted Tumwater Middle School staff with their evacuation drill, and Black Hills High School with their fire drill.

SRO Boling attended the Tumwater High School Freshman orientation.

SRO Rollman assisted Black Hills High School staff with the implementation of a new traffic device and provided traffic control in the lot.

SRO Rollman responded to a report of an assault between a Black Hills High School student and a Tumwater High School student at Tumwater School District stadium. Both students were contacted and interviewed. Neither student wanted to proceed with an investigation and the incident was resolved with counsel and referred to the schools.

Both SRO Rollman and SRO Boling worked multiple Tumwater High School and Black Hills High School football games this month.

SRO Boling attended the Tumwater Youth Program events.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement opened 2 cases this month:

- Overgrown vegetation from a commercial property blocking the sidewalk.
- Temporary barriers on sidewalk (City right-of-way) in a residential neighborhood.

Code Enforcement closed 3 cases this month:

- Numerous inoperable vehicles, tree cutting/land clearing without a permit, and people living in RV's on undeveloped residential land. The matter was closed after a Notice of Violation was issued and the property owner brought the property into compliance. There was no finding of tree cutting or land clearing by this owner.
- Overgrown vegetation on a residential property was brought into compliance after issuance of a Notice of Violation.
- Overgrown vegetation from a residential property creating a traffic obstruction was brought into compliance after a courtesy letter was sent to the property owner.

Code Enforcement currently has 17 open cases.

PERSONNEL

- Jay Mason, Commander - 31 years of service
- Jacob Rodriguez, Officer - 9 years of service
- Riannon Patterson, Police Services Specialist - 5 years of service
- Tyler Brown, Officer - 3 years of service

COMMENDATIONS/LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

- Officer Seth Stauffer received a commendation from the organizer of The Farm Annual Picnic. The organizer of the event asked for both a police and fire representative during the special event permit process and Officer Stauffer represented the police department. After the event, the organizer reached out to the department to let us know Officer Stauffer was the star of the event, with the adults enjoying his presence as much as the kids did.

QUANTIFIABLE ACTIVITY

	<i>Monthly</i>			<i>Year to Date</i>		
	2024	2023	% Changed	2024	2023	% Changed
Calls for Service	1,571	1,590	-1%	13,303	14,532	-9%
Self-Initiated*	836	965	-13%	8,463	9,206	-8%
Arrests	44	53	-17%	429	399	8%
Citations Issued	38	29	31%	410	210	95%
New Cases - Investigations	13	19	-32%	165	181	-9%
Public Disclosure Requests	118	131	-10%	1,237	1,002	24%
Concealed Weapon Permits	11	26	-58%	198	207	-4%
Court Documents	105	92	14%	872	820	6%
Evidence	71	147	-52%	679	880	-23%
Overtime	535	364	47%	4,650	4,406	6%
Annual Leave	638	353	81%	6,344	5,057	25%
Sick Leave	169	256	-34%	1,568	1,981	-21%

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

TRAINING

- 2 members completed ACCESS Level I recertification
- 2 members attended the 4-day national NASRO Conference
- 2 members completed WRAP restraint device training
- 1 member attended the 3-day Washington State Code Enforcement Officer conference
- 1 member completed a 5-day Collision Investigation - Basic course
- 2 members continued in the Field Training Program
- 1 member completed 11 days of post-BLEA training
- 1 member continued in the BLEA
- 3 members completed a 3-day Tactical Performance firearms training course
- 27 members completed a department training day
- 4 TPD members of Thurston County SWAT attended monthly training
- 2 TPD members of Thurston County HNT attended monthly training

1,213 total training hours