

Gladstone Police Department

Monthly Report

April 2023





GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT TO CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL



CHIEF'S REPORT

April 2023

Greetings,

The Gladstone Police Department completed its hiring process for the position of Community Service Officer and selected Samantha Unda who started her first day on Monday May 1. Samantha's work history includes the medical field and Code Enforcement with the Roseburg Police Department where she worked part time for two years. We are excited to have Samantha as part of the City of Gladstone team and she is eager to work with the community.

The Timing of Samantha's hire comes at a great time. As we enter the warmer months, phone calls to Code Enforcement increase due to tall grass, weeds, and shrubs. With the anticipated sunshine, vegetation will grow at a faster rate-requiring yard up keep. The Gladstone Police Departments receives over 1000 Code Enforcement complaints a year on average and although complaints were not solely related to tall grass and weeds, large majorities of the complaints occur during the spring, summer and early fall months.

The City of Gladstone has adopted codes that regulate tall grass and weeds, which can be found on the police department's website at <https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/police/page/gladstone-code-enforcement>. We have had lots of rain this year that will undoubtedly increase vegetation growth so your yard maintenance will not only add to the beautification of the community, your neighbors will also appreciate you.

For seniors and or community members that have physical challenges who are not capable of adhering to the minimum standards of the code, Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a volunteer program that is willing to help those in need. If you are in need of help and fit the criteria or would like to inquire, please phone the Gladstone's Community Service Officer, Samantha Unda at 503-557-2797. If you are interested in volunteering with Neighbors Helping Neighbors, we are always looking for help.

Code Enforcement in the City of Gladstone is both complaint driven and proactive enforcement. To make a complaint, you have two options. You can go to the Code Enforcement page on our website and click the "on line complaint form" or contact the Code Enforcement Officer at 503-557-2763.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable Month of May!

John Schmerber, Chief of Police

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Schmerber".



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT



APRIL 2023

"Respect ~Service ~Character ~Passion"

GENERAL STATISTICS/TYPE	THIS MONTH	YTD THIS YEAR	YTD LAST YEAR	% +/-	TOP 5 TRAFFIC CITE CHARGES	
Dispatched Incidents	481	1893	1912	-0.99%	Speeding	31
Officer Initiated Incidents	466	1959	1817	7.82%	Driving While Suspended	27
Total Number of Incidents	947	3852	3729	3.30%	Driving Uninsured	21
Police Reports Filed	287	1098	1181	-7.03%	Improper Display of License Plate	11
Traffic Contacts	346	1441	1086	32.69%	Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device	9
Citations Issued (Charges)	160	711	644	10.40%	ALARM ADMINISTRATION REPORT	
Parking Citations	5	32	4	700.00%		
DUII	3	12	18	-33.33%	Renewals Billed	13
Community Policing Contacts	10	52	73	-28.77%	Renewal Fees Collected	\$425
Murders	0	0	0	0.00%	New Permits Issued	1
K9 Deployments	1	8	19	-57.89%	False Alarms w/No Permit	4
Tow Releases	1	10	7	42.86%	1st False Alarm Events	3
					2nd False Alarm Events	1
					3rd False Alarm Events	0
					8th False Alarm Events	1
					False Alarm fees billed	\$175



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SELECTED CALLS FOR SERVICE**	THIS MONTH	YTD THIS YEAR	YTD LAST YEAR	% +/-	SPECIFIC OVERTIME CATAGORIES	HOURS
Abuse/Neglect	3	9	12	-25.00%	Cover Short Shift	96.75
Accident/Injury or Fatal	0	8	5	60.00%	Court	26.25
Accident/Property Damage	10	28	30	-6.67%	Training	6
Assault	1	5	10	-50.00%	Presentations/Meetings	17.5
Burglary	4	10	8	25.00%	Traffic Grant	72.25
Domestic Disputes	17	67	55	21.82%	Special Assignment	4
Drugs/Narcotics	1	5	4	25.00%	K9	12.5
Disturbance-Fights-Noise	14	31	45	-31.11%	SRO	0
Forgery/Fraud	9	37	32	15.63%		
Hit and Run	6	21	14	50.00%		
Ordinance Violations	5	46	32	43.75%		
Runaway/Missing	4	12	13	-7.69%		
Sex Offense	2	4	15	-73.33%		
Suicide Attempt/Threat	7	18	13	38.46%		
Suspicious Person or Circumstance	58	187	238	-21.43%		
Thefts	11	61	87	-29.89%		
Trespass/Prowler	9	33	48	-31.25%		
Vandalism	1	19	38	-50.00%		
Vehicles Recovered	4	14	16	-12.50%		
Vehicles Stolen	2	16	28	-42.86%		
Death(Not Suicide/Murder)	2	2	4	-50.00%		

**Coded at time of dispatch, not final disposition



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT BIAS MONTHLY REPORT TO CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL



BIAS MONTHLY REPORT

REPORTED BY: Kristi Walls

April 2023

Bias crimes and incidents. The definition of a Bias Crime and Bias Incident can be found in the Oregon Revised Statutes at:

166.155 (Bias Crime in the second degree)

166.165 (Bias Crime in the first degree)

147.380 (b) (Bias Incident)

No Bias Crimes were reported.

No Bias Incidents were reported.

Bias Incident defined: a person's hostile expression of animus towards another person, relating to the other person's perceived race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin, of which criminal investigation or prosecution is impossible or inappropriate. "Bias Incident" does not include any incident in which probable cause of the commission of a crime is established by the investigating law enforcement officer.



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVES MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



DETECTIVES MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Detective Fich

April 2023

New Cases Assigned:

1. 23-007287 Sexual Abuse. Assigned 04/10/23
2. 23-007432 Sexual Abuse. Out-of-state referral (Great Falls, Montana) Assigned 04/10/23
3. 22-012402 Chronic Nuisance Property. Assigned 04/14/23
4. 23-008953 Officer Involved Shooting. MCT call-out 04/30/23

Current Caseload:

1. 23-001039 Child Abuse (physical assault) Assigned 01/18/23
2. 23-007287 Sexual Abuse. Assigned 04/10/23
3. 23-007432 Sexual Abuse. Out-of-state referral (Great Falls, Montana) Assigned 04/10/23
4. 23-008953 Officer Involved Shooting. MCT call-out 04/30/23

Cases Cleared:

1. 23-006657 Clackamas County Interagency Major Crimes Team (MCT) call-out on a suspected Homicide. Case forwarded to Oregon City Police Department on 04/03/23
2. 23-000235 Sexual Abuse. Case closed as undetermined due to lack of evidence on 04/13/23
3. 22-012402 Chronic Nuisance Property. Investigation completed and forwarded to GPD Command Staff on 04/19/23.

Highlights/Noteworthy:

1. Child Abuse (Sexual): On April 21, 2023, Jonathan Francis Speidel pled guilty to Sodomy in the Third Degree in Clackamas County Circuit Court. He was sentenced to 19 months with the Oregon Department of Corrections to be served concurrent to 60 years in prison for federal child exploitation felony crimes after a GPD collaborative investigation with the Iowa Department of Public Safety. (GPD Cases 19-019860 and 22-010829)
2. Elder Abuse (Financial): On 04/27/23, a suspect was indicted by a Clackamas County Circuit Court Grand Jury for Aggravated Theft in the First Degree, Aggravated Identity Theft, 5 counts of Forgery in the First Degree, 5 counts of Identity Theft, and 5 counts of Theft in the First Degree (GPD Case 23-000371)



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT K9 MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



K9 MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by: Officer Olson

April 2023

K9 Nanuk is a six ½ year-old German Shepherd born in Slovakia. At seven weeks old K9 Nanuk was sold to a man in Germany who started training K9 Nanuk. In Germany in order to breed a dog they must achieve a sport title. In Germany the primary sport is schutzhund. schutzhund training is comprised of three separate parts, they are obedience, tracking, and protection work. You can accomplish three levels of titles from this training. K9 Nanuk was imprinted with the beginning knowledge in schutzhund training however he was sold at a young age and he had not achieved a title. Most working dogs are sold to kennels where police agencies purchase them with some sport dog training up to titled dogs in sport training. The training is then adapted to police work.

Officer	K9 Deployments GPD	K9 Deployments Other Agencies	K9 Training Hours
Olson	0	1	32

This month Nanuk and I had one deployment. We assisted Happy Valley Police Department in tracking a suspect after an attempted burglary. We tracked to a road, where a neighbor confirmed that right before the attempted burglary a vehicle parked and left a short time later.

We attended the Spring Oregon Police Canine Association training seminar.



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Sgt. Okerman

April 2023

4/8 Officers on duty attended the Max Patterson Memorial Pancake Breakfast before the fastest Easter Egg hunt on earth! Officer Crotchett even learned how to catch flapjacks!



4/14 Officers found a vehicle with no license plates parked at an angle on the wrong side of the road at the dead end of Risley Ave. An officer tried to stop the vehicle when it started to drive away, the passenger got out and the vehicle sped away at a high rate of speed, eluding the officer. An investigation was started. The passenger claimed he did not know the person he was in a car. The passenger had a warrant for his arrest and an acquaintance of his who was nearby was also arrested for failing to update their sex offender status with Oregon State Police.

Officers responded to a report of juveniles throwing rocks at cars on Oatfield Rd. Officers arrived in the area and found several rocks in the road. After they were cleaned up, officers were able to locate the juveniles at the Nature Park nearby. Confessions were obtained and the juveniles were released to parents. Reports were sent to the juvenile department.

Officers responded to one of the used car lots where two suspects were trying to buy a car with a stolen identity. One of the suspects already had a felony warrant for his arrest. Officers

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gathered all the evidence and learned these two suspects are connected to similar incidents in Multnomah and Yamhill Counties. They had arrived at the dealership with a vehicle purchased with the same stolen identity and had plates on it from a different car.

4/28 Officers were called to a house on Bellevue Ave where a person was found lying in the front yard. The subject then began wandering around the property. Officer learned the subject was violating their probation and the probation officer asked that the subject report to their office immediately.

About three hours later, officers were called to an apartment complex on Risley Ave for a subject who was yelling and vomiting in trashcans. It was the same subject from the previous call. The probation officer authorized the arrest of the subject. He was arrested and transported to jail

4/29 An officer on patrol found the below scene. A yard sale was set up in the street at the dead end of Risley Ave. The officer had a discussion with the people who agreed to remove all the property from the street and continue the yard sale in the yard of the complex. The situation was quickly cleaned up.





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OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Sgt. Graves

April 2023

04/04/23- Officers responded to the area of Bellevue and Exeter in regards to a located young child wondering in the street. The callers took the child in their home for safety. Officers arrived and found the child in good spirits and healthy. The child was not able to provide any details about who she was or where she lived. She appeared to be approximately 4 years old. Officers on scene used social media to post the child's photo and with the public's help was able to identify the child's mother. Officers went to the home and found the mother asleep. She explained they went to take a nap together and the youngster escaped from the home. There was nothing criminal and Officers advised on some ways to improve security at home. The parent was reunited with her child.

04/09/23- Dispatch advised there was a male in the area of the Round Table Pizza on McLoughlin Blvd threatening people with a knife. Clackamas County Sheriff's Deputies were responding, but were further away than GPD Officers. The subject then ran into the restaurant when GPD Officers arrived. As Deputies and Officers were clearing the restaurant, the subject ran out the back door. GPD Officers engaged the subject who was not following orders to surrender. A GPD Officer deployed a less lethal 40mm munition and the subject surrendered a short time later.

04/23/23- Officers were dispatched to 200 block of East Exeter to a report of a located runaway juvenile, who also had a warrant for their arrest. Officers arrived in the area a short time later and after conducting an area check, located the Juvenile. He was taken into custody and transported to a juvenile center.

04/23/23- Officers responded to the 17800 block of 82nd Drive to an alarm. Officers arrived on scene a short time later and found a door ajar. Officers searched the building and found a hole had been cut into the back of the building. Officers contacted the owner of the building and determined that an E-Bike was most likely stolen. Later in the shift a burglary in progress was reported just north of Gladstone. GPD Officers went to assist CCSO and learned that the suspect was seen leaving the area on an E-Bike. GPD Officers conducted a search of the area and found the subject riding back into Gladstone. After a short chase, the subject was captured. It was determined the E-Bike he was on was from the earlier burglary in Gladstone. Video also confirmed that this was the suspect of said burglary. The suspect was arrested on Burglary and other charges.



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Prepared by **Sgt. Hutchinson**

April 2023

04/02/23 – Sunday – Officers responded to the Gladstone Walgreens for a shoplifting call. The suspect was located and found to have multiple warrants for his arrest. He was arrested on the warrants and the theft and taken to jail without incident.

04/11/23 – Tuesday – Officers responded to a disturbance at the Budget Inn. The reporting party said they were in an argument and the other party wouldn't let them leave. Both parties were separated and the incident was documented without a crime.

Officers pulled over a vehicle on Oatfield road that was occupied by juveniles. One person was over 18 years old. There was alcohol in the vehicle and the juveniles had been drinking. The juveniles were referred to the juvenile department for Minor in possession of alcohol.

04/12/23 – Officers Responded to the parking lot of a Gladstone Family Practice for a suspicious vehicle. The reporting party wanted the vehicle removed. Officers determined the vehicle was occupied, and the person inside likely had a warrant for their arrest. His identity could not be confirmed as he would not open the door of the RV. Officers waited, and when the male exited the RV a short time later, his identity was confirmed and he was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

04/17/23 – Monday – Gladstone PD took a report of an armed robbery that occurred on W Gloucester. The reporting party told his family he was robbed at gunpoint, but would not provide details to the police as he "did not want to be a snitch." No suspects were located.

04/19/23 – Wednesday – Gladstone responded to a report of stolen Tulips at a residence on Jersey Street. An elderly neighbor saw 4 juveniles take a potted plant the day before. The matter was sent to the SRO for follow up.

04/22/23 – Saturday – Officers responded to the Tri City Mobile Home Park where a subject assaulted his mother's friend. He admitted to pushing her down during an argument over stolen money. The woman landed on a broken glass, severely cutting her leg to where she could not walk. The subject was arrested for Assault II.



**GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT
OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT
TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL**



**OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT
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04/25/23 – Tuesday – Officers responded to a hit and run traffic crash at Meldrum Bar Park boat ramp. The suspect who hit another vehicle and left the scene was located and arrested for DUII.



MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



RECORDS UNIT MONTHLY REPORT

Reported by: Executive Assistant Kristi Walls

April 2023

Watch our website and our Face Book page for our Monthly "Where is K9 Nanuk" photo contest. The first person to guess where K9 Nanuk is and contact me at kwalls@gladstoneoregon.us will win a prize. We did not have a winner last month. The correct answer was the dead end of SE Ormae Road.



Join us for the GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT KIDS BICYCLE RODEO

Saturday May 20st

10:00am – 1:00pm

Enter the coloring contest for your chance to win a new bicycle! Pick up your coloring contest page at the Gladstone Police Department. Bring your entry to the bike rodeo or drop off at the police department during normal business hours. Make sure you name and contact information is on the back.



RECORDS UNIT MONTHLY REPORT Continued.....

Don't forget to stop by the police department to get your free bicycle helmet. We have all sizes ranging from toddlers to adults. We are here to help you Monday through Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm. We gave away 9 bike helmets in March.

On April 22nd, Gladstone Reserve Officer, Tyler Hale represented The Gladstone Police Department and took part in the procession and memorial service for fallen Nyssa Officer, Joseph Johnson.



On April 27th, Police Chief John Schmerber attended the Honoring Victims of Crime Event at Liberty Plaza in Oregon City.



Officer Lee Gilliam recently testified in Circuit Court on a case from 2019 when he was the School Resource Officer. After completing the initial investigation, the case was transferred to Milwaukie PD for follow-up. After trial, the suspect was subsequently convicted on three counts of Sodomy in the First Degree and three counts of Sex Abuse in the First Degree. The suspect was sentenced to 75-months in prison.



Where is K9 Nanuk? May 2023



Join us every month to identify where is K9 Nanuk



Each month we will post of a picture of K9 Nanuk somewhere in Gladstone. Be the first to identify where K9 Nanuk is, and you will get something special from us. If you think you know where K9 Nanuk is, contact us at kwalls@gladstoneoregon.us. You must email your response to win.





GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT SRO MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by: Officer Herkamp

April 2023

The School Resource Program (SRO) is a valuable partnership between the Gladstone School District and the Gladstone Police Department. The SRO investigates incidents which occur on the properties of all schools within Gladstone city limits (Kraxberger Middle School, John Wetten Elementary School, Gladstone High School), as well as the Administrative offices for the district.

The SRO concentrates on the schools and is an "on-site" officer at all schools in the Gladstone School District. This allows a regular patrol officer to focus on the rest of the city. Officer Herkamp is currently in this assignment. He deals with a wide range of issues, such as attendance, assaults, child abuse, thefts and gangs. He also conducts interventions, gives presentations to faculty and students, and meets with parents about issues.

Highlights in April 2023 from Officer Herkamp:

Spring is here! April 2023 has been a great month to be in the schools. It was my privilege to give a tour of the Gladstone Police Department to the Kindergarten Class at New Life Church.

Just a reminder that Portland Ave is always 20 MPH. There are multiple crosswalks with high pedestrian traffic (especially before and after school). Also, Gloucester St at John Wetten Elementary School is very congested with bus traffic and cross walks, and is also 20 MPH.

I am thankful for the opportunity to work with teachers, staff and administrators this school year.

My goal each day is to walk each school with safety in mind. I also conduct traffic patrols in the school zones. You may see me parked in the mornings and afternoons in front of the schools or in school zones.





GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING UNIT MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



TRAINING UNIT MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by: Sergeant Okerman

April 2023

The training unit strives to keep all Police Department members updated on legal and training issues. This is no small task considering that to maintain certification as a Police Officer in Oregon you must meet minimum requirements based on required annual or semi-annual training mandates. We also strive to send Officers to training that may not be required, but relate to a particular Officer's field of expertise or for purposes of career development.

Officer	Training	Mandatory State/Federal	Hours
All Employees	Harassment/DEI	Yes	2 each 34 total
Schmerber	OACP Conference	Yes	17.5
Okerman	OACP Conference	Yes	17.5
Olson	K9 Seminar	Yes	24
Crotchett	Pursuit Risk Mgmt.	No	1.5
Okerman	Pursuit Risk Mgmt.	No	1.5
Total			96

All available employees attended the Citywide workplace harassment/Diversity, Equity, Inclusion training in person. All other employees watched the recording of the training.

Chief Schmerber and Sgt. Okerman attended the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police Annual Spring Conference in Bend. There was a total of 17.5 hours of training on various topics including Behavioral Threat Assessment, Trauma and Post-Traumatic Stress, Leadership, and Radically Motivated Violet Extremists. Many professional connections were made as well as valuable connections with many vendors.

Officer Crotchett and Sgt. Okerman attended a virtual training on vehicle pursuits titled: To Pursue or Not? Strategies to Mitigate Risk.

Officer Olson and K9 Nanuk attended the Spring Oregon Police K9 Association Seminar. They spent time in the classroom learning new updates as well as spent time out in a very muddy and rain soaked field practicing their skills.

