

# Gladstone Police Department

## Monthly Report

### August 2023





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



## CHIEF'S REPORT

August 2023

Greetings,

During the course of the month, I have been involved in many discussions related to traffic signage, speed and uncontrolled intersections. Many drivers today rely on signage as a means of traffic control, which in some locations is appropriate, while in other areas it may be hazardous or create new problems. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) informs the City of Gladstone as to reasons and processes for traffic control signage and speed to help ensure traffic safety. As the city works through projects that include correcting certain traffic control signage, I wanted to share one of the most forgotten rules of the road **"Failure to yield right of way at uncontrolled intersection" Oregon Revised Statute 811.275 (ORS)**. I hope this traffic tip helps ensure traffic safety for all motorists.

### Who Has the Right of Way?

The law simply states when the right of way must be yielded. Right of way can be used when the law permits its use by requiring that others yield the right of way to you. Failure to yield the right of way leads to crashes in all states. There are some ways for you to reduce this probability when you are driving however. Right of way must be yielded to other drivers in the following instances:

- At a yield sign
- To pedestrians in a crosswalk
- At uncontrolled intersections

If a driver fails to yield the right of way to the driver on the right regardless of which driver first reaches and enters the intersection, the driver failing to yield to the driver on the right is at fault.

The law gives the right of way to no one, but it does state who must yield (give up) the right of way. Every driver, motorcyclist, bicyclist, and pedestrian must do everything possible to avoid a crash. When you yield the right of way to another vehicle, you are letting them go before you in the traffic situation. Few areas of traffic safety are more misunderstood than the "Yield to the Driver on the Right" rule.

Please review the above ORS if you have additional questions.



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



## CHIEF'S REPORT Continued.....

- **Right-of-Way is not a right or privilege – it must be given!**
- **Determined by a set of rules.**
- **Drivers must understand right-of-way rules governing:**
  - **Intersections;**
  - **Merges; and**
  - **Special conditions.**



Sincerely,

John Schmerber, Chief of Police



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

**AUGUST 2023**



"Respect ~Service ~Character ~Passion"

GENERAL STATISTICS/TYPE	THIS MONTH	YTD THIS YEAR	YTD LAST YEAR	% +/-	TOP 5 TRAFFIC CITE CHARGES	
Dispatched Incidents	615	4,292	4,397	-2.39%	Speeding	21
Officer Initiated Incidents	388	3,618	3,396	6.54%	Driving Uninsured	17
Total Number of Incidents	1,003	7,910	7,793	1.50%	Driving While Suspended	13
Police Reports Filed	310	2,311	2,553	-9.48%	Unlawful Use of Cell Phone	12
Traffic Contacts	240	2,510	1,875	33.87%	Improper Display of Plates	5
Citations Issued (Charges)	99	1,135	1,164	-2.49%	<b>ALARM ADMINISTRATION REPORT</b>	
Parking Citations	7	64	118	-45.76%		
DUII	3	31	26	19.23%	Renewals Billed	14
Community Policing Contacts	15	110	177	-37.85%	Renewal Fees Collected	\$350.00
Murders	0	0	0	0.00%	New Permits Issued	0
K9 Deployments	1	19	31	-38.71%	False Alarms w/No Permit	2
Tow Releases	1	18	11	63.64%	1st false Alarm Events	6
					2nd False Alarm Events	0
					3rd False Alarm Events	0
					4th False Alarm Events	0
					False Alarm fees collected	\$0.00
					False Alarm fees billed	\$0.00





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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT



**AUGUST 2023**

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SELECTED CALLS FOR SERVICE**	THIS MONTH	YTD THIS YEAR	YTD LAST YEAR	% +/-	SPECIFIC OVERTIME CATAGORIES	HOURS
Abuse/Neglect	2	20	27	-25.93%	Shift Coverage	167.25
Accident/Injury or Fatal	2	15	15	0.00%	Court	25
Accident/Property Damage	5	54	53	1.89%	Training	3.5
Assault	3	23	29	-20.69%	Presentations/Meetings	3.5
Burglary	1	19	21	-9.52%	Traffic Grant	50
Domestic Disputes	25	162	132	22.73%	Special Assignment	59.5
Drugs/Narcotics	5	24	14	71.43%	K9	9
Disturbance-Fights-Noise	16	105	117	-10.26%	SRO	0
Forgery/Fraud	14	80	58	37.93%		
Hit and Run	6	38	32	18.75%		
Ordinance Violations	12	162	82	97.56%		
Runaway/Missing	2	30	45	-33.33%		
Sex Offense	9	19	38	-50.00%		
Suicide Attempt/Threat	2	36	41	-12.20%		
Suspicious Person or Circumstance	83	463	542	-14.58%		
Thefts	21	152	191	-20.42%		
Trespass/Prowler	9	81	108	-25.00%		
Vandalism	7	48	81	-40.74%		
Vehicles Recovered	2	22	32	-31.25%		
Vehicles Stolen	3	29	67	-56.72%		
Death(Not Suicide/Murder)	1	6	13	-53.85%		

\*\*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

August 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.

2 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.*

1. 23-017068 - On August 15, 2023, Officers were dispatched to an unwanted person call at Tukwila Springs. The suspect was naked in the building and had been previously trespassed from this location. The suspect was exposing himself and calling the manager on duty derogatory names relating to his skin color and other racial slurs. The suspect was taken into custody and cited for Criminal Trespass I and Private Indecency I.

The Gladstone Police Department made the proper referral per ORS 147.380.

2. 23-018034 – On August 28, 2023, an officer was called to Dahl Beach/Meldrum Bar Park on a traffic complaint. The complainant reported that a vehicle was driving about 40 mph in the 15 mph zone. The complainant said that he and his children had to jump out of the way so they were not hit. The driver denied speeding and told the officer the complainant called him derogatory names related to his skin color and other racial slurs.

The Gladstone Police Department made the proper referral per ORS 147.380.



# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVES MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## DETECTIVES MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Detective Fich

August, 2023

### New Cases Assigned:

1. 23-016183 Murder. Clackamas County Interagency Major Crimes Team (MCT) call-out for a homicide in Oregon City on August 4, 2023.
2. 23-016554. Sexual Assault. Assigned 08/10/23
3. 23-016915 Sexual Assault. Assigned 08/14/23
4. 23-017654 Sexual Assault. Assigned 08/25/23
5. 23-018213 Sexual Assault. Assigned 08/31/23
6. 23-018098 Sexual Assault. Assigned 08/31/23

### Current Caseload:

1. 23-007287 Sexual Abuse. Assigned 04/10/23. (Awaiting DNA forensic results)
2. 23-007432 Sexual Abuse. Out-of-state referral (Great Falls, Montana) Assigned 04/10/23
3. 23-009913 Sexual Abuse. Assigned 05/13/23
4. 23-013024 Attempted Murder, Assault 1, Burglary 1. GPD call-out on 06/22/23
5. 23-016554. Sexual Assault. Assigned 08/10/23
6. 23-017654 Sexual Assault. Assigned 08/25/23
7. 23-018213 Sexual Assault. Assigned 08/31/23
8. 23-018098 Sexual Assault. Assigned 08/31/23

### Cases Cleared:

1. 23-016183 Murder. Clackamas County Interagency Major Crimes Team (MCT) call-out for a homicide. Reports forwarded to the Clackamas County District Attorney's Office on 08/23/23.
2. 23-016915 Sexual Assault. Victim's statement recanted. Case closed at adult victim's request

**Sex Offender Registrations Completed: 0**

### Highlights/Noteworthy:

Child Abuse: On 08/02/23 a suspect was indicted by a Clackamas County Circuit Court Grand Jury on charges of 5 counts of Criminal Mistreatment in the First Degree, two counts of Felony Strangulation, and three counts of Assault in the First Degree/Child Under 10. (GPD Case 22-026151, OCPD Case 22-022365, CCSO Case 22-955008)



**GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
K9 MONTHLY REPORT  
TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL**



**K9 MONTHLY REPORT**

**Prepared by: Officer Olson**

**August 2023**

K9 Nanuk is a seven 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.

<b>Officer</b>	<b>K9 Deployments GPD</b>	<b>K9 Deployments Other Agencies</b>	<b>K9 Training Hours</b>
Olson	0	1	16

This month Nanuk and I had one deployment. We assisted Lake Oswego Police Department on a burglary in progress. We arrived to help but, we were unable to track for the suspects. Nanuk performed an article search and located several pieces of evidence that will hopefully help identify the suspects.

K9 Nanuk and I spent time at this year’s Community Festival meeting people the first week in August.



## **OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT**

**Prepared by Sgt. Okerman**

**August 2023**

8/1 Two verbal domestic disputes were reported. Both involved couples yelling at each other in their homes. Officers investigated both incidents and while no crimes were committed at either incident reports were written to document what happened.

Chief Schmerber and other officers attended a National Night Out gathering on Via Monte Mar Ct. It was well attended by the neighborhood.



8/5 Chief Schmerber in the dunk tank at the Gladstone Community Festival!

8/6 While on patrol an officer located a wanted subject sitting behind the Safeway store. The subject was part of a group but was cooperative and taken to jail for their outstanding City Municipal theft warrant.

A subject who was previously trespassed from Tukwila Springs had returned. Before an officer could arrive the subject left and was not located. About an hour later the subject returned. An officer was still in the area and was able to coordinate other officers to respond. The subject was taken into custody without incident at the back of the building.

8/9 Neighbors called to report suspicious activity in the area where CCSO did a search warrant. The neighbors reported possible drug activity. While officers were on scene an associate drove by who the officers knew to have a criminally suspended driver license. They stopped the vehicle and took the subject into custody. The subject had suspected fentanyl pills on them and other drugs were located in the vehicle.



# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT Continued....

8/28 A sexual assault was reported at High Rocks Park over the weekend. The victim was in Multnomah County who assisted with taking an initial report. The case has been assigned to Detective Fich for investigation.

8/29 A fight was reported in the parking lot of the Budget Inn. Several people were involved. When Officers arrived they did not get much cooperation from the involved parties. One subject was trespassed by the manager but they returned immediately to the property and was arrested.



# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Sgt. Graves

August 2023

08/01/23- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Beatrice. The domestic was between parties that were getting divorced but still living together. Officers determined there was no crime at this time. It is to note that over the month officers responded to the same address 6 times to no crime domestic disturbances.

08/03/2- A theft from 24HR Fitness was reported. Suspects entered the locker room, cut the locks on a locker and stole the victim's wallet. The suspect then went to local stores and bought several gift cards. Officers were able to obtain video of the suspects using the credit card and compare it to video from 24HR Fitness. The suspect's appearance and what vehicle was driven were determined from the video. No arrests have been made.

08/08/23- Clackamas County Sheriff's Office conducted a search warrant in the 6500 block of Paola Ct. An arrest was made by them in regards to the search warrant.

08/09/23- A suspicious vehicle arrived in the 6500 block of Paola Ct. (same address as search warrant) Officer arrived and found one of the suspects had a warrant for their arrest. The subject was arrested without incident.

08/10/23- An abandoned RV was towed from the 100 block of W. Clackamas Ave.

08/17/23- Officers responded to a theft in progress at Walgreens. Officers arrived and found the suspect in the area. The suspect was arrested on Theft charges.

08/21/23- Officers responded to a death investigation under the water treatment plant at Portland/Clackamas. Officers arrived and found the subject beyond help. It appears the unidentified transient male died of a drug overdose.

08/22/23 – Officers assisted OSP with a traffic accident that occurred on McGloughlin and Glen Echo.







# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT Continued....

08/24/23- Officers were dispatched to a cold Violation of Restraining Order in the 300 block of Beatrice. (repeat home). Officers determined based on the order that a violation did not occur. A report was still written and forwarded to the DA's office for review.

08/25/23- Officers responded to the 17500 block of Springhill. The reporting party reported an unknown female was parked in his driveway of the home. He asked her to leave but she refused saying that she knows someone in the home. Officers arrived and recognized the subject as a person that has mental health and drug issues. After speaking with her and her refusal to move from the driveway, she was placed under arrest for Trespassing. She was transported to Clackamas County Jail.

08/26/23- Officers responded to the 17800 block of 82<sup>nd</sup> Drive on an attempted burglary. The RP advised it appeared someone tried to pry the metal wall on the back side of the business open. This same entry into the business has happened in previous incident where entry and theft from the business occurred. Officers advised some other security measures the owners could take.

08/30/23- A cold theft from 24HR Fitness was reported. Again, a suspect entered into the locker room and broke into locked lockers stealing wallets and then using the credit cards at locations to purchase gift cards. Staff at 24HR determined it was the same suspects from the incident earlier in the month. During this incident there was several victims identified.

08/31/23- Officers responded to a traffic crash at the uncontrolled intersections of Exeter and Columbia. One of the vehicles involved was a City Shops vehicle. There were no injuries and no citations were issued.

08/31/23- Officers assisted the Fire Department with a large tree that fell into a home. The home owner was uninjured in the incident. The tree also brought down power lines in the area.





# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Sgt. Hutchinson

August 2023

August 2 – Officers responded to a disturbance involving a knife. The suspect had an argument with his manager from work while they were drinking at the suspect’s home. The suspect kicked the manager out of his home and threw a large kitchen knife at him, missing him by inches. The suspect turned himself in on Felony Weapon’s charges a few days later.



Officers responded to a disturbance between a mother and her three daughters. The mother claimed the daughters ganged up on her and attempted to use a glass mug as a weapon on her. The daughters claimed the mother struck them and they claimed to have pain, but no visible injuries. No arrests were made and the older brother came home to help mediate the situation.

August 9 – Officers were called to a subject on Risley/Gloucester who was acting strange. They reported the male was lying down at the entrance for the apartment complex. The suspect was located and he initially refused to identify himself. After some research, the suspect was identified and had multiple warrants for his arrest. He was arrested without incident.

August 11 – Officer responded to an assault at a home in Gladstone. The suspect was reported to have assaulted the son of another resident. The suspect would not respond to their bedroom door and another resident was concerned the suspect was overdosing on drugs. The other resident opened the suspect’s door where he was sitting on his bed. He would not respond to commands. The suspect was arrested for Harassment.

August 12 – Officers responded to a subject who was having a mental health crisis. He was running down Gloucester after saying he was being followed. The subject was later located running in the middle of Mcloughlin Blvd dressed in dark clothing and in the dark. He was clearly a danger to himself and was taken into custody on a Police Officer Hold.





# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT Continued....

August 18 – Gladstone Officers responded to an assault where 3 juveniles were assaulted by another juvenile. The suspect drove recklessly down a dead end street and attacked 2 of the victims causing injuries. The suspect fled prior to police arrival. With independent witnesses, probable cause for the suspect's arrest was obtained. The suspect was located at a later time.

August 19 – Officers responded to a disturbance where a male in a wheelchair was pushed over after a confrontation about where he can smoke and whom he can speak to at the Rivergreen Apartments. The victim stated another resident ordered him to move from the location because he didn't have permission from him to smoke there. The suspect is a resident and had no authority to trespass anyone on public property. The suspect was unreasonable and could not be convinced that he had no authority. The suspect had a witness that contradicted the victim's statements so no parties were arrested and they were advised to stay separated.

August 23 – Gladstone Officers received a report of a sexual assault that occurred on July 4th at the Budget Inn. The report came from Woodburn Police who took the initial report. The suspect apparently had a relationship with the victim after the assault, and the victim had the suspect served with a restraining order at the time of the report. The case was submitted to Detectives for investigation.

August 24 – Officers responded to a violation of a restraining order. The caller stated her sister has a restraining order against her child's father and he was at her home when the sister arrived. It was determined that the male was called there by the respondent in order to watch her child while she grocery shopped. All parties were advised to modify the restraining order to prevent arrests and confusion. No violation was determined to be a mandatory arrest as the parties never interacted and the protected address was not the address the parties were at.

## **OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT Continued....**

Officers responded to a pursuit initiated by the Oregon City Police Department. Officers attempted to box in the suspect who then rammed multiple police vehicles. The suspect took the chase through Oregon City and Gladstone. 4 Oregon City Patrol Vehicles were disabled during the chase which eventually led officers to I205 after the tires were spiked. After a PIT maneuver, the vehicle was stopped on the freeway and pinned in by Gladstone Police. The suspect fled on foot but was quickly detained. One Gladstone Police Vehicle sustained minor damage to the push bumper when the vehicle was pinned. No Officers were injured in the pursuit.



August 26 – Officers stopped a subject who was walking shirtless in the middle of Mcloughlin Blvd. The subject was not cooperative and acting irrational. He was attempting to race vehicles while on foot. Multiple officers surrounded the man to prevent him from running out into traffic again and he was detained. He was placed on a police officer hold and transported to the hospital by AMR.

## RECORDS UNIT MONTHLY REPORT

Reported by: Executive Assistant Kristi Walls

August 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 contacts me at [kwalls@gladstoneoregon.us](mailto:kwalls@gladstoneoregon.us) will win a prize. We had no correct answer last month. The correct answer was at the dead end of Portland Ave and Clackamas Blvd.

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 a total of 82 bike helmets this month! (Including 70 from the Community Festival.

The Community Festival was a huge hit this year. We gave away 70 bike helmets and lots of fun stuff for the kids.







# Where is K9 Nanuk? September 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](mailto:kwalls@gladstoneoregon.us). You must email your response to win.





# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING UNIT MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## TRAINING UNIT MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by: Sergeant Okerman

August 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
Day	Armorer	No	8
Gilliam	Armorer	No	8
Olson	Taser Instructor	No	8
Walls	CJIS Conference	No	16
<b>Total</b>			<b>40</b>

Officer Gilliam was recently selected as a new Firearms Instructor. Officer Gilliam brings with him many years of instructor and tactical experience. We look forward to him leading future firearms training. He was able to join Officer Day at a one day Glock armorer course to recertify both officers. This will allow them to detail inspect all the duty handguns of the department.

Officer Olson became a certified Taser instructor. Now that he has completed the certification he will be assisting the other instructor, Sgt. Hutchinson, as the department looks to annual Taser training this fall.

Executive Assistance Kristi Walls attended the Oregon CJIS Statewide Conference. This was a three-day event covering topics about records audits, cyber security, and many other administrative updates. IT and Court managers attended as well.

August is a limited month for training with the Community Festival and end of summer vacations taking up most of the availability. But, training will be ramping up as we move into the fall.

Preparations are also being made for the new Code Compliance officer and Records Specialist.