

# **Gladstone Police Department**

## **Monthly Report**

**March 2023**





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



## CHIEF'S REPORT

March 2023

Greetings,

During discussions surrounding traffic stops by Gladstone Police Officers, specifically, GPD's increased enforcement over the last 3 years, the question raised during a city meeting was, what gives officers authority to make traffic stops or stop and arrest an offender? The answer is "probable cause".

What is "probable cause"? Probable cause is a requirement found in the Fourth Amendment that must be met prior to legally stopping, arresting, searching or even receiving a search warrant. The Supreme Court has attempted to clarify the meaning of the term and recognized that probable cause is a concept that is imprecise, fluid and very dependent on context. The court viewed probable cause as a "practical, non-technical" standard that calls upon the "factual and practical considerations of everyday life on which reasonable and prudent person acts". Simply put, an officer may stop a vehicle on probable cause if he or she believes that more likely than not, the person being stopped committed that offense.

An example of this is an officer observes a vehicle driving westbound on Dartmouth approaching Portland Ave. The intersection of Dartmouth and Portland Ave. is a four way stop where drivers must come to a complete stop prior to entering the intersection and only enter the intersection when it is safe to do so. The vehicle approaches the intersection at a slower speed but fails to stop and rolls through the intersection continuing westbound. The officer witnessing this violation now has probable cause to stop the driver for failure to obey a traffic control device.

The next question I received was, if you stopped the vehicle for the specific traffic violation, why did you issue two or three citations. Once an officer makes a lawful stop for one or more violations, anything found beyond that such as driving without insurance, open container or that the driver was suspended will also be enforced because probable cause is only required for the initial stop, failing to stop for the stop sign. Failing to provide proof of insurance, observing an open container or checking a person's driving status are considered secondary violations and enforceable.

I have only tried to address the term "probable cause" as it relates to traffic stops for traffic violations. I am encouraging residents and visitors to obey all traffic laws or risk being stopped and cited for such violations.

Sincerely,

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

John Schmerber, Chief of Police



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT



**MARCH 2023**

"Respect ~Service ~Character ~Passion"

GENERAL STATISTICS/TYPE	THIS MONTH	YTD THIS YEAR	YTD LAST YEAR	% +/-	TOP 5 TRAFFIC CITE CHARGES	
Dispatched Incidents	493	1412	1431	-1.33%	Speeding 51	
Officer Initiated Incidents	550	1493	1263	18.21%	Driving While Suspended 33	
Total Number of Incidents	1043	2905	2694	7.83%	Driving Uninsured 30	
Police Reports Filed	257	811	901	-9.99%	Fail to Wear Seat Belt 15	
Traffic Contacts	435	1095	743	47.38%	Improper Display of License 13	
Citations Issued (Charges)	216	551	420	31.19%	<b>ALARM ADMINISTRATION REPORT</b>	
Parking Citations	25	27	1	2600.00%	Renewals Billed 19	
DUII	2	9	12	-25.00%	Renewal Fees Collected \$800.00	
Community Policing Contacts	16	42	51	-17.65%	New Permits Issued 2	
Murders	0	0	0	0.00%	False Alarms w/No Permit 1	
K9 Deployments	4	7	16	-56.25%	1st false Alarm Events 2	
Tow Releases	0	9	5	80.00%	2nd False Alarm Events 0	
					3rd False Alarm Events 0	
					4th False Alarm Events 1	
					5 False Alarm Events 2	
					6 False Alarm Events 1	
					False Alarm fees billed \$600.00	



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SELECTED CALLS FOR SERVICE**	THIS MONTH	YTD THIS YEAR	YTD LAST YEAR	% +/-	SPECIFIC OVERTIME CATAGORIES	HOURS
Abuse/Neglect	1	6	7	-14.29%	Cover Short Shift	80.75
Accident/Injury or Fatal	3	8	5	60.00%	Court	18
Accident/Property Damage	6	18	23	-21.74%	Training	46.5
Assault	2	4	10	-60.00%	Presentations/Meetings	21.25
Burglary	1	6	6	0.00%	Traffic Grant	88
Domestic Disputes	15	50	45	11.11%	Special Assignment	3.5
Drugs/Narcotics	0	4	2	100.00%	K9	15
Disturbance-Fights-Noise	5	17	35	-51.43%	SRO	0
Forgery/Fraud	10	28	25	12.00%		
Hit and Run	4	15	9	66.67%		
Ordinance Violations	19	41	20	105.00%		
Runaway/Missing	5	8	7	14.29%		
Sex Offense	1	2	10	-80.00%		
Suicide Attempt/Threat	6	11	10	10.00%		
Suspicious Person or Circumstance	42	129	187	-31.02%		
Thefts	11	50	65	-23.08%		
Trespass/Prowler	12	24	36	-33.33%		
Vandalism	5	18	21	-14.29%		
Vehicles Recovered	4	10	12	-16.67%		
Vehicles Stolen	5	14	22	-36.36%		
Death(Not Suicide/Murder)	0	0	3	-100.00%		

\*\*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**

**March 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.

1 Bias Incident was 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.*

On March 10, 2023, Officers received text messages from a tenant at Fairway Village Apartments. The tenant threatened a management employee while calling him a "Mexican bitch" and "brown bitch". While these statements do not constitute a crime, they do amount to a bias incident as the suspect threatens the employee using bias-related language.

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

March 2023

### New Cases Assigned:

1. 22-002973 Burglary 1. Clackamas County District Attorney's Office follow-up request. Assigned 03/02/23
2. 22-006657 Clackamas County Interagency Major Crimes Team (MCT) call-out on a suspected Homicide/Murder. Assigned 03/31/23

### Current Caseload:

1. 23-000235 Sexual Abuse. Assigned 01/09/23
2. 23-001039 Child Abuse (physical assault) Assigned 01/18/23
3. 22-006657 Clackamas County Interagency Major Crimes Team (MCT) call-out on a suspected Homicide/Murder. Assigned 03/31/23

### Cases Cleared:

1. 22-002973 Burglary 1. Clackamas County District Attorney's Office follow-up request. Additional requested tasks completed on 03/14/23
2. 22-026181 Prostitution. Case suspended pending further investigative leads on 03/23/23 due to unidentifiable subject.

**Sex Offender Registrations Completed: 2**



# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## K9 MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



### K9 MONTHLY REPORT

**Prepared by: Officer Olson**

**March 2023**

K9 Nanuk is a six 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	1	3	20

This month Nanuk and I had four deployments. We assisted on two high risk traffic stops and we searched two buildings after they were burglarized.

Nanuk and I passed our annual standards and maintain certification through March of 2024 when we are due to take them again.

Nanuk's patrol car was replaced this month and he is happily riding around in a new patrol car.





# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by **Sgt. Okerman**

**March 2023**

3/3 The middle school called after finding a student with suspected drugs. When officers arrived they determined the drugs were sugar and dried leaves from a bush. The student had made them up to appear as drugs and even had related paraphernalia with them. The items were seized and a case was forwarded to the juvenile department after the student admitted to selling the items as drugs.

3/4 It was reported that overnight several of the signs along paths at the Gladstone Nature Park had been destroyed. Unfortunately no suspect leads were developed.

3/9 A Honda Accord was stolen in the early morning hours on Watts St.

3/10 A subject stole from Safeway several times over a period of about 30 minutes. First he stole some beer which was recovered by the attendant at the gas station across the street. Later the subject returned and stole a bag of crackers. The subject was located by officers a few blocks away still eating the crackers. The subject was identified by video and cited for the theft. The subject was homeless and wanted to return to Portland.

3/11 A theft from vehicle was reported. The victim's wallet was stolen from their van and the credit cards had been used already. Follow up on the case is underway.

3/15 Officers helped the Sheriff's Office Civil Division serve a Restraining Order in town. The subject also had an outstanding felony warrant. The subject was located and served with the RO before being taken to jail for the warrant.

3/17 A subject that lives in their car had parked at the bus barn on 82<sup>nd</sup> Dr. They had been asked to move as they were blocking several employee spaces but they refused. The police were called and convinced the subject to leave to avoid arrest and impoundment of their vehicle.

3/18 Officers were asked to talk with a very frequent caller to dispatch. This subject has mental health issues and had called dispatch to yell at them at least 20 times already this day. Officers were able to calm the subject after they refused to talk with anyone from the Behavior Health Team.





# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT Continued.....

3/22 An officer stopped a vehicle for several violations. The driver refused to identify themselves and espoused constitutionalist ideology. A backup officer was called and when they arrived a plan was put in place to detain the driver. As officers approached the driver began ranting again. Officers were able to get the driver detained while talking with him. The driver's wallet was located in the vehicle and officers learned he had a cite and release warrant. While citations were being written the cover officer was able to de-escalate the subject to the point he was calm and cooperative. The driver was released with several citations.

3/23 The DMV called to report a trespass issue. A subject was refusing to leave the restroom after causing a disturbance. Before officers arrived they learned the subject had a warrant for his arrest. When officers arrived the subject was outside. He was safely taken into custody and transported to jail.



# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Sgt. Graves

March 2023

03/06/23- Officers conducted traffic stops on 2 vehicles which appeared to be speed racing on Mcloughlin Blvd. Both drivers were issued citations for violations and one of the drivers was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

03/07/23- Officers were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle in the 18000 block of Webster Rd. During the investigation it was determined that one of the subjects had a warrant for their arrest. The subject was later located and arrested on the warrant.

03/26/23- Officers responded to a disturbance in the 6300 block of Caldwell. It was reported that motor cycle parts were being sold out of the house that did not belong to one of the residences. One of the subjects was determined to have several Felony warrants for their arrest. It was determined that no new crime had occurred as reported. Several officers from the surrounding area came to the home to take the wanted person, who is known to have weapons, in to custody. All occupants of the home were asked to come out. The wanted subject did not comply and remained inside. The subject was loud hailed to come out of the home but he did not respond. It was determined for the public and Officer safety to leave the home without making the arrest.

03/27/23- Officer responded to a domestic disturbance at Tukwila. Officers arrived and were unable to determine who the aggressor was in the disturbance. The female half, who does not live there, left the scene. While officers were dealing with that, a known subject who is trespassed from the property came inside. That subject was detained for trespassing. The subject then complained of a drug overdose and medics were called to the scene. The subject was issued a citation for the criminal trespass and was transported to the hospital by AMR.

This month GPD put into service its newest K9 vehicle. This has been a 2 year process due to vehicle/chip shortages at the dealership. This is the first patrol truck the department has purchased and added to the fleet.

Gladstone Police conducted approximately 425 traffic stops for the month of March.





# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

**Prepared by Sgt. Hutchinson**

**March 2023**

03/04/23 Saturday – Officers responded to a man who was lying face down on the concrete outside of Tukwilla Transitional Housing. The man is a resident, but he was intoxicated and unable to walk on his own. He was transported by AMR on a Police Officer Hold.

03/10/23 Friday – Officers responded to the Gladstone Walgreens where a female stole a cart worth of goods from the store. The female was located nearby and identified. She had a few of the stolen items on her. The store only wanted her trespassed.

03/15/23 Wednesday – Gladstone units responded to the River Glen Apartments on a welfare check. A young girl went to her neighbor's apartment crying, saying her dad was gone and she was home alone with her younger brother. Officers were able to contact the father by phone who said he was out getting medicine for his daughter's cough. She did say she has been sick. We cleared when the father was home to care for the children.

03/18/23 Saturday – Gladstone units responded to a suspicious vehicle that was parked facing the wrong way on Oatfield Rd near Angus Way. The vehicle was running and the driver was slouched over. The driver was visibly intoxicated and unable to perform a DUII investigation. He was arrested and transported to the Police Department where his blood was drawn after a warrant was obtained.

03/24/23 Friday – Gladstone Officers located a subject trespassing under the Hwy 99 Bridge. The subject was uncooperative and would not leave the area. He was arrested for trespassing and continued to resist officers as he was taken into custody. No injuries were reported and the subject was lodged at the Clackamas County Jail.

03/25/23 Saturday – Officers responded to a subject we had been out with before from Tukwilla Springs, this time at Arlington and Portland Ave. The subject would not move from the intersection and was purposely trying to obstruct traffic. He was visibly intoxicated. The subject was arrested for Disorderly Conduct.

03/31/23 Friday – A stolen vehicle was found occupied at Kraxberger Middle School. The driver was arrested without incident.

## **RECORDS UNIT MONTHLY REPORT**

**Reported by: Executive Assistant Kristi Walls**

**March 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](mailto:kwalls@gladstoneoregon.us) will win a prize. Last month’s winner was Marin Mcleod. The correct answer was Robinhood Park. Located at 6670 SE Doncaster Dr. Gladstone, Oregon 97027.



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 6 bike helmets in March. Bike rodeo is coming May 20<sup>th</sup>!







# Where is K9 Nanuk? April 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 SRO MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT

**Prepared by: Officer Herkamp**

**March 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 March 2023 from Officer Herkamp:**

March 2023 has been a great month to be in the schools. As I walk the hallways and corridors I have had some great conversations with students and staff alike.

The Gladstone Senior trip to the East Coast was this month. The trip was a great success and the weather was perfect. Congratulations!

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**

**March 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
Herkamp	SRO	No	2
Gilliam	FTEP	No	24
Butler	FTEP	No	24
Hale	OARPO Conference	No	8
Hutchinson	Leadership	Yes	24
14 Sworn	Firearms	Yes	3 each
<b>Total</b>			<b>124</b>

SRO Herkamp attended a two hour class on Preventing School Violence. This class was focused on intersecting actions before kids get violent at school.

Officers Gilliam and Butler attended Field Training and Evaluation Program training. They are both now Field Training Officers and will be part of new officer field training.

Reserve Officer Hale attended the one day Oregon Association of Reserve Police Officer Conference. The OARPO conference always hosts top tier instructors and topics. This year there were segments on Suicide by Cop: Assessment and De-escalation. The other was on Officer Resilience. Officer Hale said both classes were top notch and recommended them for all officers.

Sgt. Hutchinson completed a 6 session leadership course that met once a week at LOPD. Each class was three hours with at least an hour of homework each week. All the students in the class were recently promoted sergeants. Sgt. Hutchinson took several things from the class and made good connections with other leaders in the county.



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



## TRAINING UNIT MONTHLY REPORT Continued.....

14 of the 15 sworn officers attended quarterly firearms training. Chief Schmerber brought CA Betz out to the range to observe some of the training. This session focused on dealing with multiple threats, critical thinking and decision making, speed vs accuracy, movement, and officer rescue under fire. Our new ballistic shields were also taken to the range to practice with using them. Many of the drills were timed and everyone showed significant improvement over the day.