

Gladstone Police Department

Monthly Report

May 2023





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



CHIEF'S REPORT

May 2023

Greetings,

As many of you have noticed, yards are blooming with flowers and different plants that have been planted and grass is growing at a much higher rate since the sun has come out. Code Enforcement has been forced to send out numerous correction notices about tall grass and weeds due to complaints the police department has received. I am happy to say that a majority of the tall grass and weeds has been corrected and your police department appreciates the response along with the neighbors. I ask that our community remains diligent in controlling yards to prevent code violations as outlined in the Gladstone Municipal Code 8.04.141.

Homeowners may not be aware but as a homeowner, you are responsible for vegetation on any property within the public rights-of-way adjacent to your property. This includes the public right-of-way where vegetation grows between the sidewalk and street. This is also outlined in the Gladstone Municipal Code, 8.04.141. Code Enforcement is actively working on many areas of the city to correct violations focusing on city beautification. Thank you for doing your part and making Gladstone a great place to live and play.

Sincerely,

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

John Schmerber, Chief of Police



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

MAY 2023



"Respect ~Service ~Character ~Passion"

GENERAL STATISTICS/TYPE	THIS MONTH	YTD THIS YEAR	YTD LAST YEAR	% +/-	TOP 5 TRAFFIC CITE CHARGES	
Dispatched Incidents	562	2455	2455	0.00%	Speeding	44
Officer Initiated Incidents	406	2365	2260	4.65%	Driving While Suspended	15
Total Number of Incidents	968	4820	4715	2.23%	Driving Uninsured	13
Police Reports Filed	275	1373	1537	-10.67%	Improper Display of License	8
Traffic Contacts	253	1694	1302	30.11%	No Operators License	7
Citations Issued (Charges)	121	832	785	5.99%	ALARM ADMINISTRATION REPORT	
Parking Citations	15	47	45	4.44%	Renewals Billed	14
DUII	4	16	18	-11.11%	Renewal Fees Collected	\$300.00
Community Policing Contacts	16	68	105	-35.24%	New Permits Issued	2
Murders	0	0	0	0.00%	False Alarms w/No Permit	3
K9 Deployments	3	11	21	-47.62%	1st false Alarm Events	6
Tow Releases	2	12	8	50.00%	2nd False Alarm Events	1
					3rd False Alarm Events	1
					4th False Alarm Events	1
					5th False Alarm Events	1
					False Alarm fees collected	600
					False Alarm fees billed	\$450.00
					Late Fees Collected	\$25.00



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SELECTED CALLS FOR SERVICE**	THIS MONTH	YTD THIS YEAR	YTD LAST YEAR	% +/-	SPECIFIC OVERTIME CATAGORIES	HOURS
Abuse/Neglect	4	13	15	-13.33%	Shift Coverage	212
Accident/Injury or Fatal	2	10	8	25.00%	Court	26.25
Accident/Property Damage	8	36	31	16.13%	Training	6.25
Assault	5	10	12	-16.67%	Presentations/Meetings	11.5
Burglary	4	14	9	55.56%	Traffic Grant	39.25
Domestic/Family Dist.	15	82	75	9.33%	Special Assignment	11.5
Drugs/Narcotics	5	10	6	66.67%	K9	46.5
Disturbance-Fights-Noise	21	52	60	-13.33%	SRO	5.25
Forgery/Fraud	9	46	41	12.20%		
Hit and Run	3	24	20	20.00%		
Ordinance Violations	38	84	40	110.00%		
Runaway/Missing	4	16	23	-30.43%		
Sex Offense	3	7	23	-69.57%		
Suicide Attempt/Threat	3	21	24	-12.50%		
Suspicious Person or Circumstance	72	259	296	-12.50%		
Thefts	25	86	115	-25.22%		
Trespass/Prowler	13	46	56	-17.86%		
Vandalism	4	23	53	-56.60%		
Vehicles Recovered	5	19	18	5.56%		
Vehicles Stolen	2	18	34	-47.06%		
Death(Not Suicide/Murder)	3	5	5	0.00%		

**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

May 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 Incidents 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 May 24, 2023, Officers were dispatched to a disturbance at River Run Apartments, 929 Risley Avenue, Gladstone, Oregon 97027. It was reported that a suspect was causing a disturbance, she was yelling at everyone who came close to her. The reporting party reported that the suspect was using racial slurs to him and other people on scene. When the reporting party passed by the suspect, she said "We don't need any ni**ers around here". No crime occurred during the incident; however, the suspect was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

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



**GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY
REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL**



**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
MONTHLY REPORT**

Prepared by Sammy Unda

May 2023

- 1 Noise Complaints
- 3 Parking Citations
- 2 Property
- 22 Community Contacts
- 3 Business License Violations
- 14 Abandoned Vehicle/RV calls for service
 - 11/14 resolved
 - 3/14 unresolved (continuously called in RV's & trailers)
- 30 Ordinance Violations calls for service
 - 15/30 noxious vegetation issues. 12/15 resolved.
 - 4/30 animal related issues. 4/4 resolved.
 - 1/30 junk keeping issue. 1/1 resolved.
 - 1/30 barking dog issue. 1/1 resolved.
 - 9/30 Miscellaneous

75 Total Calls/Community Contacts

NEW CASES:

Park Way Neighborhood HOA *(in progress)*

5/10/2023 Case # 21-014795

A non-operational Homeowner's Association has left three large lots in the Park Way neighborhood with an abundance of overgrown vegetation, causing some concerns of rodent harborage and potential fire hazards. The HOA was erected in the 1970's, in hopes to turn these green spaces into parks. Some years after its creation, the HOA disappeared and stopped collecting dues.

It is suspected that these green spaces have been untouched since the mid-1970's.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT Continued....



Continuous follow up is needed for this project.

Goals include gathering neighborhood volunteers to help slowly clean up the space, and educate the neighborhood on legal options/avenues moving forward.

Fence line along 82nd, starting at about Edgewater (completed)

5/20/2023

The weeds and blackberry bushes along the fence line have been removed and the sidewalk is useable again. Clackamas County Corrections had a work crew clean up the overgrown vegetation.



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER **MONTHLY REPORT Continued....**

City right-of-way between Ipswich & Jersey St. (completed)

5/15/2023

An ice storm from two years ago caused a line to disconnect and hang from other active lines (live wires). The line was found entangled in vegetation. Public works was contacted and helped take the inactive line down, clearing the hazard.



6/3/2023 (in progress)

A new paint job is needed for street curbs along Los Verdes Townhomes. Public works will assist with this task. The goal is to keep vehicles from parking in this area so other drivers have visibility when exiting the lot





GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVES MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



DETECTIVES MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Detective Fich

May 2023

New Cases Assigned:

1. 23-009639 Rape. Assigned 05/09/23
2. 23-009913 Sexual Abuse. Assigned 05/13/23

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. 23-008953 Officer Involved Shooting. Clackamas County Interagency Major Crimes Team (MCT) call-out 04/30/23
4. 23-009639 Rape. Assigned 05/09/23
5. 23-009913 Sexual Abuse. Assigned 05/13/23

Cases Cleared:

1. 23-001039 Child Abuse (physical assault) Case forwarded to the Clackamas County District Attorney's Office for review on 05/29/23



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



K9 MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by: Officer Olson

May 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	3	16

Nanuk and I responded to a reported burglary in progress within the city. Upon arrival, we learned the residence was secure so K9 Nanuk did not need to be deployed. Another officer and I searched the residence and located a picture that had fallen off the wall. The homeowner heard this and thought someone was inside their residence.

K9 Nanuk and I assisted as a containment team on two calls.



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by **Sgt. Okerman**

May 2023

5/16 A vehicle entering Meldrum Bar Park failed to yield to a bicyclist and hit it. The bicyclist had minor injuries and was transported to the hospital. The driver was cited for traffic violations. The Fire Department took the damaged bicycle back to the owner's house.

5/21 A disturbance was called in to a problem house on Caldwell Rd. Officers responded but were unable to make any arrests. This property was identified as a chronic nuisance and the PD is working with the property owner to develop an abatement plan.

5/23 Several calls were made about a couple causing repeated disturbances around an apartment complex on W Hereford St. Officers were able to identify the problem and eventually worked to a solution which included the intoxicated subjects leaving the area on foot until they were sober to retrieve their car.

5/28 Two teens called in to report a subject was intoxicated in his vehicle at Safeway. The right front tire of his van was missing the tire and he had been driving on the rim. When officers arrived the subject had walked away but they were able to quickly find the subject and began a DUI investigation. The subject failed field sobriety tests and had an open container in the vehicle. At the jail the subject had a .16% BAC.

5/30 GPD called out the Clackamas County Mobile Crisis Response Team to assist with two subjects suffering from mental health issues. The MCRT was very helpful and handled one of the issues without needing GPD present.

5/31 While on a call an officer witnessed a driver throw an aluminum can from a passing car. The officer stopped the car for the littering violation. Another officer assisted in retrieving the can which turned out to be a can of wine. The driver admitted to drinking the wine in the car and was cited for open container (drinking alcohol in a car) and littering. The driver was not too impaired to drive.



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Sgt. Graves

May 2023

05/02/23- Officers located a stolen vehicle in the 17000 block of Webster Rd. Several items related to possible identity theft were located in the vehicle as well.

05/03/23- Officers responded to the Safeway parking lot on a welfare check of two people in a vehicle that appeared to be sleeping. Officers arrived and saw in plain view drug related items. Officers contacted the occupants and determined that the male had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. He was taken into custody without incident. No other crimes were determined to have occurred.

05/11/23- Officers responded to Oatfield and Caldwell Rd on an injury accident. Officer arrived and rendered aid to the injured driver. Medics arrived a short time later. It was determined that one vehicle pulled out in front of the other vehicle. One driver was transported to the hospital with no life threatening injuries.

05/12/23- It was reported to GPD by a mandatory reporter, that a student that attends Gladstone High School made a threat to "shoot up and bomb" the school. Officer spoke to the mandatory reporter who indicated that student was already being held on a mental health hold and was not a current danger. Officers spoke with the parents of the student and made sure there was no access to weapons. After further investigation it was determined the threat from the student was more of a manipulation to get his personal electronics back.

05/13/23- Officers responded to a death investigation in the 19300 block of Howell St. The information provided to the officers was second hand, and when officers arrived, there was no one on scene. Officers located the subject found deceased in the basement. The circumstances surrounding the death appeared abnormal and there was no one else there. Officer contacted the Medical Examiner's office who responded to the scene. GPD Detectives were also notified and came to the scene. After the investigation, it was determined the subject died of natural causes.

05/15/23- Officers recovered a stolen vehicle from the 18100 block of Oatfield road. No arrests were made and the vehicle was returned to the owner.

OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT Continued....

05/13/23- GPD hosted the annual Drug take back/Shred/E-Recycling event at the Civic Center. It was a huge success. The Robotics club collected many electronic items that would otherwise end up in a landfill. The PD collected over 50 lbs. of unwanted prescriptions drugs. The document shred truck hardly stopped for the entire 4 hours it was there.



05/20/23- GPD hosted the annual Bike Rodeo at the Civic Center. The weather was great and it was well attended. Officers and volunteers handed out over 40 helmets to kids of all ages. Many of them rode their bikes through the obstacle course. A big thanks to Tigard PD for use of their bike trailer, which provided bikes to use to ride through the obstacle course if they did not have one. In addition, members of the GHS Key club, Gladstone City Council and the Gladstone Traffic Safety Committee helped man the course, teach bike safety and fit helmets correctly.



OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Sgt. Hutchinson

May 2023

05/03/23 Wednesday – Gladstone Officers responded to complaints from Tukwilla Springs about someone coming door to door and making threats. No one was found and no complainant was located.

A woman was walking her dog at Cross Park and was attacked by another dog that was off leash. Her leg was bleeding and the other party took off on foot and was not able to be located.



05/04/23 Thursday – Officers responded to a crash off Webster and Charlolais. A vehicle drove off the road and collided with a parked vehicle. Witnesses saw the driver and passenger of the suspect vehicle switch places prior to our arrival. Upon questioning, they admitted to switching places in an attempt to avoid a Driving While Suspended citation.

05/05/23 Friday – Officers responded to a welfare check at the Gladstone Safeway. A man was reported to be falling asleep behind the wheel of a U-Haul Truck in the parking lot. We contacted him and it appeared he had been under the influence of drugs recently. The VIN number of the U-Haul was checked, and it turned out it was a reported as stolen vehicle. The driver was taken into custody and the U-Haul was impounded.





GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT Continued....

Officers responded to the Rivergreen Apartment on a domestic disturbance call. The female reported to have been assaulted and choked by her live in boyfriend. The Boyfriend was arrested for Assault DV and Strangulation.

05/06/23 Saturday – Gladstone Officers, Oregon City Officers, and Clackamas County Deputies stopped a vehicle that was traveling over 90 mph on I205. The driver was uncooperative and after an investigation was arrested for DUII.

Gladstone Officers attempted to stop a speeder on 82nd Drive. It continued to flee toward a park in Clackamas County. The vehicle was spiked by Clackamas County Deputies where it crashed nearby the Safeway Distribution Center. The man was suicidal and started cutting himself. The man was eventually taken into custody and medically treated.



05/10/23 Wednesday – Officers responded to a theft in progress call at Walgreens, of several hundred dollars’ worth of merchandise. The suspects were placing the items into bags inside the bathroom. They left on foot prior to our arrival.



05/13/23 Saturday – An abandoned vehicle left at the church on W Gloucester, turned out to be involved in a theft of a mobile home and the suspects had fled the vehicle earlier that day. I notified Clackamas County Sherriff’s Office, as it was their case. They wrote a search warrant for the vehicle and the vehicle was towed to their lot as evidence.



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT Continued....

05/14/23 Sunday – An armed robbery occurred at the High Rocks Park. A group of teens had their vehicle stolen, the driver of the vehicle was severely beaten and his female passenger was pistol whipped. The stolen vehicle was tracked to NE Portland from one of the victim's cell phones that was left in the car. The vehicle was ultimately located in Gresham, but no suspects were located at this time.

05/19/23 Friday – Officers responded to a theft from Walgreens. The suspect was loading up a backpack with merchandise. The suspect was located a short distance from the store and had the merchandise with him. He was arrested without incident.

05/20/23 Saturday – Officers responded to a theft in progress at Safeway. The suspect took a cart load of groceries and left in a vehicle with the tailgate open to obscure the license plate. No suspect could be located.

05/24/23 Wednesday – Officers responded to a disturbance where a woman was outside her apartment yelling at her neighbors and using racial slurs. The woman had an outstanding warrant and was arrested. A Bias Incident was documented for her use of racial slurs towards a minority.

05/31/23 Wednesday – Officer responded to a theft from Walgreens, the suspect was located near the store with the stolen items in his possession. He was arrested without incident.

RECORDS UNIT MONTHLY REPORT

Reported by: Executive Assistant Kristi Walls

May 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. Kim and Linda Sieckman were our winners last month. The correct answer was on the walking bridge.



We had two coloring contest winners from the Bicycle Rodeo. Weylen and Elora were our two big winners. Thank you to everyone who participated!



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 50 bike helmets in May.

**RECORDS UNIT MONTHLY REPORT
Continued.....**

On May 26, we wished School Resource Officer, Mark Herkamp a fond farewell. Officer Herkamp took an early retirement to pursue one of his many dreams.





Where is K9 Nanuk? June 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 TRAINING UNIT MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



TRAINING UNIT MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by: Sergeant Okerman

May 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
Orr	Leadership	No	80
Unda	Use of Force	Yes	6
Total			86

Officer Orr attended the Metro Sergeants Academy. This high quality training sets Officer Orr up for future assignments as a Senior Officer and leadership positions in the department.

New CSO Sammy Unda started on May 1st. There has been lots of new employee orientation and training on various systems. She received specific training on use of force and de-escalation as it pertains to her role and self-defense. She brings a wealth of knowledge in the code enforcement arena and is hard at work applying it.

The Clackamas County Mobile Crisis Response Team came to two-night shift briefings to do awareness training for their new team’s role and expanded hours.

GPD received high honors from Lexipol, our policy/risk/training partner. We received their Lexipol Connect 2022 Bronze award for Excellence in Law Enforcement Policy Management. This is a recognition of our hard work in maintaining an up to date policy manual and completing department wide Daily Training Bulletins in all areas of the policy manual.

