

# Gladstone Police Department

## Monthly Report

October 2023





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



## CHIEF'S REPORT

October 2023

Greetings,

As November arrives, so does the holiday season. Your safety and security is a priority for the police department and I want to provide you with some general holiday safety and crime prevention tips.

### At Home:

- Make sure all doors and windows have secondary locks and use them!
- Don't hide spare keys in mailboxes or planters, or under doormats.
- Ensure that dark areas and entrances have outdoor lights that are turned on after dark or are activated by sensors.
- Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.
- Lock your vehicle and remove all the valuables. Yes, even in your driveway.
- NEIGHBORS SHOULD WATCH OVER ONE ANOTHER!

### Strangers at your Door:

- Use caution anytime there is a stranger at your door.
- Be suspicious of unexpected sales calls or deliveries, ask for identification.
- Be aware of scams that criminals commit to take advantage of people's generosity during the holidays.
- Investigate charities before making donations. Ask how the funds will be used.

### Leaving for the Holidays:

- Ask a trusted friend, neighbor or family member to watch your home.
- Use timers for lights and radios while you're away.
- Remember to make arrangements for mail and newspapers.

### Avoiding Porch Theft:

- Network with Neighbors.
- Have packages delivered to work.
- Leave specific drop off instructions
- Install security camera's
- Have holiday packages sent to the Gladstone Police Department. Visit our website and Facebook for details Mid November.



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

### Shopping:

- Never shop alone, go with a friend and or family member
- All purchases should be secured in the trunk of your car and out of sight.
- Be aware of your surroundings when pulling into a parking lot. If something is not right, go with your gut and find another place to park or shop.

Gladstone is a very safe community. Remember, there are times where extra patience will be required and kindness delivered when you are out and about this holiday season. Let's make sure we take care of one another and celebrate and safe holiday season in our community!

Sincerely,

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

John Schmerber, Chief of Police



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

OCTOBER 2023



"Respect ~Service ~Character ~Passion"

GENERAL STATISTICS/TYPE	THIS MONTH	YTD THIS YEAR	YTD LAST YEAR	% +/-	TOP 5 TRAFFIC CITE CHARGES	
Dispatched Incidents	595	5,441	5,543	-1.84%	Speeding 15	
Officer Initiated Incidents	334	4,255	4,064	4.70%	Driving Uninsured 10	
Total Number of Incidents	929	9,696	9,607	0.93%	Driving While Suspended 7	
Police Reports Filed	304	2,898	3,099	-6.49%	Improper Display of Plate 4	
Traffic Contacts	194	2,891	2,174	32.98%	Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device 4	
Citations Issued (Charges)	58	1,270	1,300	-2.31%	ALARM ADMINISTRATION REPORT	
Parking Citations	46	127	128	-0.78%		
DUII	8	43	35	22.86%	Renewals Billed N/A	
Community Policing Contacts	5	128	203	-36.95%	Renewal Fees Collected N/A	
Murders	0	0	0	0.00%	New Permits Issued N/A	
K9 Deployments	5	30	40	-25.00%	False Alarms w/No Permit N/A	
Tow Releases	2	22	15	46.67%	1st false Alarm Events N/A	
					2nd False Alarm Events N/A	
					3rd False Alarm Events N/A	
					False Alarm Fees collected N/A	
					False Alarm Fees billed N/A	



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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**



**OCTOBER 2023**

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SELECTED CALLS FOR SERVICE**	THIS MONTH	YTD THIS YEAR	YTD LAST YEAR	% +/-	SPECIFIC OVERTIME CATAGORIES	HOURS
Abuse/Neglect	1	23	34	-32.35%	Cover Short Shift	152.75
Accident/Injury or Fatal	4	20	17	17.65%	Court	34
Accident/Property Damage	8	67	66	1.52%	Training	40.25
Assault	1	32	37	-13.51%	Presentations/Meetings	10.5
Burglary	0	24	23	4.35%	Other	22.25
Domestic Disputes	16	189	178	6.18%	Grant	27
Drugs/Narcotics	6	35	18	94.44%	K9	15
Disturbance-Fights-Noise	11	132	149	-11.41%	SRO	3
Forgery/Fraud	5	93	74	25.68%		
Hit and Run	4	45	38	18.42%		
Ordinance Violations	36	229	120	90.83%		
Runaway/Missing	16	54	53	1.89%		
Sex Offense	2	25	41	-39.02%		
Suicide Threats/Attempts	10	50	52	-3.85%		
Suspicious Person or Circumstance	46	580	672	-13.69%		
Thefts	13	176	245	-28.16%		
Trespass/Prowler	14	109	142	-23.24%		
Vandalism	4	61	100	-39.00%		
Vehicles Recovered	4	27	36	-25.00%		
Vehicles Stolen	4	38	76	-50.00%		
Death(Not Suicide/Murder)	1	9	14	-35.71%		

\*\*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**

**October 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. 23-022334- On October 27, 2023, Gladstone Police Department received a complaint from the Oregon Department of Justice regarding a mannequin that was reported to be hanging from a noose in the 600 block of Portland Ave. Officer spoke with homeowner. The homeowner had no intention for the display to come across as a hanging with a noose. The display was a Halloween decoration. The homeowner adjusted the Halloween decoration so it did not resemble a hanging.

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

2. 23-021312 – On October 13, 2023, an officer was dispatched to a disturbance/fight at Tukwila Springs, 18000 Webster Rd. A resident was making generalized threats and yelling racial slurs. Officers arrived and the resident went to her unit and stayed the remainder of the evening.

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

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **MONTHLY REPORT**

Prepared by Yvonne McNeil

October 2023

- Car seat checks – 7
- Dogs reunited with their owners - 3
- Citizen Contacts for Parking - 53
- Vehicles Towed -2
- Recovered Stolen Vehicle - 1
- Traffic control at Crash - 2
- Citizen Contacts for Ordinance Violations - 25
- Chicken Permits required to be completed 2
- Litter in Roadway – 1
- Noise Complaint – 1
- Animal Barking Complaints -7
- Business License Ordinances - 2

City Administrator Betz directing traffic



#### **Noxious Vegetation Violation (completed)**

We had a complaint from a property owner that the backing property in the 18000 block of Abernathy Lane had a lot of overgrown blackberry bushes. We contacted the resident and found it was a rental property. Contacted the property owner that abated the issue. Yes, this is really the same property location, before and after photo.



**COMMUNITY SERVICES  
MONTHLY REPORT Continued.....**

**Ordinance Violation (completed)**

I received a complaint about a business located in the 19000 block of Mcloughlin Blvd with overgrown vegetation. The business owner abated the nuisances.



**Junk Keeping (completed)**

We received a complaint online about a residence located in the 200 block of Jersey Street with a large pile of junk at the curb. Per complaint, items had been there for over 10 days. I spoke with the residence and they abated the nuisances within the timeframe given.







# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVES MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## DETECTIVES MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Detective Fich

October, 2023

### 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. 23-018098 Sexual Assault. Assigned 08/31/23
5. 23-018475 Sexual Abuse. Assigned 09/05/23
6. 23-018639 Rape 1, Sodomy 1, Strangulation, and Violation of Restraining Order. Assigned 09/06/23
7. 23-020134 Sexual Abuse. Assigned 09/27/23

### Cases Cleared:

1. 23-017654 Sexual Assault. Referral from Woodburn PD. Gladstone PD case closed on October 31, 2023 due to lack of prosecutable merit.

### Highlights/Noteworthy:

1. On October 6, 2023, a suspect was indicted by a Clackamas County Circuit Court Grand Jury on charges of Burglary in the First Degree, Robbery in the Second Degree, Two counts of Unlawful Use of a Weapon, two counts of Menacing, Assault in the Fourth Degree, Harassment, two counts of Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree, Coercion, two counts of Criminal Trespass in the First Degree, and Criminal Mischief in the First Degree. The suspect is in custody at the Clackamas County Jail. (GPD Cases 23-019334, 23-018757, and 23-020221)



**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, 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, 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	4	12

K9 Nanuk searched three businesses that were broken into. No one was located inside any of the businesses.

K9 Nanuk and I responded to a foot pursuit of a suspect in Gladstone wanted for a felony warrant. K9 Nanuk was barking as we arrived in the area of the suspect. He stopped running and put his hands up. We took the suspect into custody without incident. The suspect threw his backpack during the foot pursuit. K9 Nanuk was deployed to search for the article. K9 Nanuk located the backpack in a nearby yard.

K9 Nanuk tracked a suspect for approximately half a mile from a stolen vehicle before the track was lost along I-5.

## **OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT**

**Prepared by Sgt. Okerman**

**October 2023**

10/3 A trespass was reported in the 200 block of W Gloucester St. A subject was seen in the backyard of a house on security cameras. When Officer arrived, they found a lawn care business was at the residence and was likely at the wrong house. The subject refused to cooperate with officers causing a delay to the investigation. Eventually officers were able to determine there was simply a misread address.

10/4 A parking complaint was reported to Code Enforcement. Upon arrival, the license plate was checked and the vehicle returned as a stolen. An officer arrived and assisted code enforcement with the recovery of the stolen vehicle. It was released to the owner.

There was a second stolen vehicle recovered this day. In the 17200 block of Webster Rd. U-Haul personnel called to report, they had located one of their own stolen moving trucks. The vehicle was successfully recovered and returned to the owners.

10/10 A child, clothed only in a diaper was found walking on the sidewalk on McLoughlin Blvd just before 8am. Officers quickly responded and located the child who had been picked up by employees of a nearby business. The child had gotten out of a room at the Budget Inn. DHS was called for a joint child welfare investigation.

10/18 A vehicle crashed into the Northside of Gladstone High School just after class had started. Officers quickly responded and learned the elderly driver suffered a medical issue and the vehicle was traveling at a very slow speed. There was only minor cosmetic damage to the vehicle and building. Officers later confirmed the driver had a heart attack and was recovering at the hospital.



10/20 A minor hit and run traffic accident occurred near the elementary school as parents were picking up children after school. The crash was witnessed and the officer was able to track the suspect down. Information was gathered and the report forwarded to the prosecutor.



# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT Continued.....

10/24 A disturbance was reported at a group home in Gladstone. Chief Schmerber responded with officers and provided a big help once it was determined the disturbance was just the group home residents being loud. Chief Schmerber provided a calming influence and help de-escalate the situation.

10/28 Someone tried to use a fake \$100 bill to buy some burritos at Taco Bell. The suspect fled on foot before officers arrived and could not be located.



# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by **Sgt. Graves**

**October 2022**

10/01- Officers conducted a traffic stop on Mcloughlin and developed probable cause to believe the driver was driving while impaired. A DUII investigation was conducted and the driver was arrested for DUII.

10/02- While on a separate investigation at Tukwila Springs, Officers recognized an individual that has been trespassed from the property. Officer contacted the subject who was later arrested for the trespass.

10/3- A head on collision occurred on Oatfield and Park Rd. Officers arrived on scene and determined there were no injuries. Traffic on Oatfield was disrupted for an hour while Officers investigated the crash and the damaged vehicles to be towed.

10/13- A missing person that was reported out of Gladstone, was located in Clackamas County in a pond deceased. Officers notified the family.

10/23- Officer responded to Meldrum Bar Park on a report of a physical disturbance. When Officers arrived, they developed probable cause for a subject that had already left for Harassment and Disorderly Conduct. The Officer on scene had contacted the suspect the night before in their unique vehicle. Later that evening, Canby PD located the vehicle in their jurisdiction and contacted the suspect. The Officer with the PC went to the location and cited and released the subject at the scene.

10/24- There was a reported possible Domestic at the Rivergreen Apartments. Officers arrived on scene and witnessed several people running from the location. Several subjects were caught and detained. After an investigation it was determined this was more likely a MIP party. two subjects were taken in to custody and the rest were released to parents.

10/31- Officers responded to a traffic crash in the 250 block of E Arlington. When Officers arrived they found a single vehicle had crashed into 2 parked vehicles. After speaking with the driver, Officers developed probable cause to believe the driver was driving while impaired. A DUII investigation was conducted and the driver was later arrested for DUII. The driver provided a breath sample and it was more than 3 times the legal limit.

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

10/31- Officers responded to a disturbance in the 250 block of W. Arlington. When Officers arrived on scene one party had already left. After an investigation, probable cause was developed for an arrest of the subject that left the residence for Harassment DV. The subject was not located and the case was referred to the DA's officer for consideration of charges.

10/31- The Gladstone Police met several costumed individuals at the Goblin Gathering held on Portland Ave. It was a beautiful night and fun was had by all.





# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Sgt. Hutchinson

October 2023

October 4, Wednesday: Officers responded to a road rage incident that occurred on Oatfield road and 82<sup>nd</sup> Drive. There was no damage to either vehicle to report and the complainant was not injured. There was no suspect information at the time

October 5, Thursday: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance. The ex-spouse of the homeowner came over and violated a restraining order. He entered the home without permission and damaged the inside of the house. He was on felony probation for assaulting the ex-spouse and was arrested for the violation of his probation in addition to other crimes.



October 6, Friday: Officers responded to 2 crashes in the city between 5 and 6 PM. One vehicle crashed into a parked vehicle from the sun being in the driver's eyes. The other crash was a motorcycle into a truck after the motorcyclist was driving recklessly. The Motorcyclist had a warrant and was cited for the warrant.



October 7, Saturday: Officers took a report of a missing person. She is an amputee and requires medications. She could not be located at this time and was entered as a missing and endangered person.

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

October 11, Wednesday: Officer responded to a male slumped over at the bus stop near Arlington and 99. The male was possibly on drugs and after a check of his status, he was out of compliance with his sex offender registration. The male was cited and released for failure to register as a sex offender.



October 12, Thursday: Officers responded to the Walgreens on an unwanted subject. She was walking through the store and being aggressive with staff. The woman initially gave a false name, but she was identified and had warrants for her arrest. During a search prior to arrest, she was seen to have drugs in her hat. She was transported to the jail.

October 13, Friday: Officers took a report of a missing person. The parent believed the subject was on drugs and endangered. After all avenues of locating the missing person were made, she was entered as a missing person. She was later located at a friend's house and not in danger.

October 14, Saturday: Officers assisted in trespassing a woman from the Budget Inn. She was acting aggressively and damaging the property in her room. Officers left the scene once her family arrived to help her leave.

October 18, Wednesday: Officers responded to a two vehicle crash at the intersection of E Dartmouth and Oatfield Rd. The suspect who caused the crash was passed out at the wheel and had to be revived with Narcan. There was evidence of recent drug use in the driver's seat. The driver was transported by AMR to the hospital where he was cited for DUII and Reckless Driving. The other driver was able to drive away from the scene without injuries.







# GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT Continued.....

October 20, Friday: Officers responded to a suspicious person at The Gold Wrench auto repair. The person was under the influence of something and having a mental episode. The subject was sedated and taken to the hospital on a Police Officer Hold.

October 25, Wednesday: Officers responded to the Gladstone Chevron where an elderly female was laying outside and possibly having medical issues, including hypothermia. She was transported to the hospital.

Officers responded to a unwanted person at Tukwilla Springs. A resident of the facility was threatening employees. He returned to his unit without incident.

Officers responded to a suicidal subject who was threatening to harm himself with two knives. He was not being compliant. He was hand cuffed and forced onto a gurney where he was sedated for his safety. He was taken to the hospital on a Police Officer Hold.

October 27, Friday: Gladstone Officers responded to a suicidal juvenile who was cutting herself. She was in her room and unwilling to come out. With the danger of a knife, officers waited until the Clackamas County Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) arrived to make contact. With BHU and her boyfriend's mother, they talked her into coming out into the hallway where she was visibly upset and crying. She had minor cuts to her arms. She was taken to the hospital on a Police Officer Hold.

October 28, Saturday: Gladstone Officers took a report of a missing person from an adult care facility. The missing person was entered into LEDS.

## RECORDS UNIT MONTHLY REPORT

Reported by: Executive Assistant Kristi Walls

October 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. Allison Steyskal was the first to guess correctly. K9 Nanuk was found at the footpath between Beverly Ct. and Collins Crest.

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 9 bike helmets this month. Happy riding everyone!

Chief Schmerber participated in the Car Push at the Gladstone High School. This is a friendly completion Homecoming event between classes.



Officer and Staff wore pink for the month of October in support of breast cancer awareness.





# Where is K9 Nanuk? November 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

October 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 Sworn	Use of Force	Yes	39
McNeil	Code Enforcement	No	16
Day	Leadership	No	16
Hale	Mental Health	Yes	7
<b>Total</b>			<b>78</b>

CSO Yvonne McNeil attended the 2023 Oregon Code Enforcement Association Conference. This two-day conference covered a wide variety of topics and was a great opportunity for a new employee to network.

Officer Day attended two different one-day leadership classes. One was titled *Accountable Leadership* and the other was *Coaching and Mentoring in Public Safety*. These classes will help build Officer Day’s leadership skills, as he is a newer Field Training Officer.

Reserve Officer Hale attended a mental health awareness training. The CIT training class was beneficial and a nice refresher on all the resources available.

All officers attended firearms training this month. This training focused on patrol rifle tactics and skills. Everyone completed the qualification course and training. Positive feedback was received for the expanded use of real-world scenarios and the instruction of the new firearms instructor, Officer Gilliam.

