

# **Gladstone Police Department**

## **Monthly Report**

**September 2020**





**Gladstone Police Department**  
**CHIEF'S REPORT TO**  
**CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNCIL**



**CHIEF'S REPORT**

**September 2020**

Greetings,

2020 continues to be very interesting. Not only are we still working under COVID conditions, the wildfires that threatened communities across the state to include Clackamas County required an all hands on deck approach from a law enforcement perspective. Law Enforcement agencies in Clackamas county were stretched very thin and required mutual aid assistance from agencies in and around Clackamas County. Gladstone Police assisted Molalla PD with evacuations and patrol coverage due to the immediate threat to the city of Molalla. Our Officers performed exceptionally and represented the City of Gladstone and our values very well under difficult circumstances.

At the same time, a portion of the City of Gladstone was placed on a level 2 evacuation notice while the remaining portions of the city was placed on a level 1 evacuation notice. Members of the emergency management team worked hard in preparing advanced plans of evacuation for all city residents along with messaging strategies to ensure accurate emergency communication was being shared with the Gladstone Community. The management team along with all city department staff performed very well. The plans developed will be useful in the event the city encounters future natural disasters.

I would like to share and commend some city volunteers for the work they did on behalf of the city during this trying and stressful time. City volunteer Yvonne McNeil along with Chaplains Brian Early and Kevin Smith were essential in providing support for evacuees and instrumental with delivering emergency updates through multiple city media platforms.

While this was occurring, GPD was in its final stages of hiring our newest officer. On Monday, October 5, the Gladstone Police Department will be adding a new police officer to its ranks. Sheung Tsun Lau (Clement) was with Mt. Angel Police Department and is excited to start his first day here in Gladstone.

As you can see, there have and continue to be many changes and challenges within the police department. The organization is functioning at a high level and will continue to embrace and overcome challenges we face.



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Sincerely

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

John Schmerber, Chief of Police



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**BIAS REPORTING**

**Reported by: Kristi Walls**

**September 2020**

No bias reports for the month of September.



**GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**



**SEPTEMBER 2020**

GENERAL STATISTICS/TYPE	THIS MONTH	YTD THIS YEAR	YTD LAST YEAR	% +/-	TOP 5 TRAFFIC CITE CHARGES	
Dispatched Incidents	564	5,605	6,760	-17.09%	Speeding	31
Officer Initiated Incidents	477	3,239	2,754	17.61%	Driving While Suspended	6
Total Number of Incidents	1,041	8,844	9,514	-7.04%	Driving Uninsured	6
Police Reports Filed	277	2,229	2,846	-21.68%	No Operator's License	5
Traffic Contacts	184	2,139	1,977	8.19%	Fail to Obey TCD	3
Citations Issued (Charges)	40	528	760	-30.53%	<b>ALARM ADMINISTRATION REPORT</b>	
DUII	0	10	6	66.67%	Renewals Billed	10
Community Policing Contacts	7	107	83	28.92%	Renewal Fees Collected	\$275.00
Murders	0	0	0	0.00%	Senior Exempt Fees	0
K9 Deployments	8	45	36	25.00%	New Permits Issued	2
Tow Releases	0	3	8	-62.50%	False Alarms w/No Permit	2
					1st false Alarm Events	4
					2nd False Alarm Events	1
					3rd False Alarm Events	0
					False Alarm fees collected	\$450.00
					False Alarm fees billed	\$50.00

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## GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT



### SEPTEMBER 2020

SELECTED CALLS FOR SERVICE**	THIS MONTH	YTD THIS YEAR	YTD LAST YEAR	% +/-	SPECIFIC OVERTIME CATAGORIES	HOURS
Abuse/Neglect	4	21	24	-12.50%	Cover Short Shift	250
Accident/Injury or Fatal	1	15	12	25.00%	Court	19.5
Accident/Property Damage	6	53	69	-23.19%	Training	3
Assault	4	40	34	17.65%	Presentations/Meetings	0
Burglary	0	20	27	-25.93%	Other	2.75
Domestic Disputes	24	208	192	8.33%	Swat	7.25
Drugs/Narcotics	6	47	39	20.51%	K9	20
Disturbance-Fights-Noise	19	152	118	28.81%	SRO	0
Forgery/Fraud	10	87	85	2.35%		
Hit and Run	7	35	61	-42.62%		
Ordinance Violations	27	245	117	109.40%		
Runaway/Missing	5	66	50	32.00%		
Sex Offense	4	24	24	0.00%		
Suicide Attempt/Threat	5	76	90	-15.56%		
Suspicious Person or Circumstance	58	558	486	14.81%		
Thefts	28	192	196	-2.04%		
Trespass/Prowler	15	158	106	49.06%		
Vandalism	16	79	81	-2.47%		
Vehicles Recovered	3	15	14	7.14%		
Vehicles Stolen	9	35	45	-22.22%		
Death(Not Suicide/Murder)	2	17	17	0.00%		

\*\*Coded at time of dispatch, not final disposition

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**Gladstone Police Department  
CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT  
TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL**



**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
MONTHLY REPORT**

Prepared by Sean Boyle

September 2020

- Animal Complaints 4
- Assist GPD 5
- Details 3
- Follow Ups 13
- Hazard 1
- Ordinance Complaints 26
- Parking Complaints 2
- Premise Checks 5
- Property Calls 1
- Public Assistance 4

**Total Calls 64**

September proved to be a very interesting month with wild fires and smoke and I was dispatched to Molalla to assist with evacuations. Complaints were down as a result of the conditions.

A code review of the Parks Rules 12.12 has been completed with several proposed changes reducing some misdemeanor violations to the infraction level. We are continuing to work on limited code review of other sections of code to correct errors or comply with case law and court rulings.

A review of the Leaf Pickup Program has been completed with Public Works with a specific focus on the timing of putting leaves in the street. Historically there has been no enforcement action addressing people who put their leaves in the street to far in advance of their scheduled leaf pickup. Recently it was brought to our attention that allowing unfettered placement of the leaves into the street may be a violation of the City’s storm water permit. As the City has a duty to mitigate illicit discharges and excessive sediments from entering the storm water system I will be working with Public Works to put out information informing residents of the changes in the newsletter and city webpages. When leaves are put out in excess of 1 week prior to their scheduled pickup contact will be made with residents to inform them directly that the leaves need to be removed from the street until the approved time.

No new cases of note this month.



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## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT Continued.....

### Updates of Note:

**18309 Oatfield Rd.** – Direct contact with the tenant has been made. Tenant granted a total walkthrough of the property to identify additional violations not visible from the street that need to be corrected. Tenant is compliant and is taking action to correct the violations. More updates to follow.



**19017 Howell Blvd.** – Follow up with the property owner shows that there is still work to be complete to get into compliance. Property owner has put forth a good faith effort to correct the violations completing goals that are being set at two week intervals. Prohibited temporary garage has been taken down and work to remove stored junk from the driveway is moving forward. More updates to follow.





# Gladstone Police Department CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



## PATROL'S CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Jim Leake

September 2020

**This month GPD Patrol Officers responded to several Code Enforcement related incidents:**

- 14 Parking Complaints
- 15 Animal Complaints
- 1 Abandoned Vehicles
- 9 Noise Complaints
- 86 Premise Checks

The abandoned vehicle problem has reduced dramatically with a concerted effort of the officers to tag those vehicles both reported and those that are located. The number of animal complaints increased from last month to 15 this month. I am thinking this has gone up because more people are at home and have more time to listen to dogs barking.

Parking complaints are down to 14 from 30 last month. Police officers have recently taken over resolving most of the vehicle related code calls to free up the Code Enforcement Officer to conduct more in depth code investigations. Code Compliance Officer Boyle has been handling code complaints face to face and has things with the code well in hand.

Noise complaints went up from 3 to 9 this month. Many folks have been enjoying the warm evenings, especially after the smoke cleared from the wildfires. Officers are spending a good amount of time patrolling the parks, transient camps, vacant buildings and extra patrol through high crime areas. Officers are contacting Code Compliance Officer Boyle more often with code violations they see. I saw a steady flow of calls coming to our code tip line, but I attribute that to more people being home right now during the COVID shutdown.



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**DETECTIVES MONTHLY REPORT**

Prepared by Detective Fich

September 2020

**New Cases Assigned:**

1. 20-020975 Stalking. Request from OCPD. Assigned 09/24/2020.

**Current Caseload:**

1. 20-005389 Check Fraud. Assigned 04/07/2020
2. 20-007885 Check Fraud. Assigned 04/14/2020
3. 20-008620 Robbery II/Burglary I. Occurred 04/24/2020.
4. 20-013165 Juvenile sexual abuse. GPD Call-out 06/24/2020
5. 20-015758 Robbery I. GPD Call-out 07/27/2020
6. 20-018009 VRO. Assigned 08/25/2020
7. 20-020975 Stalking. Request from OCPD. Assigned 09/24/2020.

**Cases Cleared:**

All current cases remain under investigation

**Highlights/Noteworthy:**

On September 2, 2020, Camilo Santiago-Santiago pled guilty to Murder 2 and Felon in Possession of a Firearm for the November 15, 2020 shooting in Wilsonville, Oregon. He received a life sentence, 25-year minimum. (GPD Detective Fich co-lead) (GPD Case #19-027126)

On September 14, 2020, I completed the first GPD sex offender registration using the new OSP Sex Offender Registration Mobile (SORM) web application.



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**DETECTIVES MONTHLY REPORT**

Prepared by Detective Gilliam

September 2020

**New Cases Assigned: 2**

1. 20-019045 – Officer Involved Shooting in Oregon City (Major Crimes Team callout)
2. 20-019831 – Burglary/Strangulation

**Cases Cleared: 3**

1. 20-019045 – Officer Involved Shooting (report sent to District Attorney's office)
2. 20-012831 – Juvenile Sex Abuse (case sent to District Attorney's office for review)
3. 20-019831 – Burglary/Strangulation (case closed due to suspect's recent death)

**Current Caseload: 4**

1. 20-010600 – Child Pornography (active investigation)
2. 20-012991 – Burglary/Theft (active investigation)
3. 20-003180 – Juvenile Sex Abuse (arrest warrant issued; suspect interview pending)
4. 19-021067 – Assault/Hit and Run (arrest warrant issued; suspect interview pending)

**Major Crimes Team Callouts: 2**

**SWAT Callouts: 1**

**SWAT Training Hours: 20**

**Notes/Highlights (chronological order):**

1. Assisted with applicant interviews at Molalla Police Department (9/01)
2. Sexual Assault Response Team quarterly training – virtual teleconference (9/03)
3. Human Trafficking subcommittee meeting – virtual teleconference (9/03)
4. Major Crimes Team callout in Oregon City for an Officer Involved Shooting (9/05)
5. Assisted Molalla PD with a level 3 door-to-door evacuation during the fires (9/10)
6. Major Crimes Team callout searching for a transient subject wanted for attempted murder; subject located and arrested in Oak Grove (9/15)
7. Human Trafficking Multi-Disciplinary Team meeting – virtual teleconference (9/21)
8. Assisted CCSO with responding to a stabbing just outside of Gladstone (9/22)
9. Assisted GPD patrol with arresting a suspect for harassment and menacing (9/23)
10. SWAT callout to assist Washington County Sheriff's Office regarding a barricaded subject; subject taken into custody before my arrival (9/27)



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**CSO Boyle and DET. Gilliam assisting Molalla Police Department with their evacuation.**  
**September 10, 2020**



**Sidewalks in Molalla becoming increasingly covered in ash during the evacuation**  
**September 10, 2020**





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**K9 REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL**  
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## **K9 SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT**

Prepared by: Sergeant Leake

September 2020

I have continued to attend 2 out of the 4-5 monthly Wednesday night training classes that are hosted by Gresham Police Department K9 program.

On September 23 K9 officers did scenarios to test their K9 partners. The main scenario was a subject car jacked a female and stole her car. When the car was found the female has been hit in the head and is unconscious. The male was seen fleeing in a certain direction and the K9's has to track the subject. When the K9's finds the subject he is uncooperative and faces away from officers, not following commands. The dogs are released to take the subject into custody and he turns at the last second and is holding a baby. The dogs are then called off so as not to hurt the baby. Most of the K9's was successful but others got focused on biting. Nanuk was very successful and called off right when commanded. Once the male actor drops the baby, the officers are to protect the child and let other officers take the subject into custody. The meaning of the scenario is to remain fluid and change tactics with an ever changing incident. It was very good training.

Most of the rest of the month was getting ready for the K9 Academy that Gresham PD K9 Program is conducting for new dogs. Officer Olson is assisting one day a week at the academy. He is working in the dog bite suit and helping with scenarios and training of the dogs and handlers. It is very good training for Olson to be a trainer as he is learning as he teaches.

See Olson's monthly report for more details of the K9 training this month.

Some photos of our training are attached below:





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## K9 REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL

### MONTHLY UNIT OR SPECIAL ACTIVITY REPORT



## K9 MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by: Officer Olson

September 2020

Police have utilized dogs in their ranks for over a hundred years. Their roles and functions have changed with the times to evolve with the communities they serve. Furthermore, police canine sections, much like police in general, have been designed to become more approachable than they have been in the past. This increase in approachability has garnered more support from the public and aided many police departments and their K9 units.

Officer	K9 Deployments GPD	K9 Deployments Other Agencies	K9 Training Hours
Olson	2	6	12

This month K9 Nanuk and I had two captures.

We used K9 Nanuk on two warrant services inside the city on subjects wanted for felony warrants and known to run. Neither subject was located.

We assisted West Linn PD on a burglary that occurred about 45 min prior to our arrival. K9 Nanuk tracked approximately ¾ a mile to a parking lot. We believe the suspect used a vehicle to commit his crimes as West Linn had several other reported crimes in various locations around town.





# Gladstone Police Department

## SERGEANTS REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL

### MONTHLY UNIT OR SPECIAL ACTIVITY REPORT



## OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Sgt. Okerman

September 2020

9/2:

- A juvenile with a felony warrant was located sleeping in a car at the Footbridge. He initially gave a false name but was eventually identified and lodged at Donald E Long.
- A vehicle was stolen from High Rocks Park while the owner was swimming. The vehicle was later recovered and returned to the owner after a few days.
- Two jet skis were stolen from Meldrum Bar Park while on a trailer and attached to a truck while the owners were on the river in a boat.

9/10:

- There was a theft of gas from a vehicle where the suspect drilled a hole in the bottom of the fuel tank. The suspects were not located and most of the fuel was recovered. Officers put it in another vehicle belonging to the victim.

9/17:

- Officers responded to a suspicious person call at Max Patterson Park. Subject was seen punching the air and acting oddly. Subject was arrested on outstanding warrant out of Linn County.
- Vehicle stolen from Rivergreen Apartments.
- A suspicious package was left at the Gladstone Fire Department. A firefighter reported a suspicious box found in front of the door. The box was very heavy for its size, damaged, and taped closed. The package was determined to be a box of granola bars donated for the fires.

9/18:

- There was some localized street flooding reported during the severe storm. Several houses were effected.

9/19:

- A traffic stop for running a stop sign yielded the recovery of a stolen car, drugs, and a gun.

**Photo from traffic stop  
September 19th.**





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**OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT**  
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**9/26:**

- While officers were patrolling Meldrum Bar Park at 3am they located a subject with a felony warrant and arrested them.

**9/29:**

- A suspicious vehicle was seen near Harley Davidson. The vehicle had a stolen plate on it from Vancouver. The vehicle turned out to be stolen out of Portland. Multiple other license plates were found in the vehicle.

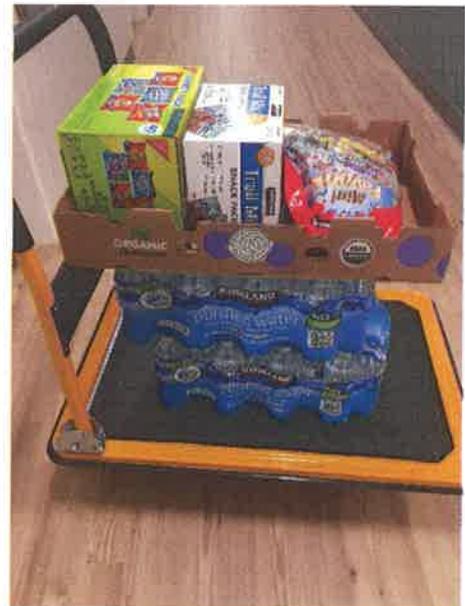
**9/30:**

- Two vehicles were stopped bearing plates belonging to other vehicles. Suspended drivers are increasingly putting different plates on vehicles in an attempt to avoid being stopped.

**Assisting CCSO with traffic control on September 8th.**



**Some of the many donations to the PD on September 10<sup>th</sup>.**





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## SERGEANT REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL

### MONTHLY UNIT OR SPECIAL ACTIVITY REPORT



## PATROL MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by: Lieutenant Gerkman

September 2020

### Patrol Activity

During the month of September there appeared to be a slight uptick in car prowls and thefts from vehicles. A significant majority occurred to unlocked vehicles during nighttime/early morning hours. I would encourage people to lock their vehicles and do not keep things of value in their vehicles, locked or unlocked.

Officers assisted the City of Molalla and Molalla PD with evacuations and police patrols during the fire events in South Clackamas County. This occurred while maintaining staffing levels in Gladstone.

Gladstone was a site for fire evacuees to set up temporary lodging. This included the Seventh Day Adventist Property, Meldrum Bar Park and some local churches. With the influx of people to the city, it did not result in an increase in calls for service.

Officers assisted in a critical incident in Oregon City in early September. Assisting our law enforcement partners is something regularly done by Gladstone PD and other local agencies when assistance is needed or requested.

**Made by the residents of Somerset Assisted Living**





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## **PATROL MONTHLY REPORT**

Prepared by: Sergeant Leake

September 2020

### **Patrol Activity**

#### **09-01-2020:**

Many premise checks at parks, subject stops and traffic stops were conducted around town on this day. Several traffic details were conducted.

#### **09-05-2020:**

Officer Butler and Officer Olson assisted Oregon City PD on a stolen vehicle parked at 15975 Moss Lake Way. Officers arrived and the suspect was asleep behind the wheel. A plan was made to block the vehicle in and put stop sticks under the tires. The suspect woke up before the plan could be completed and he attempted to take off in the vehicle. His tires were punctured and he hit an OCPD patrol car head on, causing severe damage and injuring the officer behind the wheel. The subject then drove toward officers. The suspect crashed and got out on foot to run from the stop. K-9 Officer Olson released his K9, Nanuk and he captured the suspect and was taken into custody without further incident. The suspect was charged with several felony crimes and lodged at jail.

#### **09-07-2020:**

High winds came up and began knocking down trees and telephone wires. Several areas lost power and there was some property damage resulting from falling oak trees.





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Officers spent most of the shift answering hazard calls and assisting GFD on calls. Public Works was called out to assist in damage control. PGE was over whelmed and gave zero ETA's on response to problems.

**09-08-2020:**

Into the early hours of the morning, units continued to respond to damage caused by the wind. Fires started to break out everywhere due to the high winds.



A large fire broke out in Oregon City near the 99E bridge. At one point in the night, there were no available fire department units in Clackamas County. Fires continued to worsen as the wind continued and things went bad pretty quickly. Clackamas County agencies began operating at emergency levels as several fires broke out across the county and grew out of control quickly. Most agencies went to priority calls only.

**09-12-2020:**

Over the past several days, the winds and wild fires around the county had people displaced and evacuated from all over the area. Meldrum Bar Park and the Seventh Day Adventist Campus were opened up for folks to seek refuge. The county was in a state of emergency and people were told they could stay anywhere they could find that would be safe. A county wide



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curfew was instituted from 10pm to 6am. This was mainly due to evacuated properties being burglarized and looted since no one was in their homes.

Officers responded to several fireworks calls on this day. Officers could hear fireworks but were unable to find those responsible. There was a call of subjects driving around and firing fireworks in the air through Gladstone, but those folks were never found. No fires resulted from this behavior.



Sergeant Leake took a dispatched call of a cougar sighting at the River Run Village Apts. The reporting party saw a cougar leisurely walking through her backyard. Sergeant Leake did a walk about and was unable to find the big cat. Fires are undoubtedly pushing wildlife toward the cities.

**09-13-2020:**

Officers continued to work through the wildfire smoke and were very proactive throughout the city working traffic stops, suspicious subjects, suspicious vehicles and premise checks through the parks and city properties that housed many evacuees.

The smoke set off several alarms around the city. All alarms were false but with the burglaries to evacuated houses around the county, all alarm calls were investigated thoroughly. Nearly every call on this day was proactive and created by officers on patrol.

Sergeant Leake and K9 Officer Olson were dispatched to a warrant call where a wanted subject was seen at his parents' home. The subject was found at the location and was arrested without incident. The subject was lodged at CCJ on two counts of Sex Abuse II, three counts of Rape III and two counts of Sex Abuse III.

**09-15-2020:**

Sergeant Leake took two stolen vehicle reports from Auto Town Buick when they realized they were missing two vehicles after doing an audit of their inventory. It was unknown how long the vehicles had been missing and there was no suspect info. One vehicle was a 2020 GMC Sierra



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4X4 Pickup. The other was a 2004 Ford F-350 Pickup that had been traded in. Both vehicles were entered as stolen in LEDS/NCIC.

Officers continued to do premise checks at the SDA Campus and Meldrum Bar Park where evacuees were allowed to set up camps in order to have a safe place. The displaced subjects felt at ease and were eager to visit with officers during the visits.

**09-26-2020:**

Officer Herkamp found a vehicle parked in the very back parking lot of the LDS Church at Cason and Webster. As he pulled up to check out the vehicle, a male exited the backseat very sweaty and stated, "I didn't touch her." Officer Herkamp then saw a 14-year-old female exit the vehicle. Sergeant Leake responded to cover and ultimately, the male, a registered sex offender, admitted to touching the teen and kissing her. He was arrested and lodged in jail on Sex Abuse charges. The girl was released to her older sister who is her guardian. Good proactive work by Officer Herkamp on this case.

**09-28-2020:**

K9 Officer Olson went to the K9 academy that is being conducted by Gresham PD K9 unit. Olson is a former student and is helping instruct at the academy on Mondays.