

Gladstone Police Department

Monthly Report

September 2023





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



CHIEF'S REPORT

September 2023

Greetings,

As a reminder, local elections take place on November 7, 2023. Before posting political signs, here are some helpful reminders:

- Residential properties may have two temporary signs with a total maximum size of 16 square feet for both signs.
- No sign shall extend into the public right of way; temporary signs must observe half of the zoning district setback which typically means the signs must be back 10 feet from the street property line, not the curb line.
- No sign shall be attached to a tree or utility pole.

As mentioned above, signs are not to be placed in the public right of way as outlined in the Gladstone Municipal Code. The police department is asking for the communities help in adhering to the sign code as any sign placed in the public right of way will be strictly enforced.

For more sign details you can visit the police departments website and view Chapter 17.52 of the Municipal Code.

Thank you in advance, I hope you have a wonderful and safe October.

Sincerely,

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

John Schmerber, Chief of Police



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT



SEPTEMBER 2023

"Respect ~Service ~Character ~Passion"

GENERAL STATISTICS/TYPE	THIS MONTH	YTD THIS YEAR	YTD LAST YEAR	% +/-	TOP 5 TRAFFIC CITE CHARGES	
Dispatched Incidents	554	4,846	4,976	-2.61%	Driving While Suspended	16
Officer Initiated Incidents	303	3,921	3,731	5.09%	Driving Uninsured	14
Total Number of Incidents	857	8,767	8,707	0.69%	Improper Display of License Plate	10
Police Reports Filed	283	2,594	2,844	-8.79%	Speeding	8
Traffic Contacts	187	2,697	2,024	33.25%	No Operators License	6
Citations Issued (Charges)	77	1,212	1,224	-0.98%	ALARM ADMINISTRATION REPORT	
Parking Citations Issued	17	81	121	-33.06%		
DUII	4	35	31	12.90%	Renewals Billed	N/A
Community Policing Contacts	13	123	191	-35.60%	Renewal Fees Collected	N/A
Murders	0	0	0	0.00%	New Permits Issued	N/A
K9 Deployments	6	25	35	-28.57%	False Alarms w/No Permit	N/A
Tow Releases	2	20	14	42.86%	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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SELECTED CALLS FOR SERVICE**	THIS MONTH	YTD THIS YEAR	YTD LAST YEAR	% +/-	SPECIFIC OVERTIME CATAGORIES	HOURS
Abuse/Neglect	2	22	31	-29.03%	Cover Short Shift	209.75
Accident/Injury or Fatal	1	16	16	0.00%	Court	20.5
Accident/Property Damage	5	59	62	-4.84%	Training	25
Assault	8	31	32	-3.13%	Presentations/Meetings	7
Burglary	5	24	22	9.09%	Grants	43.75
Domestic Disputes	11	173	157	10.19%	Special Assignment	5
Drugs/Narcotics	4	29	15	93.33%	K9	7
Disturbance-Fights-Noise	16	121	134	-9.70%	SRO	6
Forgery/Fraud	8	88	67	31.34%		
Hit and Run	3	41	36	13.89%		
Ordinance Violations	31	193	106	82.08%		
Runaway/Missing	8	38	48	-20.83%		
Sex Offense	4	23	39	-41.03%		
Suicide Attempt/Threat	4	40	49	-18.37%		
Suspicious Person or Circumstance	71	534	606	-11.88%		
Thefts	11	163	216	-24.54%		
Trespass/Prowler	14	95	125	-24.00%		
Vandalism	9	57	87	-34.48%		
Vehicles Recovered	1	23	33	-30.30%		
Vehicles Stolen	5	34	69	-50.72%		
Death(Not Suicide/Murder)	2	8	13	-38.46%		

**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

September 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. 23-018832- On September 8, 2023, A group of flag wave protesters had gather directly across from the new location of Happy Rock Coffee, which happens to be directly across the street from the Gladstone Community Center. Someone from the flag waving group yelled towards the Happy Rock Coffee gathering related to sexual orientation. A report was written to document the allegations of the statement made towards the protected group.

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

2. 23-018436 – On September 3, 2023, an officer was dispatched to a disturbance/fight in the 200 block of East Hereford St. A neighbor was upset about another neighbor being loud and partying for three days. Words were exchanged between neighbors, including derogatory slurs relating to the others sexual preference. Neighbors were trespassed from each other's property and separated for the night.

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 Yvonne McNeil

September 2023

Hello Gladstone community. My name is Yvonne McNeil, your new Community Services Officer that covers Community Code Compliance, Outreach and Events for the Police department within the city. I started at the beginning of the September and have been working with Sgt. Okerman, learning all about our city codes and the tools we have in place to help our community. I came to Gladstone Police with a background in traffic safety, as a volunteer with the Police department for seven years and had served on the Traffic Safety Advisory Board for eight years. I am Child Passenger Safety Technician. I have lived in Gladstone for more than 25 years. I have had the pleasure of working with many community members over the last month and look forward to working with many more in the years to come.

- 31 Citizen Contacts
- 9 Car seat checks
- 8 Slow Down yard signs distributed to the community
- 5 Bicycle helmets distributed to the community
- 3 Dog calls
- 11 Parking Citations
- 16 Vehicles tagged to be towed during the month.
 - 1 Towed
 - 3 Pending
 - 12 Vehicles moved
- 9 Ordinance Violations
- 3 Pool complaints
- 3 Chicken Permits required to be completed
- 4 Business License for Rental Properties required to be completed



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT Continued.....

Ordinance Violation *(completed)*

I received a complaint about a business with overgrown vegetation. The business owner was more than willing to abate all the nuisances, and did so very quickly.



Ordinance Violation *(completed)*

There was a pending complaint when I started, about a residence with overgrown vegetation. The homeowner has abated the nuisances.



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
MONTHLY REPORT Continued.....



Parking Violation (completed)

This vehicle had been left on the side of the street and abandoned. It did not appear to be operable. The vehicle was towed.

Junk Keeping (ongoing)



Currently working with an apartment complex management, on cleaning up several areas that are an issue. The three photos below have been cleaned up, with other areas still pending clean up by tenants. The management appears to be on top of the issue. Expecting this issue to be taken care of by management in the next 5-7 days and if it is not, citations maybe written.





GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVES MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



DETECTIVES MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Detective Fich

September, 2023

New Cases Assigned:

1. 23-018475 Sexual Abuse. Assigned 09/05/23
2. 23-018639 Rape 1, Sodomy 1, Strangulation, and Violation of Restraining Order. Assigned 09/06/23
3. 23-019334 Robbery, Menacing, Coercion, Theft, and Assault. Assigned 09/19/23
4. 23-019347 Identity Theft (Related to case 23-019334) Assigned 09/19/23
5. 23-020134 Sexual Abuse. Assigned 09/27/23

Current Caseload:

1. 23-007287 Sexual Abuse. Assigned 04/10/23. (Awaiting DNA forensic results)
2. 23-007432 Sexual Abuse. Out-of-state referral (Great Falls, Montana) Assigned 04/10/23
3. 23-009913 Sexual Abuse. Assigned 05/13/23
4. 23-017654 Sexual Assault. Assigned 08/25/23
5. 23-018098 Sexual Assault. Assigned 08/31/23
6. 23-018475 Sexual Abuse. Assigned 09/05/23
7. 23-018639 Rape 1, Sodomy 1, Strangulation, and Violation of Restraining Order. Assigned 09/06/23
8. 23-020134 Sexual Abuse. Assigned 09/27/23

Cases Cleared:

1. 23-016554. Sexual Assault. Case closed as unfounded on 09/04/23
2. 23-018213 Sexual Assault. Case suspended on 09/06/23 pending victim cooperation
3. 23-013024 Assault 1, Burglary 1. Case suspended pending further investigative leads on 09/22/23
4. 23-019334 Robbery, Menacing, Coercion, Theft, and Assault. Arrest warrant entered on 09/21/23. Case forwarded to the Clackamas County District Attorney's Office on 09/22/23.
5. 23-019347 Identity Theft (Related to case 23-019334) Case closed as a civil matter on 09/25/23

Sex Offender Registrations Completed: 0

Highlights/Noteworthy:

1. On September 13, 2023, a suspect was indicted by a Clackamas County Circuit Court Grand Jury on charges of Rape in the First Degree, Sodomy in the First Degree, Kidnapping in the First Degree, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Coercion, Strangulation, Assault in the Fourth Degree, Menacing, Burglary in the First Degree, Interference with Making a Report, Tampering with a Witness, and Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree. The suspect is in custody at the Clackamas County Jail. (GPD Case 23-018639)



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVES MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



DETECTIVES MONTHLY REPORT Continued.....

2. On September 18, 2023, Justin Tyler Dreger pled guilty in Clackamas County Circuit Court to two counts of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, two counts of Rape in the Third Degree, and one count of Sodomy in the Third Degree. He was sentenced to the custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections for a period of 30 months, 3-years of Post-Prison Supervision, and ordered to register as a sex offender. (GPD Case 22-011316)



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



K9 MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by: Officer Olson

September 2023

K9 Nanuk is a seven year-old German Shepherd born in Slovakia. At seven weeks old K9 Nanuk was sold to a man in Germany who started training K9 Nanuk. In Germany in order to breed a dog they must achieve a sport title. In Germany the primary sport is schutzhund. schutzhund training is comprised of three separate parts, they are obedience, tracking, and protection work. You can accomplish three levels of titles from this training. K9 Nanuk was imprinted with the beginning knowledge in schutzhund training however he was sold at a young age and he had not achieved a title. Most working dogs are sold to kennels where police agencies purchase them with some sport dog training up to titled dogs in sport training. The training is then adapted to police work.

Officer	K9 Deployments GPD	K9 Deployments Other Agencies	K9 Training Hours
Olson	1	5	36

In September, K9 Nanuk and I attended the Fall Oregon Police Canine Association training seminar in Springfield Oregon.

K9 Nanuk deployed six times in September obtaining a capture in Gladstone and a second capture in Lake Oswego.

Nanuk helped locate the suspect from a vehicle elude in Milwaukie that ended in Gladstone after the vehicle tires were spiked. The driver was taken into custody a short distance from the vehicle after being located.

Nanuk assisted Lake Oswego Police in locating a suspect with kidnapping warrants hiding inside a dog crate in an apartment. The suspect eventually surrendered and was taken into custody.



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Sgt. Okerman

September 2023

9/3 A dispute between neighbors erupted in the evening over the volume and content of a conversation. The situation escalated to the point slurs were yelled in both directions. Trespass warnings were issued to everyone involved and a bias incident report was completed.

9/5 A theft occurred at Walgreens. An officer was very close by and confronted the suspect in the parking lot. Stolen property was put in a vehicle being driven by another person. That person fled the scene in the vehicle, driving over a curb to get away from the officer who was on foot. The fleeing vehicle was located by other GPD officers and a detective from CCSO. The vehicle fled through town but the responding officers and deputies were able to keep visual on it. The vehicle broke down near Webster Rd and Oatfield Rd. A high-risk stop was conducted and the driver taken into custody. While all that was happening the original officer had located the original theft suspect hiding in the bushes near the store. Both subjects were taken to jail.

9/19 Two dogs from a house on Oatfield Rd got through a hole in the fence and into a neighbor's yard. The dogs attacked the neighbor dog causing significant injuries. The dogs made it back to the original house and the victim dog was taken to the vet. The owner of the dogs causing the injuries was issued a citation.

9/20 Officers responded to a house to assist a victim to getting back inside. They had been locked out during a violent incident and needed to rekey the house. Officers were able to gain access to the house and verify the suspect was not there.

9/21 A subject returned to a house she used to live at several years prior and was acting very suspicious. Police arrived and learned the subject had a warrant. The subject was arrested and transported to the Jail.

9/22 Officers responded to McLoughlin Blvd in front of Baskin Robbins for a crash. When they arrived there was a confusing scene involving a motorized bicycle and a seriously injured rider but no vehicle. Witnesses helped piece together the story that the front wheel of the bicycle fell off when it went up a ramp on the sidewalk at high speed. When the wheel fell off the rider crashed. This was confirmed by examining the wheel closely.

9/23 A vehicle was stolen from the Honda dealership lot when the key drop box was broken into and keys taken over night.

OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT Continued.....

9/27 Officers were called to an apartment on Risley Ave for a domestic. The argument started over one of the parties having a warrant. There were no crimes committed but the wanted subject was arrested.

9/28 Officers were called back to a residence where a violent crime occurred. The suspect was reportedly back inside the residence. When Officers arrived the suspect appeared to be barricading the doors but officers were able to confirm the suspect was inside. Given the nature of the crimes the suspect committed and being barricaded in the residence, the Clackamas County Interagency SWAT team and the Crisis Negotiation Team was called in. Multiple hours were spent trying to deescalate the suspect and get him to surrender but he refused. Tear gas and other tactics were used and the suspect was eventually located in the house and safely taken into custody.



9/29 A vehicle crashed through a fence and into a utility pole on River Rd. Officers responded and investigated. There were 145 feet of skid marks in the road. The driver admitted to driving 55 MPH in a 30 MPH zone when he swerved to avoid a car. The driver lost control and crashed into the utility pole, through the fence, and into a tree. The damage to the passenger side of the vehicle was extensive. The driver was the only occupant and suffered only minor bumps and bruising.



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Sgt. Graves

September 2023

09/02/23- Officers on patrol noticed a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of a church in the 8300 block of Cason Rd. Officers made contact with the occupants and one of them had a felony warrant for their arrest. They were taken into custody without incident.

09/06/23- Officers responded to 2 separate calls at the same address in the 6300 block of Caldwell in a matter of 90 minutes. (a known problem house) Both of the calls were for drug overdoses. In both incidents, officers used Narcan to revive the overdoses. Both subjects were transported to hospitals.

09/06/23- A victim came down to GPD to speak with an Officer about a Violation of Restraining Order that had just occurred. After speaking with the victim, Officers determined there were many other felony level crimes that had occurred. The victim notified Officers that the suspect was still in her home. Officers, including several outside agencies, responded to the location. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and transported to Clackamas County Jail. GPD Detective was called to the scene to further investigate the incident.

09/26/23- A suspicious circumstance was reported in the 17300 block of Craig Ct. From a prior incident, Officers were looking for a suspect that use to live at the address and had assaulted their parent and their partner. There were several felony level crimes that were committed during the incident. It was believed that the suspect broke back into the home and may be inside. Officers, several from outside agencies, responded to the location. A full search of the property and inside of the home were conducted. The suspect was not located.

OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Prepared by Sgt. Hutchinson

September 2023

September 1 – Officers responded to a domestic disturbance. No crime was established, but the female was acting erratic and being loud and uncooperative. She could not communicate if she wanted to hurt herself and was visibly having a mental episode. It was determined she was a danger to herself and she was taken to the hospital on a Police Officer Hold.

September 2 – Officers responded to a theft of a tip jar at the Black Rock Coffee. The suspect took all the money from the two workers and fled on foot. The victims did not see the direction the suspect fled towards, and unfortunately, the suspect was not located.



September 6 – Officers responded to a violation of a restraining order. The suspect was still at the residence. The victim-contacted officers at the Gladstone police department. She stated that the suspect had held her against her will since the night before, assaulted her, and raped her. Police Officers along with Clackamas County Deputies formulated a plan and made entry into the home. The suspect was ordered out at gunpoint. When the use of a Police K9 was threatened he finally surrendered without incident. The suspect was arrested and lodged at the Clackamas County Jail.

Officers responded to a report of a theft of rentable motorized Scooters. The owner of the company had located his scooters at an address in Gladstone. The suspect was on scene and in possession of 10,000 dollar's worth of stolen goods. The suspect was arrested for Aggravated Theft I.

OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT Continued.....

Officers conducted annual Taser training where Officers were recertified to carry their less lethal Tasers. Officer Olson volunteered to be the training dummy.



September 7 – Officers responded to an unwanted call. The homeowner’s son broke into the home with a crowbar and obtained items that he had there. The parents had obtained a restraining order, but it had not been served yet. The suspect’s behavior caused public alarm, and he will be charged with disorderly conduct and served the restraining order when he is located.

September 8 – Gladstone had a Music in the Park Event at the Community Center. The event was disrupted by a flag wave/protest across from the new home of Happy Rock Coffee and in front of the Gladstone Community Center. Both parties were contacted and advised police will be in the area.

September 9 – Gladstone officers attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding, the vehicle did an illegal u turn on Mcloughlin and eluded the police by driving recklessly at high rates of speed. Gladstone terminated the pursuit as it was not within policy. Oregon City Police later located the vehicle. The driver was Tased, and the suspect was arrested for DUII in addition to the Gladstone Charges.



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT Continued.....

September 13 – Officers responded to a crash on 82nd Drive near Wheeler Ct. A vehicle crossed two lanes of traffic traveling south and caused a collision between two other vehicles traveling North. Injuries were minor and the at-fault driver was cited and charged with providing false information of insurance.

September 15 – Officers responded to a disturbance where one resident at a home assaulted another, breaking his arm and causing other facial injuries. The suspect would not speak to police and was transported to the jail.

September 20 – Officers responded to Tukwilla Springs on a report of a theft of keys. The suspect is known and has warrants for his arrest. A search for the suspect was conducted, but he is still at large. From the condition of the woman's apartment, it is unsure if the keys were actually stolen.

September 22 – Officers responded to an assault that occurred at Kraxberger Junior High. A student was on video attacking another student. The students were interviewed. The suspect was suspended, and the matter was forwarded to the Juvenile Department.

Officers responded to a disturbance on Ridgewood Dr where 4 females went to a male's parent's residence and refused to leave. They struck the male and then fled the property. The females were later located after a brief chase. They were all cited for Criminal Trespassing.

September 23 – Officers responded to a welfare check of a male in his residence asking for help. The male was located and was not cooperative. He had a difficult time articulating what was wrong but wanted to go to the hospital. After a brief time of speaking with him, he stated he wanted to die. At that point, he was taken into police custody on Police Officer Hold and transported to the hospital.

RECORDS UNIT MONTHLY REPORT

Reported by: Executive Assistant Kristi Walls

September 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 will win a prize. We had no correct answer last month. The correct answer was at the Pow Wow Tree.

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 18 bike helmets this month!

Cathy Kerrigan, our Records Technician for the last 8 years, retired this month. She has always been involved with the community events including the Community Festival, Fourth of July BBQ, Bike Rodeo and the Halloween event. Every year Cathy has been the Elf for the Shop with a Cop event and the Easter Bunny for the Annual City Easter Egg Hunt.

We hope that Cathy can finally take time to enjoy her quilting, sewing and gardening. She will be greatly missed!





Where is K9 Nanuk? October 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

September 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
Hutchinson	Leadership	Yes	12
Olson	K9	Yes	24
Crotchett	Interview	No	24
Pavey	Interview	No	24
Orr	Labor	No	24
Butler	Labor	No	24
Fich	Investigation	No	8
Total			132

Sergeant Hutchinson attended the Fall Leadership Conference at DPSST. The Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and the Oregon State Sheriffs Association sponsor the conference jointly. The conference provided excellent leadership training from multiple angles and is a great opportunity to meet with other police leaders from around the state.

Officer Olson and K9 Nanuk attended the fall K9 conference. They received maintenance training, legal updates, and in-person scenario training in K9 deployments.

Officers Crotchett and Pavey attended Interview and Interrogation training. This is a three-day class to give advanced skills to newer officer's interview technics in a variety of situations. The class not only prepares officers for interrogating criminal but it gives skills in how to interview victims of crimes in compassionate and empathetic ways.

Officers Orr and Butler were able to attend premier labor/management training over a few days. This will help advance everyone's understanding of labor laws and employee/employer relations.



GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING UNIT MONTHLY REPORT TO CHIEF AND COUNCIL



TRAINING UNIT MONTHLY REPORT Continued.....

Yvonne McNeil also started in her new assignment as the new Community Service Officer. Her main duties are Code Compliance. Her training started in that area this month. She has volunteered with the Police Department for many years and is familiar with the agency and the area so she has a good head start but she is now learning all the city codes, radio procedures, and report writing.

Detective Fich attended an update training from the Oregon Department of Justice on investigations related to internet crimes against children. The DOJ changed how they are referring cases to local law enforcement and this training was to learn how the information was coming in and what investigative steps would need to happen with the changes.