



The Patrol

Serving the communities of Wayzata and Long Lake
IT'S WINTER OUT THERE

FROM THE CHIEF

As we end 2016 and usher in 2017, we can reflect on a very busy and productive year at the Wayzata Police Department. All of our staff have gone above and beyond and continue to work diligently on behalf of Wayzata's residents, business community, and visitors. We are very busy!

We track all of our "activities." These consist of calls for service, field generated activities by the officers, traffic stops, etc. We track everything. In 2014, we experienced a 15% increase over 2013. Activities rose an additional 10% in 2015. 2016 numbers are not all in, but year to date, we are up again. That's more than a 25% increase in what we are asking our officers and staff to do in just a three year period. I could not be more proud of the quality of work produced by our entire staff. Thank you to our 12 officers, Nicci, our Records Specialist, Heather, who has filled in part-time to assist with records, and Brandon, our Community Service Officer. The community is blessed to have such a dedicated staff in their police department!



Police Chief Mike Risvold

The winter months mean plenty of activity for us here in Wayzata. Many of the winter activities that bring the public into contact with the police department can result in a "not so great" experience.

Winter Driving – It happens every year. During the winter months, we experience poor road conditions. Snow, ice, freezing rain, cold, and wind all contribute to these poor driving conditions. There are several things that motorists can do to reduce the risk of a crash during these times. Slow down! This is number one! Give yourself more distance when following another vehicle. Put away the cell phone! Following just these three tips will greatly reduce your chances of being involved in a crash.

Ice Safety – What seems like common sense to many is not to some. Each year, first responders are called on to rescue people or vehicles that break through the ice on area lakes and ponds. We enjoy many activities on these bodies of water, but they need to be safe before we can put them to use. The guidelines from the MN DNR indicate the following ice thickness requirements: 4" for walking, 5" for ATV or snowmobile, 8-12" for a car or small truck, and 12-15" for a medium truck.

Winter Parking – Overnight parking is allowed in Wayzata except in areas where signs prohibit. The exception to this is during a snow emergency. If 2" of snow or more falls before 8PM, a snow emergency is automatically declared and overnight parking on all streets is prohibited. If at any time you have a doubt or a question as to a snow emergency, check the city's website at www.wayzata.org.

9-1-1 FOR RESPONSE

We've written about this before, but it is definitely worth repeating. Whenever you are requesting police response, we ask that you contact us by dialing 9-1-1. Historically, the 9-1-1 system was rolled out as an "emergency only" way to contact police. Through a very good educational campaign, we were all taught to use the system for emergency purposes only. This is no longer the case. We ask that any time you are looking to speak with or see an officer, contact police by dialing 9-1-1.



There were no such things as computers in police cars when 9-1-1 was rolled out. With the advent of the Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD), squads are equipped with computers. Dispatchers obtain initial information from the callers and enter that information into CAD. Call locations and addresses are mapped for officers to see. Any critical "Alert" data also appears, giving officers additional information and assisting with officer safety. All of this CAD data then self-populates into the officer's police report. These efficiencies provide for more streamlined response and decreased paperwork and data entry for the officer.



QUARTERLY STATISTICS

September 2016

Part 1 Crimes:

Robbery, homicide, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, shoplifting, theft from vehicles, theft, bicycle theft, etc. 18

Part 2 Crimes:

Non-weapon assaults, fraud, vandalism, drugs, DWI, liquor laws, suspicion, curfew, runaways, etc. 36

Traffic & Parking:

Citations, verbal warnings, written warnings, bike citations, etc. 245

Medical & Other:

Trespassing, medical, fire alarm, found property, hazardous conditions, MV accidents, etc. 445

October 2016

Part 1 Crimes:

Robbery, homicide, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, shoplifting, theft from vehicles, theft, bicycle theft, etc. 12

Part 2 Crimes:

Non-weapon assaults, fraud, vandalism, drugs, DWI, liquor laws, suspicion, curfew, runaways, etc. 31

Traffic & Parking:

Citations, verbal warnings, written warnings, bike citations, etc. 249

Medical & Other:

Trespassing, medical, fire alarm, found property, hazardous conditions, MV accidents, etc. 420

November 2016

Part 1 Crimes:

Robbery, homicide, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, shoplifting, theft from vehicles, theft, bicycle theft, etc. 8

Part 2 Crimes:

Non-weapon assaults, fraud, vandalism, drugs, DWI, liquor laws, suspicion, curfew, runaways, etc. 28

Traffic & Parking:

Citations, verbal warnings, written warnings, bike citations, etc. 194

Medical & Other:

Trespassing, medical, fire alarm, found property, hazardous conditions, MV accidents, etc. 402