



The Patrol

Serving the communities of Wayzata and Long Lake

OFFICER WILLIAM “BILL” MATHEWS

END OF WATCH - SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

On September 8, 2017 at 12:30 PM, Wayzata Officer Bill Mathews was struck and killed by a motor vehicle on Highway 12. It was the second line-of-duty death in the department’s history. Eight short days earlier, Wayzata remembered the 35th anniversary of the death of Sgt. James Anderson, who was shot and killed after responding to a domestic call.

Bill Mathews was one of the most beloved members of the department and had a heart that touched everyone he encountered. He leaves behind his wife Shawn and son Wyatt. The “Officer Bill Mathews Memorial Fund” has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to assist Bill’s family.

FROM THE CHIEF

Nothing can properly prepare a police chief or a police agency for a line-of-duty death. The loss of Officer Bill Mathews is simply devastating. Bill was the best of the best.

Bill’s wife, Shawn, told me that Bill never ever complained about having to go to work. She said that when he left their house for work each day, he had a smile on his face. I was able to tell Shawn that when Bill showed up for work each day, he had a smile on his face. When he went out on a call for service, he had a smile on his face. And he went home at the end of every shift, Bill had a smile on his face. He was just that kind of guy, and his smile was infectious to everyone he encountered. I can truly say that Bill made my day better every day that he came to work. He made us all smile. He worked extremely hard and was simply a great police officer. He was just a pleasure to be around. We mourn this enormous loss with the entire community.



Police Chief Mike Risvold





QUARTERLY STATISTICS

June 2017

Part 1 Crimes:

Robbery, homicide, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, shoplifting, theft from vehicles, theft, bicycle theft, etc. 10

Part 2 Crimes:

Non-weapon assaults, fraud, vandalism, drugs, DWI, liquor laws, suspicion, curfew, runaways, etc. 43

Traffic & Parking:

Citations, verbal warnings, written warnings, bike citations, etc. 370

Medical & Other:

Trespassing, medical, fire alarm, found property, hazardous conditions, MV accidents, etc. 518

July 2017

Part 1 Crimes:

Robbery, homicide, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, shoplifting, theft from vehicles, theft, bicycle theft, etc. 10

Part 2 Crimes:

Non-weapon assaults, fraud, vandalism, drugs, DWI, liquor laws, suspicion, curfew, runaways, etc. 32

Traffic & Parking:

Citations, verbal warnings, written warnings, bike citations, etc. 343

Medical & Other:

Trespassing, medical, fire alarm, found property, hazardous conditions, MV accidents, etc. 483

August 2017

Part 1 Crimes:

Robbery, homicide, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, shoplifting, theft from vehicles, theft, bicycle theft, etc. 13

Part 2 Crimes:

Non-weapon assaults, fraud, vandalism, drugs, DWI, liquor laws, suspicion, curfew, runaways, etc. 38

Traffic & Parking:

Citations, verbal warnings, written warnings, bike citations, etc. 309

Medical & Other:

Trespassing, medical, fire alarm, found property, hazardous conditions, MV accidents, etc. 453