



Police Department Report to the Des Moines Community April 6, 2023

Chief's Message:

I am happy to announce that our department had our final inspection for WASPC Re-Accreditation. We met with the program manager and after all reviews were complete, we were told that we **passed with a clean report**. That means that we are in full compliance with all policies and best practices in law-enforcement.

The purpose of law enforcement agency accreditation is to professionalize the law enforcement industry by providing a review process for agencies to be certified as operating under industry best practices and standards.

Benefits of Accreditation Include:

- To increase public confidence in the agency;
- To increase credibility;
- To provide systemized agency self-assessment;
- To broaden perspectives;
- To intensify administrative and operational effectiveness;
- To ensure recruitment, selection, and promotion processes are fair and equitable;
- To strengthen understanding of agency policies and procedures by agency personnel;
- To improve agency morale and pride;
- To decrease susceptibility to litigation and costly civil court settlements;
- To potentially reduce liability insurance costs;
- To provide state and local recognition of professional competence.

I am proud of our Police Department and the standards we keep!

Ken Thomas, Police Chief

Special Investigations Unit:

We continue to hire police officers and have attended several community, college and military recruiting events last month.

Our Field Training Officers have been assigned to 46 potential applicants we acquired from our recent "Diversity Recruiting Event". Many of these interested people have already come in for station tours or been out on ride-a-longs with patrol.

Two lateral police officers accepted employment offers and are expected to start in May. A third lateral police officer just completed the background investigation and is expected to be offered a position soon. We continue looking for committed and caring people to serve our community as police officers, records specialists and volunteers. If you are interested, please visit us at www.desmoineswa.gov and click on "We're Hiring".

Street Crimes



DMPD Street Crimes Detectives worked in coordination with our federal partners to investigate an illegal drug operation. The outcome of this investigation recovered about 108 lbs. of processed illegal marijuana. This investigation began as a neighborhood complaint!

Street Crimes



Street Crimes Detectives continue to investigate the prolific problem of auto theft plaguing our community. Recently, our detectives observed a suspect actively attempting to steal a motor vehicle. While awaiting additional patrol officers responding to assist, the suspect was unsuccessful in starting the vehicle and fled on foot. Detectives observed the suspect running while carrying a pistol in his hand. Detectives and officers were able to stop and detain the suspect without anyone being hurt. They then recovered a pistol modified to a fully automatic with an extended high capacity magazine. The suspect was arrested and charged.

DMPD TIP LINE 206-870-6871

Getting People Services Team



DMPD Crisis Responder (on left) getting people connected

Our GPS Team reached out to over 100 homeless people in the month of March to offer services and resources. Of those, 40 people accepted at least some sort of service or resource. This is a huge success for us.

- ✓ One of our successes included getting a refugee family of six off the streets. The family was sent here from California for an immigration hearing, however, they had nobody to contact and nowhere to stay. Our GPS Team found the family sitting outside of the library waiting for an unknown ride. We determined the family had no place to stay and no means to get anywhere. While waiting for resources and shelters to be able to assist, we placed the family in a hotel for the night and provided them with food. The next day, resources came together and we were able to locate an area shelter willing to take the entire family.
- ✓ The GPS Team continues to assist patrol with calls for service where the police are not necessarily needed. These calls included unwanted persons, welfare checks, trespassing and juvenile problems. We also held a "Homeless Resource Fair" in coordination with our regional partners. We were able to offer free and low cost mobile phones to those in need.

- ✓ Our goal next month is to add health care resources for those in need of medical services.
- ✓ Assisting patrol during a welfare check – the GPS team was able to contact a local service team and they provided us an opportunity to bring a person to their location. They took the person from us, transported to St. Anne’s Hospital and upon release the person will be brought back to their location and admitted into an intense 6 month program.
- ✓ The team found an older woman sleeping in front of a local church. It was 40 degrees out and she was cold. We were able to gather her belongings and take her to the Federal Way Day Center and she was connected to a case worker and they assured us that they would house her that day. In the meantime she could shower, wash her clothes, get something to eat and warm up.



One of the goals for Code Enforcement this month was to work with owners of derelict properties within the city where grass and weeds have become overgrown and an eye-sore for our community. We were able to connect with several property owners who agreed to clean up in lieu of fines. Code enforcement will continue to work with additional properties in order to clean them up as well.

Code Enforcement is working with the owners of 7-11 at 2904 S. Kent Des Moines RD to assist with resources to help the store re-open. The owner hopes the store will re-open within the month.



Code Enforcement worked in coordination with our GPS Team and Patrol in order to address complaints of a large homeless camp in the south end of the city. It was determined this was not an active homeless camp, but rather an area of illegal dumping. We will continue to monitor and investigate to charge those who have been illegally dumping garbage and abandoned property.

Criminal Investigations Unit



March proved to be a busy month for investigations:

- ✓ Patrol Officers were dispatched to a suspicious death investigation on Marine View Drive. There was a male subject deceased on a bed in a house behind the Masonic Home, and a female on the same mattress that was not responsive. She was transported to Valley Hospital where she remains on a ventilator. The male subject's cause of death was fentanyl overdose. Valley Hospital personnel advised the female tested positive for cannabis and fentanyl when she arrived.
- ✓ An armed robbery occurred at the 7-11 located at 820 Kent Des Moines Road. There were three suspects involved with this crime. The suspects were not wearing gloves, and multiple items were submitted into evidence and will be sent to AFIS for processing.
- ✓ On March 24, 2023 at approximately 1300 hours, Patrol Officers from the Des Moines Police Department were dispatched to a report of an abduction involving a 1-year old child, occurring in the 21600 block of 24th Ave S. Initial information revealed that at approximately 0600 hours, a male individual known by the child's mother, had taken the child, and left the location without permission. An Amber Alert was issued and the child was subsequently found abandoned at an apartment complex located in Vancouver, WA. A Good Samaritan who located the child contacted the Vancouver Police Department. The child was safe and was reunited with family. Detectives from the Des Moines Police Department are continuing to investigate the incident.
- ✓ An armed robbery case occurred at the 7-11 located at 820 Kent Des Moines Road. One suspect in this case he had what appeared to be a shotgun. There were no injuries sustained, and the suspect stole cash, and a cash drawer prior to fleeing the business on foot.

Patrol Team

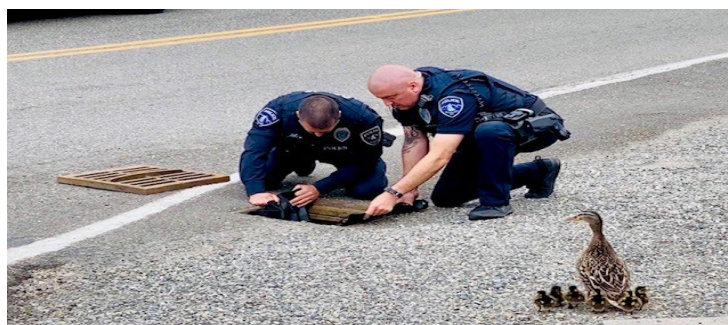


Officers stopped a vehicle and discovered the driver was a suspect in a homicide investigation by Tacoma Police Department. The driver was detained without incident and was turned over to Tacoma Police.

Several Officers read to students at Saint Philomena and North Hill Elementary for the “Read Across America” challenge.

Patrol joined students and faculty for lunch at the Why Not You Academy to develop positive relationships with Law Enforcement at the Academy.

Officers also participated in a Business Outreach meeting to foster relationships between DMPD and the local business community.



Incident Calls for March

1,576 March Calls for Service

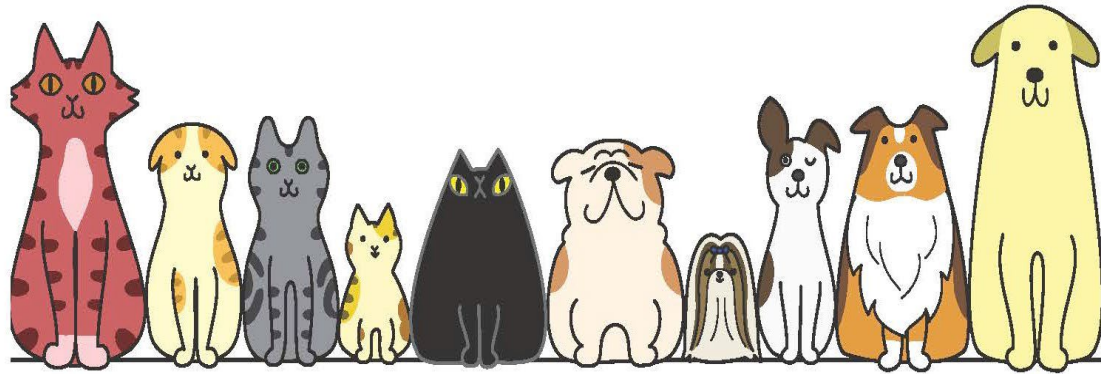
Shootings	3	(shots fired)
Collisions	58	
Alarms	53	
Auto Theft	44	
Auto Recoveries	28	
Domestic Violence	34	
Sex Offences	4	
Thefts	45	
Wellness checks	116	(Mental Health)
Involuntary Commit	5	(Mental Health)

Pacific Highway Violence Prevention

Pacific Highway 675.5 patrol (hours)

#Arrests/Citations	20	
# of Warnings Issued	267	
# Traffic Stops	74	
#Suspicious Vehicles/Persons	369	Contacted
# People Offered Services	100	





Des Moines / C.A.R.E.S.

**Contracted Dedicated Animal Control Services to
the City of Des Moines**

March had 7 Animal Cases Investigated and
8 Animals taken into the shelter from Des Moines

To Contact Animal Control Officer Miller:

Emergency:

Dial 911

All other Calls:

206-812-2727

Email: DesMoinescares@desmoineswa.gov

FREE
MICROCHIPPING



Free Microchipping Event

36 Animals were chipped for free on April 1st at the Des Moines Police Station! Our next free event will be during the summer at the Farmers Market! Date to be announced soon.



✓ ***April 20th 10am -11am
Judson Park Senior Living***

✓ ***May 6th 9:30am to 10:30am
Midway Donuts***

For more information contact CSO Tonya Seaberry at (206) 870-7619

Des Moines Police Department | Des Moines Parks & Recreation

FREE! SELF DEFENSE TRAININGS

AT THE DM FIELD HOUSE



MIDDLE SCHOOL
AGES 10-14
FRIDAYS, 2-4PM
APRIL 14, 21, 28

ADULT WOMEN
AGES 16+
TUES/TH, 6-8:30PM
MAY 16, 18, 23, 25



Instructor:
**TONYA
SEABERRY**

DMPD Community
Service Officer

More Info & Registration

www.desmoineswa.gov/daysmart