



OFF THE CUFF

A WEEKLY
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THE APPLE VALLEY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

AUGUST 14, 2019

Officers: Todd Soderholm, Sean McKnight, Jon Holle, Brian Bone, Valerie Holes, Tommie Booth, Mike Thelen, Kurt Schultz, Tara Becker, Joel Horazuk, Brian Plantz, Michael Tietz, Shane Klokonos, Nic Wolf, Marcus Smith, Zach Broughten, Dan Schyma, Justin Drogseth, Jeff Weber, Peter Meuwissen, Gregory Neumann, David Engel, Krista Erickson, Joel Pogatchnik, Cody Yard, Chris Curtis, James Gibbs, Cory Christianson, Kasey DeJonker, Tony Parker, Wil Hooper, David Fry, Nicole Wilson, Brian Booth, Kailie Hinkle, Sean Marben, Colleen Strohmayer, April Ehmke, Dylan Ordorff, Jordan Mack, Miranda Demo

Sergeants: Jeff Smith, Peter Matos, Jim Gummert, Jason Weishaar, Adam Tschida, David Virden, Adam Keeler, Alan Spillers, Josh Gerving

Records: Terry McNulty, Missy Nelson, Alice House, Karen Shaw, Shonda Sauter, Annie Thielen, Kim Kongso

CSOs: Justin Wagner, Alex Walker

Maintenance: Bruce Daubanton

Crime Prevention: Pam Walter

Property Clerk: Denis Schweitzer

Administration: Jon Rechtzigel, Nick Francis, Greg Dahlstrom, Steph Mellesmoen

Renter Problems – Officers assisted a property owner navigating the removal of a tenant over the course of multiple days. The property owner called Thursday, August 8th at 6:15 p.m. as he did not believe the tenant and her family were going to move out the following day as agreed upon and ordered by the court. The property owner and tenant were formerly in a romantic relationship. Officer Brian Booth arrived and spoke with the owner as well as the tenant who was supposed to be moving out with her family. He reviewed documentation that ordered the tenant to vacate the property no later than Friday August 9th. The owner was told to call back if the tenant did not leave by the end of the day on Friday. The owner called back at approximately 10:30 p.m. on Friday August 9th asking that officers remove the renter and have a K-9 sniff the renter's basement living area. This time, Officer Mack responded and spoke with the property owner. He reviewed the same paperwork as well as the officers dispatch notes from the previous day. The owner was again advised we could not force the renter to move before the judge ordered them to. Also, Officer Mack advised the owner that we could not conduct a K-9 search of someone's property without probable cause or a warrant. Approximately one hour later, officers were called back due to a dispute. Officers advised once again that the eviction process had to play out and the tenant could not be forced to leave. The property owner stated he was very stressed out and emotional because of the eviction process. He stated he might leave town just to get away from the process until it was done. At 3:40 p.m. officers were called to the residence for a 4th time by the owner requesting we remove the resident and conduct a K-9 sniff. The cycle repeats. Once again at 11:59 p.m. the owner called again as the tenant was still at the home. Officer Fry responded and now had a valid reason to request the tenant to move. They did so with no problems. At 1:00 p.m. on Saturday August 10th officers were dispatched to the home again as the former tenant had property they forgot to take with them including clothes, a computer, and other personal items. Officer Tietz escorted the female to the home to retrieve the property. The owner was on site and agreed to return the property to the former tenant. At 4:30 p.m. the property owner called again to report he located some drug paraphernalia in the residence. The property was picked up and disposed of. Officer Brian Booth was called back to the residence on Monday August 11th at 6:15 p.m. to retrieve even more property that the former tenant forgot. Officers stood by for about 30 minutes for this to take place. One hour later the owner called once again and had some additional questions about the situation. Officers dedicated an inordinate amount of time to this situation over the course of several days. Research has shown that domestic violence has a high risk of taking place during a break-up or a moving process so our efforts are aimed at the safety of all involved.



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OUR MISSION

To protect our community and improve quality of life through service, education, and enforcement.

OUR VALUES

Service – We value the opportunity to provide service in a manner that is fair, courteous, compassionate and responsive.

Integrity – We value courage, candor, honesty and ethical behavior by all members of our department.

Responsibility and

Accountability – We value the effective use of resources.

Professionalism – We value professionalism by having a clear sense of commitment, perspective and direction.

Pride and Satisfaction – We value our work in making our community safe. We believe our work is a calling that helps society and is a source of reward and satisfaction.



Tip A Cop - In August, our officers teamed up with staff at the Crooked Pint restaurant for the annual Tip a Cop fundraiser for MN Special Olympics. Our officers serve as celebrity waiters, serving the customers, and give all of the tips they receive to Special Olympics of Minnesota. This year our officers raised \$1905.00 for Special Olympics. Thank you to all of you that donated to this tremendous cause, and thank you to all of

our officers for helping out that day.

Employee Issues - On August 12th, Officer Weber responded to a business on a report of an employee causing an issue. Upon arriving at the business, Officer Weber learned that the employee was causing a verbal disturbance at the business. The manager said the employee was homeless and was not supposed to work until 4:00 p.m. The manager said the employee was storing his belongings at the business and she wanted them removed. She also said the employee had mental health issues and could no longer have him at the business. The employee said the manager just wanted his managerial job, but agreed to leave the business. Officer Weber offered the employee resources for housing assistance, but the employee declined the help and left the business without causing further issues.

Domestic Disturbance - Officers Broughten, Christianson, and Thelen arrived at a home on August 13th just before 5:00 p.m. for a domestic disturbance. Officers spoke to the male half of the dispute, he had a beer in his hand while he spoke to officers and appeared to be very intoxicated. The man denied there was any issues at the home. However, the female half of the dispute told officers that the man had physically assaulted her and also made some verbal threats regarding her safety. When questioned further, the man did admit he had gotten “angry” and “stupid.”

As officers spoke the woman, they learned that the couple was engaged to be married and had been together for approximately two years. She advised the officers that her fiancé had been drinking heavily as he usually does on his days off. She said he had accused her of cheating on him and started pulling her hair while she was on their bed. He continued to pull her hair until she fell out of bed. She went on to say he pulled her by her hair around the house and garage various times throughout the day.



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As the day went on, the fiancé pushed, hit, and choked the woman. The choking portion of the assault occurred on the bed and on the couch. At one point, the fiancé grabbed a plastic fork and started stabbing her in the left arm. The woman eventually locked herself in the bedroom and called 911. The fiancé was arrested and taken to the Dakota County Jail on multiple charges.

Lights On! – The Apple Valley Police Department is now participating in an innovative program that replaced citations with repair vouchers. Lights On! is a unique opportunity for the police department to positively interact with the community through our traffic enforcement efforts. Here's how it works: Officers who make a traffic stop for a lighting equipment violation (headlight out, tail light out, etc.) will have vouchers to give motorists instead of a traffic ticket. The motorist then locates a participating auto center near them to have their equipment repaired at no cost to them. Low income drivers often face the dilemma of repairing their broken headlight or buying food for their family. The Lights On! program assists these drivers by avoiding multiple traffic interactions with law enforcement. The vouchers allow officers an amazing opportunity to leave a positive impact on drivers in our community. Finally, we are assisting with keeping safely operational vehicles on our roads which benefits everyone. Special thanks to Dicks Valley Service and Superior Service Center in Apple Valley for partnering in this program. For more information, visit <https://www.lightsonus.org/>

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