



Apple Valley Police

Weekly Digest

September 27, 2023

Service Highlight — Assisting with Directions

September 20, 2023, 10:00 am


Officer Ehmke was on routine patrol when a woman flagged her down. The woman reported she was lost and needed directions to her dental office, however she didn't know the name of the dental practice and didn't have a phone to call her husband to ask him. Officer Ehmke was able to assist her in finding the business and the woman was given directions on how to get there.

At 12:30 pm Officer Ehmke called the dental office and was informed the woman made it to her appointment but had since left. Officer Ehmke then called her husband and he reported she had not made it home. Officer Ehmke searched the area where the dental office was and the woman's home but was unable to locate her. At 1:05 pm, the woman phoned Officer Ehmke back and reported she had made it home.


OUR MISSION

Protecting our community and improving quality of life through **service, education, and enforcement.**

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From the Log

Education Highlight — Citizens Academy

September 2023



The police department offers many educational programs for community members. This September we are hosting a Senior Citizens Academy and an Adults With Disabilities Academy. Both programs offer an inside view of the Apple Valley Police Department with topics specific to each group including an overview of our department and tour of the facility. We tried to catch Chief Francis in his office with our Senior group but since he was out most likely taking care of important business, we snapped a photo of the group at his desk! At our Adults with Disabilities Academy, we were treated to an impromptu K9 demo when Officer Witkowski started his shift while we were in the back lot checking out a squad car! These unique educational programs allow our officers the chance to interact with a variety of residents we serve.



Enforcement Highlight — Up To No Good

September 22, 2023, 8:46 pm

Officer Booth was dispatched to a retail store on a report of a male customer concealing merchandise. Staff at the store provided a description of the man and described what he was doing. When Officer Booth arrived, store loss prevention staff had stopped the man and a woman he was with. They had pushed out a cart full of merchandise worth over \$990. As Officer Booth approached, the man started walking away. He was apprehended and attempted to discard a black bag from the front pocket of his sweatshirt. After officers placed him under arrest, the woman he was with picked up the bag and tried to walk back into the store. Officer Booth ordered her to give him the bag and upon inspection, found it contained four small clear bags containing a crystal-like substance. The man denied the bag was his. He was also found to have wire cutters in his pocket. He was arrested for possession of burglary tools (wire cutters), 5th degree possession of drugs and theft and transported to the Dakota County Jail.



FROM THE LOG

Officers have daily contact with citizens for various reasons. Most are responses to calls received by our dispatch center, and some are self-initiated by officers themselves. All officer responses are recorded in a daily log of calls for service. Below are noteworthy comments from officers responding to recent calls:

- 9/19/23, 11:10 am – Disturbance/Disorderly
 - Dispatcher: Caller reporting an audible siren sounding for the last 20 minutes. Unknown where it's coming from. Asked for a return call if there's anything to be concerned about.
 - Officer: Located a Zero Res carpet cleaning van on the road with a loud vacuum. Same sound heard by the caller's home. Advised of findings.
- 9/22/23, 12:23 pm – Welfare Check
 - Dispatcher: Caller reporting there is a person sitting on the bus bench, wearing all black clothing with red paint on them.
 - Officer: Party was wearing makeup and stated she was a "scare actor" waiting for the bus. The bus arrived while on scene. Nothing further needed.
- 9/24/23, 3:25 am – Suspicious Activity
 - Officer: Located an occupied vehicle in the lot. Detected an odor of marijuana. Driver stated he was staying at the location and was about to smoke a blunt. Advised him marijuana was legal, but it was not legal to smoke in public.
- 9/24/23, 5:31 pm – Traffic Stop

Driver stopped for hands-free violation. Driver was seen holding her cell phone with both hands and watching football while sitting southbound Cedar Ave. at Co. Rd. 42 at the red light. She then put the cell phone in the area above the steering wheel where the speedometer is so she could continue watching hands free. When the passenger saw me next to them, he told the driver, and she faced the phone screen down but still had it in the speedometer cubby area. When stopped, the driver admitted to the hands-free violation. She said she was watching a "football speech" as she was listening to KFAN radio. Driver was cited for the hands-free violation.



PREVENTION INFORMATION

Officers respond to many complaints regarding parking. The City's ordinance prohibits parking on city streets between the hours of 3:00 am and 6:00 am. Exemptions include when your driveway or residential parking lot is under construction or when a residential driveway is completely full of vehicles. Parking is also prohibited at any time within 30 feet of an intersection, within 10 feet of a mailbox or fire hydrant, on or blocking a sidewalk or where signs prohibit. On street parking is also prohibited at any time City snowplowing or snow removal operations are in progress.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 28, 2023
 - 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Apple Valley Aquatic Center parking lot
 - Dress the kiddos up in their Halloween costumes and come trick-or-treat from vehicle to vehicle!

