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Chief Kevin J. Wintle

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Dear Council:

Even though February is a short month, the month of February felt like a long month for the police department. All the officers are working hard, and I am trying to keep my overtime budget down with a lack of manpower. Full-time Officer Warren Ackerman is currently on maternity leave with their arrival of their baby girl. Already being shorthanded completing the February schedule has been difficult, but it is now completed. I would like to congratulate Tyler J. Rolfe from Garland, who has successfully completed his part-time training for the Dexter Police Department and is a certified part-time officer. Even though I have two full-time vacancies I am getting numerous applications, but like with other towns I'm having a hard time filling these vacancies because the applicants need more training.

The next council meeting Frank Spizoko called me and told me he'd be in attendance. Frank told me that Kevin Jordan has drafted a temporary 2016-2017 budget and the school resource officer position has been placed into that plan. We'll be talking about this at a later time.

We've been having several car accidents throughout the month of February, and I would have to say public works, in my opinion, is doing a wonderful job. People are just driving too fast or they are distracted while driving. When I state distracting that could be anywhere from texting, talking on their cell phone, or other distracted driving issues. The Dexter Police Department as a whole is watching for these violations.

I have made changes within the police department for officers to complete the JPMA training. Every four months JPMA post different trainings, and I am asking the officers to complete these trainings within those four months so we are not scrambling at the end of the year to complete the training. We are also conducting training through March with an on-hands training, which we will be covering the updated laws on medical marijuana. These laws are changing

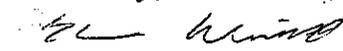
continuously so I want to make sure the police department personnel are trained to the best of our ability.

I am seeing a decrease of OUIs, therefore I will not be putting in for an OUI grant for the year of 2016. This does not mean we won't be looking for OUIs, but like a lot of agencies we are having difficulties filling extra details.

I will be looking through the Department of Highway Safety for a grant on distracted driving, mainly texting. This grant, if awarded, this will give us the opportunity to work shifts throughout the day trying to find people texting while driving. This is a problem throughout the country. At some point this month I will be contacting and hopefully meeting up with the Orono Chief of Police, Chief Ewing, who I also went to the academy with. Chief Ewing got updated body cameras for his officers. If I understood it right, they were low cost and for the money the best ones on the market. After an officer's shift is over they take the body camera off and it downloads into a server at the police department, time and date throughout the shift on events.

In closing the Dexter Police Department has worked hard for the month of February and the team is slowly being rebuilt as it once was. If you have any questions, please call me at the office or email me at policechief@dextermaine.org Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


Chief Kevin Wintle

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Nature of Incident	Total Incidents

Agency: Dexter PD	
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Administrative Delivery	5
Agency Assistance	7
Alarm	6
Animal Problem	6
Attempt to Locate	1
ATV/ Motorcycle Problem	1
Citizen Assist	7
Civil Matter	5
Communications Problem	4
All Court Papers	1
Criminal Mischief	2
Deliver Message	1
Overtime Detail	1
Disorderly Conduct	3
Controlled Substance Problem	1
Erratic Vehicle Operation	8
Family Fight/Domestic	7
Found Property	5
Fraud	5
911 Hangup	6
Harassment	2
Information Report	27
Juvenile Problem	1
Lockout	7
Lost Property	1
Motorist Assist Program	3
Ambulance or Medical Assist	7
Mental Health Problem	1
911 Misdial	3
Operating After Suspension	1
Parking Problem	3
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	14
Traffic Accident w/ Injuries	3
Probation/Parole Violation	1
Property Watch/House Check	57
Public Service/Meeting	1
Federal/State Criminal Check	5
Special Patrol	23
Subpoena Service	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	5
Theft	4
Traffic Hazard	2
Traffic Offense	15
Traffic Stop	60
Training	1
Unsecure Premise	1
Violation Of Protection Order	2
Person Wanted Out	5
Warrant Arrest	4
Weapon Storage	3
Welfare Check	5

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Nature of Incident Total Incidents

Total Incidents for This Agency: 351

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Report includes:

All dates between `00:00:01 02/01/16` and `23:59:59 02/29/16`
All agencies matching `DEPD`
All natures
All locations
All responsible officers
All dispositions
All clearance codes
All observed offenses
All reported offenses
All offense codes
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