



Evart Police Department

Evart, Michigan

February 2015

DEPARTMENT NEWS

The month of February brought many challenges to the police department. Bitter cold plagued us with high temperatures never reaching above 34 degrees while lows reached the negative 20s. Snowfall in some amount was recorded all but four days of the month. The department has also struggled with the reduction in manpower due to the departure of Officer Juday. Officer Juday accepted a position with the City of Big Rapids Police Department beginning February 1st. We wish him success with his new department.

The full time officer position was recently posted with MCOLES. The position for part-time officer remains unfilled. Even with the job being posted on multiple sites, very few applications have been received. One interview was conducted for the position but the background check revealed information that eliminated the applicant as a candidate.

Chief Backing attended the MACP Professional Development conference in Grand Rapids February 4th – 6th. Sessions included, Risk Management, and Critical Incident Management. Sergeant Beam attended Glock training and Taser Recertification. We look forward to an upcoming training in Traffic Incident Management during the month of March.

Sergeant Beam participated in the Chippewa Lake Polar Plunge on February 28th to benefit the Special Olympics. He braved temperatures hovering in the low 20s to be a part of this community event. Great job Sergeant Beam!



Sergeant Beam in conjunction with Michigan State Police , conducted a presentation at the Evert High School which advised students about the dangers of social media and electronic communication. The timeliness of exposing high school students to this information is critical. Not only are they informed of the risks to their privacy and reputations but the legal ramifications and the damage to their permanent records.



During February 2nd's City Council Meeting – Sergeant John Beam Jr. (39-K9) was presented with a Life Saving Award on behalf of The Michigan Chiefs of Police, Evert Police and Osceola County EMS. Last summer Sergeant Beam responded to a medical call 15 minutes prior to the end of his 12 hour shift. Based on testimony of Osceola County Paramedic Steve Stiffler – had Sergeant Beam not responded to the call, the outcome would not have been as successful. City Hall was packed with family, friends, co-workers and citizens to congratulate him on this honorable award.



Also during February 2nd's City Council Meeting – two reserve officers (Ryan Douglas and TJ Keena) were sworn in by the City Clerk and Chief Backing.



EVART POLICE DEPARTMENT

Teresa Swift-Eckert Administrative Assistant 39-0

Chief Kendra Backing 39-1

Sergeant John Beam/Yogi 39-K9

Ryan Douglas Reserve Officer

TJ Keena Reserve Officer

CRIME REPORT



ARRESTS

The Evert Police Department made (1) arrest this month; zero (0) Chief Backing, one (1) by Sergeant Beam

Included in the attached figures are calls for court detail, area checks, follow-up investigation and miscellaneous paperwork. The total number of calls for the month with an Evert patrol officer as the primary unit was 64.

TRAFFIC

The department conducted 21 traffic stops, and handled 2 accidents involving a vehicle. The officers issued 4 traffic citations with a total of (4) charges. The following data breaks down citations issued, charges issued, and verbal warnings given.

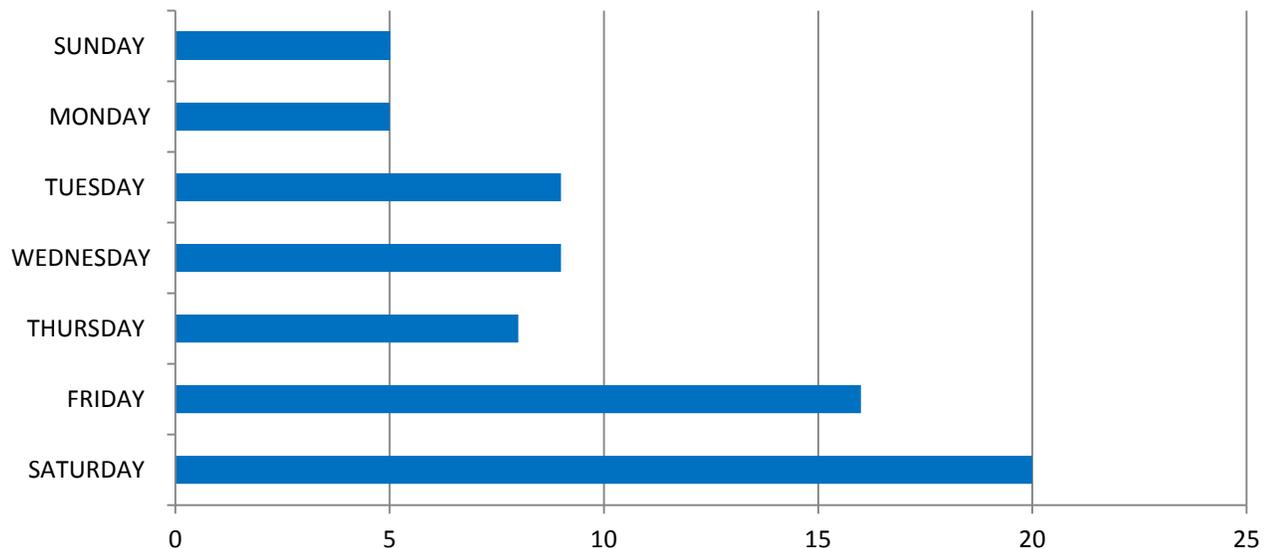
OTHER CITABLE OFFENSES

The officers issued 0 citation(s) for City Code Violations this month.

BLIGHT OFFENSES

The officers will begin enforcing blight violations in the spring.

NUMBER OF CALLS -DAY OF THE WEEK- FEB 2015



TRAFFIC DETAIL FEB. 2015

Officer	Tickets Issued	Charges Issued	Verbal Warnings	Total Stops
Backing	0	0	0	0
Beam	4	4	17	21
TOTAL	4	4	17	21

Other Citable Offenses

Officer	Tickets Issued	Charges Issued
Backing	0	0
Beam	0	0
Total	0	0

