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Data Trends

Total number of calls were up 9.1% from 2023

A total of 1529 calls were made up from 1401 in October of 2023.



Total Enforcement Activity issued up 26.4%

Deputies deputies made 635 traffic contacts in October up from 502 in September.



Total Traffic crashes the month were down 3.7%

Deputies responded to 156 traffic crashes down from 162 in September.



Total Medical calls for the month were down 16.5%

There were 126 medical calls down from 151 in September.



Community Events and Training:

The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,525 calls for service within Holland Township during the month of October. The Paramedic Unit responded to 126 medicals. The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office policed 156 traffic crashes and made 635 traffic stops.

The following are activities that occurred within Holland Township or involved Holland Township Community Policing/Paramedic Units during the month of October.

Noteworthy E-Unit/Deputy Medical Response:

E-Unit Deputy Easdon and E-Unit Deputy Forrest were dispatched to a 57-year-old male who was not breathing. Deputies were on scene within 3 minutes of the call and started emergency lifesaving care. The 57-year-old patient regained a strong pulse and was loaded into the ambulance. E-Unit Deputy Easdon rode in the ambulance with the patient to continue care while enroute to the hospital.

Community Policing:

C.L.E.A.R (Coalition Leadership Education Advice Rehabilitation)

- Migrant Resource Council
- Ottawa Area Safe School Network Fall Conference
- High School Football Games
- "Together we can" Appreciation Breakfast with Resilience
- Fall Festival at local church
- Walk a Thon at local School
- I-196BL Weekly progress meeting with MDOT
- Trunk or Treat with local School PTA
- Meeting with local Apartment Manager
- Trunk or Treat at Salvation Army



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Training:

Critical Response Team (CRT) Training

- Critical Response Team (CRT) Sniper Training
- Drone Team Training
- Shooting Scene Investigation / Detective Training
- Basic SWAT certification / 40 hour course in Alpena MI
- Force Science / 36 hour course
- AXON body worn camera training

Legal Liability Issues for School Resource Officers

Patrol Inservice 12 hour (topics covered)

- De-escalation
- Firearms Qualifications
- Medical Treatment for gunshot wound

Respectfully Submitted,
Sgt. Brad Bennett



November brings hunters out in droves throughout West Michigan

November in Michigan is a prime time for hunters, especially with the opening of the firearm deer season. However, ensuring a safe and enjoyable hunting experience requires preparation and adherence to safety protocols.

First, always wear proper safety gear, including blaze orange or pink to enhance visibility. Ottawa County Sheriff's Office reminds residents to be safe on the roads and safe when enjoying outdoor recreation.

It's a state requirement for hunters during firearm seasons to wear at least 50% of their outer clothing in bright colors to prevent accidents. Before heading out, double-check your firearm, ensuring it is clean and functioning properly. Keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction, and always be aware of what's beyond your target. Never shoot unless you have a clear, safe shot. Also, be mindful of your physical and mental state. Fatigue, hunger, or distractions can impair judgment and reaction times, so take regular breaks and stay hydrated.

Familiarize yourself with Michigan's hunting regulations, including bag limits and hunting zones. These rules are essential not only for conservation but also for safety. Respect private property and always ask for permission before hunting on land that isn't publicly accessible.