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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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TRUSTWORTHY TIPS: KEEPING WARM IN THE WINTER COLD

Winter in Minnesota brings its own set of challenges, and staying safe in the cold starts with a few simple habits. As temperatures drop, it's important for everyone to be prepared for whatever the season brings.

One of the most effective ways to stay safe is to dress for the weather before you're in it. Layering clothing, wearing insulated boots, and choosing hats and gloves that block wind can prevent hypothermia and frostbite. Even quick trips outside can become dangerous when temperatures plunge, so keep an eye on the weather and bundle up each time you head out.

Inside your home, make sure you have a basic winter emergency kit. Items like extra blankets, a flashlight, bottled water, shelf-stable food, and a battery-powered radio can be invaluable during power outages or severe storms. Your vehicle should have its own kit as well; jumper cables, a shovel, warm clothing, snacks, and a small first-aid kit can make a big difference if you become stranded. A fully charged phone and a topped-off gas tank are also smart habits this time of year.

When warming up your vehicle, remember: never leave it running and unattended, even for a short time. While it's tempting to let it heat up, an idling, unlocked vehicle can be a quick target for theft. Stay with your vehicle or use remote start features that keep doors locked without leaving keys inside.

Our pets need winter safety, too. As a general rule, if it's too cold for you, it's too cold for them. Limit their outdoor time, watch for signs of cold stress, and provide warm shelter if they must be outside. Bringing them indoors during extreme temperatures is the best way to keep them healthy and safe.





ASK A COP - 48 HOUR PARKING

La Crescent's 48-hour parking ordinance is an important tool that helps keep our streets clear, especially during the winter months. Under city ordinance, no vehicle can remain parked on any street or highway for more than 48 consecutive hours. Moving a vehicle less than one block does not reset the clock; legally, it's considered the same parking spot.

During and after a snowfall, this ordinance becomes essential. Our Public Works crews need enough space to plow curb-to-curb, and vehicles that remain in the same spot for extended periods can block snow removal or leave behind hazardous snow and ice ridges.

Please help us to keep the roads clear from built up snow by moving your vehicle as soon after a large snowfall as possible so it can be safely cleaned up.

- Officer Weinfurter



TRAINING TOPICS - DEFENSIVE TACTICS INSTRUCTOR

Last month, Investigator Daveau and Corporal Clark traveled to the Twin Cities to complete their defensive tactics instructor recertification. Both officers have previously served as certified instructors, and this training ensures they remain up to date with current best practices and can continue providing high-quality instruction within our department.

The course was hosted through the Storm Training Group, a well-regarded program that emphasizes modern, legally sound, and court-defensible defensive tactics. As part of their recertification, Investigator Daveau and Corporal Clark refreshed their skills, reviewed updated case studies, and practiced current techniques used across the state. The Storm model focuses on effective, practical responses that prioritize officer safety, subject safety, and clear decision-making.

Their continued commitment to training helps strengthen our department's readiness and ensures our officers receive consistent, effective instruction. We appreciate their dedication to maintaining high standards and bringing that knowledge back to the team.

NOVEMBER CALLS FOR SERVICE

339 Total Calls for Service
Notable Call Types:

911 (Hang Ups and Open Lines) - 7
Accidents - 3
Alarms - 3
Animal Complaints - 12
Assist Other Agency - 16
Child (Calls Involving) - 3
Civil Matter - 3
Community Policing - 14
Damage to Property - 3
Death - 2
Extra Patrol - 9
Fire - 2
Foot Patrol - 3
Found Property - 9
Fraud - 1
Harassment - 1
Intoxicated Person - 1
Juvenile (Calls Involving) - 5
Medical - 19
Motor Vehicle Unlock - 5
Motorist Assist - 4
Narcotics - 1
Noise Complaints - 3
Open Door - 3
Parking Complaint - 3
Public Assist - 7
Public Hazard - 5
Scams - 3
Sexual Assault - 1
Suspicious - 7
Theft - 2
Traffic Complaint - 11
Traffic Stop - 129
Trouble With Party - 5
Warrants - 2
Welfare Checks - 6



RESERVE REVIEW

Our Reserve Officers continue to play a vital role in supporting department operations and community events, and this past month was no exception. During National Drug Take Back Day, the Reserves assisted with collecting unused or expired medications brought in by community members. Their help ensured the event ran smoothly and safely. Afterward, the Reserves transported the collected medications to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for proper destruction, a critical step in keeping harmful substances out of homes and out of circulation.

Looking ahead, the Reserves will be assisting with the upcoming Holiday Train event, helping with crowd management, traffic flow, and overall event safety. Their presence helps us create a family-friendly atmosphere while ensuring everything runs efficiently.

Beyond special events, our Reserve Officers continue to provide ongoing support through parking enforcement and extra patrols throughout the city. Their work helps officers stay available for calls for service and provides an additional set of eyes in our neighborhoods, parks, and business areas.

