



To: Village Board Trustees  
From: Jason Hennen, Chief of Police  
Date: February 17, 2026  
Re: January 2026 Summary

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Attached is the monthly report for January, 2026. The Police Department's staffing levels remain unchanged from last month. We continue to operate down one officer position in Patrol, and recruitment efforts for this vacancy remain active and ongoing. While operating short of full staffing is not ideal, January has traditionally been a slower operational month. The department has not experienced unusually high call volume, significant vacation usage, or extended staffing leaves during this period. As a result, we have been able to effectively manage staffing levels while maintaining consistent service to the community.

Staffing levels in Dispatch also remain unchanged. The Dispatch Center is operating down one position, and recruitment efforts are ongoing to restore full staffing. Similar to Patrol operations, call volume trends and scheduling stability have allowed us to maintain appropriate coverage during this seasonal slowdown.

In January, Officer Hannah Martin was promoted to the position of Detective. Detective Martin has demonstrated strong investigative skills and professionalism throughout her tenure, and we are confident she will be a valuable addition to the Detective Bureau.

The Detective Bureau is currently working 13 active investigations, which include 7 fraud cases, 2 burglaries, 2 thefts, and 2 disorderly conduct investigations. The attached CM Inquiry List report provides details on current active cases being investigated and recent cases closed by the Detective Bureau.

January is traditionally a quieter month for community events and outreach due to winter conditions; however, officers continued proactive patrol efforts with a focus on traffic safety and visibility throughout the Village. D.A.R.E. classes are well underway at St. Mary's Visitation School, with Officer Billstrom leading instruction. Students have been engaged and interactive throughout the program, reflecting strong participation and positive rapport. School Resource Officer Weber remains engaged with school administration and continues planning for additional spring programming and safety initiatives as we move further into the first quarter of the year.

The department remains committed to maintaining professional service, proactive enforcement, and strong community partnerships as we begin 2026. Another officer is scheduled to attend Bike Officer Training this spring in preparation for the summer months. Our Bike Patrol Unit looks forward to getting back out on patrol when the weather improves, spending time in the parks and at community events, and enjoying positive engagement opportunities with residents throughout the Village.

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