



# The Patrol

Serving the communities of Wayzata and Long Lake

## SAFETY AT WAYZATA BEACH AND PARK

Safety within the city of Wayzata is always a priority, but safety in and around our beach and parks, where children and families gather, is even more significant. The police department has received many complaints in the past few years as it relates to some groups of teenagers and young adults and their treatment of other park users. There have also been complaints of tobacco and drug use, harassment, theft, and property damage. Officers spend an inordinate amount of time patrolling this area, especially in evening hours.

The city has invested in technology in and around Wayzata Beach, the marina, and the adjacent park and parking lots. Video surveillance cameras have been installed in an effort to deter inappropriate and sometimes criminal behavior. The cameras have been in place around the Boatworks building and the associated boat slips for years. They have been helpful in both deterring and solving crimes in the area. Now, they will do the same in areas where visitors and officers are seeing issues. Wayzata Police ask that you call 911 should you have any issues or safety concerns at any time or in any place within the city.

### FROM THE CHIEF

I've talked many times before about the experienced officers in the Wayzata Police Department. After more than 13 years as Police Chief, I experienced a first recently. Someone actually retired from the WPD! After more than 30 years as a police officer, the last 23 with the city of Wayzata, Bob Vanderheiden traded in his badge for a fishing pole. Officer Vanderheiden started his law enforcement career in southern Minnesota. He worked for the small city of Kenyon, leaving as its' police chief to accept his new position in Wayzata. He served the WPD in several capacities over the years to include Patrol Officer, Investigator, School Resource Officer, Use of Force and Firearms Instructor, and Reserve Officer Coordinator. He excelled in interacting with the public. His knowledge and skills will be missed by the department as well as the community. We wish him all the best as he and his family enter the next chapter of their lives!



*Police Chief Mike Risvold*

### BUSY CITY / BUSY TIME OF YEAR

We don't have a corner on the market compared with other police departments in Minnesota, but we are extremely busy at this time of the year. Scenic Wayzata, with all that the city has to offer, is a destination in the metro area – and the entire region. Lake Minnetonka adds to the attraction and brings people to town by the tens of thousands. We don't mind busy as long as it's "good busy."



Wayzata and Long Lake have an overnight population of around 6,500 people. Daytime populations are dramatically higher, however, which makes for some very interesting policing. Overall police activities (everything we do and record) have steadily increased in recent years. From the years 2013-2016, we've seen increases of 14%, 10%, and 2% respectively. Year to date in 2017, activities are up 9% over the same period in 2016. A vast majority of the police activities are service oriented. That's what we refer to as the "good busy." We see our share of property crimes, but our violent crimes are few. Through the use of technology and industry best practices, we strive for efficiency at every opportunity. We'll continue with the "good busy" while attempting to prevent the bad.



## QUARTERLY STATISTICS

### March 2017

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**Part 1 Crimes:**

Robbery, homicide, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, shoplifting, theft from vehicles, theft, bicycle theft, etc. 7

**Part 2 Crimes:**

Non-weapon assaults, fraud, vandalism, drugs, DWI, liquor laws, suspicion, curfew, runaways, etc. 24

**Traffic & Parking:**

Citations, verbal warnings, written warnings, bike citations, etc. 183

**Medical & Other:**

Trespassing, medical, fire alarm, found property, hazardous conditions, MV accidents, etc. 423

### April 2017

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**Part 1 Crimes:**

Robbery, homicide, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, shoplifting, theft from vehicles, theft, bicycle theft, etc. 6

**Part 2 Crimes:**

Non-weapon assaults, fraud, vandalism, drugs, DWI, liquor laws, suspicion, curfew, runaways, etc. 27

**Traffic & Parking:**

Citations, verbal warnings, written warnings, bike citations, etc. 257

**Medical & Other:**

Trespassing, medical, fire alarm, found property, hazardous conditions, MV accidents, etc. 416

### May 2017

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**Part 1 Crimes:**

Robbery, homicide, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, shoplifting, theft from vehicles, theft, bicycle theft, etc. 8

**Part 2 Crimes:**

Non-weapon assaults, fraud, vandalism, drugs, DWI, liquor laws, suspicion, curfew, runaways, etc. 23

**Traffic & Parking:**

Citations, verbal warnings, written warnings, bike citations, etc. 427

**Medical & Other:**

Trespassing, medical, fire alarm, found property, hazardous conditions, MV accidents, etc. 486