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MONTHLY LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT TO THE ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION

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Happy New Year!

On December 27th multiple signs were allegedly hit by vehicles around town. After reviewing the evidence including video, we have determined at least 2 of the signs on December 27th at about 5:16 am were blown over by a wind gust that came through town. The weather station at Town Hall confirmed a 68 MPH gust. The Police Department appreciates all the theories and rumors however; part of our job is to follow the evidence and the wind is where this evidence leads this time.

Lions Park is having an issue with flooding again this winter. During the summer the dyke was repaired along the Madison River. The river tested the repairs and began to undercut and overrun the dyke where the repairs were made. This caused flooding on the east side of the park. Thankfully the drainage ditch was cleaned out and widened this summer and allowed most of the water to flow away from the west side of the park, limiting the flooding and damage so far.

Included are the year-end totals for the Town of Ennis Police Department. For the first time the Police Department had over 100 calls for service in one month (July 2022). With the additional of Officer Fisher, we have been able to reduce response times, and allow for more personal and frequent contact with our citizens and guests.

I am still working on getting the Speed Signs to connect and provide the data. Windows 10 and Bluetooth continues to be an issue with the speed sign program.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please ask, my door is always open, email is available, and my phone is on.

“Plan for what it is difficult while it is easy, do what is great while it is small.” — Sun Tzu, The Art of War

SYNOPSIS:

During the month of December 2022, law enforcement responded to 48 incidents and/or calls for service. The Ennis Police Department issued 10 citations, issued 39 warnings, issued no parking tickets, and fingerprinted 7 people for various non-criminal background checks.

INCIDENTS AND CALLS FOR SERVICE:

Date	Location	Agency	Nature of Call	Disposition	TIME
12/2	Charles	EPD	Suicidal Person	Closed	D
12/2	E Main St	EPD	Crash	Closed	D
12/3	Comley	MCSO	Traffic Complaint	UTL	D
12/4	Madison	EPD	Lost Dog	Found	D
12/4	Mirza	MCSO	Disturbance	Closed	N
12/5	Mountain View	EPD	Vehicle Slide-Off	Closed	D
12/6	E Main St	EPD	Sidewalk Snow Removal Warnings	Closed	D
12/6	Nicole	EPD	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
12/7	W. Armitage	MCSO	Civil Standby	Closed	D
12/7	Comley	EPD	Public Assist - Car Stuck	Un-stuck	D
12/7	Mirza	EPD	Traffic Complaint - Semi Stuck	Un-stuck	D
12/7	W Main ST	EPD	Dog Complaint	UTL	D
12/8	E Steffens	MCSO/EPD	Suspicious Vehicle	Closed	N
12/8	W Main ST	EPD	Suspicious Person	Closed	D
12/8	Madison	EPD	Public Assist - Courtesy Ride	Closed	D
12/9	Charles	EPD/MCSO	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
12/10	Lions Park	EPD	Public Assist	Closed	D
12/10	Haypress Lake TI	EPD	Agency Assist MCSO - Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
12/11	US287	EPD	Traffic Complaint	Closed	D
12/11	Charles	MCSO	Suspicious Person	UTL	N
12/12	E Grizzly	EPD	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
12/13	US287	EPD/MCSO	Injury Crash	TOT MHP	D
12/14	Charles	EPD	Crash - Hit & Run	Closed	D
12/14	S First	MCSO	Suspicious Person	UTL	N
12/15	N First ST	EPD	Landlord / Tennant Complaint	Civil	D
12/15	MT287	EPD	Vehicle Slide-Off	Closed	D
12/15	E Main St	EPD	Disabled Semi	Closed	D
12/15	E Main St	EPD	Sidewalk Snow Removal Warning	Closed	D
12/15	Chowning	EPD	Disabled Truck	Closed	D
12/15	Madison	MCSO	Stuck Semi	Un-Stuck	D
12/15	E Main St	MCSO	Traffic Control for Tow	Closed	D
12/16	US287	EPD	Suspicious Person	Closed	D
12/16	E Main St	EPD	Theft / Fraud	Closed	D
12/16	Charles	EPD	Alarm	Closed	D
12/17	Madison	EPD	Agency Assist MVRFD - Fire Alarm	Closed	D
12/17	E Steffens	MCSO/EPD	Assault	Closed	N
12/18	Lions Park	EPD	River Gorge - Flooding	Open	D
12/19	Wallace St	EPD	Agency Assist MCSO - Standby to Assure Peace	Closed	D

12/20	Madison	EPD	Agency Assist MVRFD - Fire Alarm	Closed	D
12/20	W Main St	MCSO	Public Assist	Closed	D
12/21	W Main ST	MCSO	Child Custody Dispute	Civil	D
12/22	Comley	MCSO	Abandoned Vehicle	Closed	D
12/22	Pearl St	MCSO	Dog Complaint	Closed	D
12/22	N Main St	MCSO	Disturbance	Closed	N
12/28	US287	MCSO	Burglar Alarm	Closed	N
12/29	Charles	EPD	Stop Sign Down - No Crash, wind caused	Closed	D
12/30	E Steffens	EPD	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
12/30	W Steffens	MCSO	Abandoned Vehicle	Closed	N

D = Day Call 0600-1800 N = Night Call 1800-0600
40 Day Calls and 8 Night Calls

EPD CITATION ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY:

Traffic Citations-	
Speeding	5
Careless Driving	1
Interfering with Traffic while Backing	1
Criminal Citations-	
Forgery	1
Theft	1
Ordinance Violations-	
Dog at Large	1

EPD PARKING TICKET ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY:

None

Ennis Police Department 2022 End of the Year Totals:

2022 total calls: 642

548 Day Calls from 0600-1800 and 94 Night Calls from 1800-0600

85.36% Day Calls and 14.64% Night Calls

Ennis Total Calls for Service

Month	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Jan	34	30	17	29	35	49	37	42	25
Feb	18	20	12	32	38	43	37	43	41
Mar	31	39	10	33	44	51	59	66	53
Apr	30	33	38	34	31	40	51	52	43
May	22	36	27	57	41	54	58	50	52
June	32	50	39	71	40	52	41	57	61
July	57	70	86	62	76	85	65	80	106
Aug	33	39	49	53	53	52	53	69	66
Sept	35	43	51	36	65	50	55	50	56
Oct	18	30	44	47	51	39	45	45	51
Nov	31	34	51	23	42	35	46	48	40
Dec	25	30	39	30	46	35	38	26	48
Total	366	454	463	507	562	585	585	628	642

Day vs Night Calls by Month

	Day	Night
January	23	2
February	36	5
March	47	6
April	38	5
May	43	9
June	52	9
July	87	19
August	58	8
September	47	9
October	41	10
November	36	4
December	40	8
	DAY	NIGHT
Total Calls	548	94

EPD Total Citations by Month (including parking)

Month	2019 NTA	2020 NTA	2021 NTA	2022 NTA
Jan	16	8	15	2
Feb	10	10	2	9
Mar	13	28	11	14
Apr	13	10	7	8
May	27	24	29	46
June	38	43	13	61
July	18	38	21	75
Aug	22	20	12	26
Sept	4	9	4	26
Oct	26	17	12	43
Nov	14	11	6	11
Dec	4	2	2	9
Total	205	220	134	330

2022 Type of Traffic Violation (No Parking Included)	Total Citations
Speeding	207
Stop Sign	22
No Insurance	8
Passing on Right where No Lane Exists	8
Careless Driving	7
Driving while Suspended or Revoked	5
Failure to Yield to Pedestrian in Crosswalk	4
Seatbelt Violation	3
Improper Passing	3
Operating Vehicle with Unsafe Equipment	2
Expired Registration	2
Interfering with Traffic while Backing	2
Failure to Drive Right of Roadway	2
Reckless Driving	2
No Valid Driver's License	1
Failure to Report Crash	1
Parking on the Roadway	1
Operating vehicle w/o required Interlock	1
Failure to yield to traffic when turning left	1
License Plate Obstructed from View	1
Wrong Way in Roundabout	1
Total Traffic Citations 2022	284

Average Speeding Citation Speed of 17 MPH Over the Posted Speed Limit

Criminal Citations 2022

Theft	6
Disorderly Conduct	2
Forgery	2
Truancy	2
False Reports to Law Enforcement	1
Stalking	1
Violation of Protection Order	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Assault	1
Violation of a No Contact Order	1
Obstruction	1
Criminal Trespass	1
Total Criminal Citations 2022	20

EPD Total Parking by Month

Month	2019 PARK	2020 PARK	2021 PARK	2022 PARK
Jan	0	0	1	0
Feb	0	0	0	0
Mar	0	0	0	0
Apr	0	0	0	0
May	0	1	1	2
June	4	5	2	6
July	8	8	6	7
Aug	5	1	6	3
Sept	2	0	2	0
Oct	0	6	2	1
Nov	0	1	0	1
Dec	0	0	0	0
Total	19	22	20	20