



# BIRCHWOOD

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

The Washington County Sheriff's Office is pleased to welcome four Community Service Officers to our team. CSOs are an essential part of law enforcement agencies across the country, working alongside sworn officers and focusing on community engagement and outreach. Washington County CSOs will play a key role in enhancing the services we already provide to our communities by assisting deputies with non-criminal calls for service, traffic control, ordinance enforcement, evidence intake, and community events. Our CSO candidates, who must be 18 or older and enrolled in a law enforcement program of study, will be guided and mentored by deputies in our Patrol Division as they get valuable experience in their chosen field.

Each of our new CSOs has experience with this role at other nearby agencies, and they're already familiar with our organization because they were also WCSO Explorers, which is a program that introduces youth ages 14 to 20 to careers in law enforcement and public safety. We're excited to continue to help our CSOs work toward becoming full-time law enforcement officers.

For more information about the CSO program, please [email Patrol Commander Tim Harris](#).

NUMBER OF  
INCIDENTS

7

TRAFFIC  
STOPS

5

# WC23056781

## ANIMAL COMPLAINT

6XX HALL AVENUE

At 11:38pm on Nov. 7, a deputy spoke with a caller about aggressive dogs in her home. While driving home from work in Minneapolis, the caller had found two small dogs with collars and leashes on. The dogs came right up to her. She contacted Minneapolis police to get animal control to take the dogs, but no one came so police advised her to take them home for the night. After she got home, the dogs became aggressive and blocked the staircase, trapping her teenager upstairs. The dogs still had their leashes on, so a deputy managed to grab them and lead the dogs to a kennel inside the home. The deputy advised the homeowner to contact Animal Control.



## MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



I hope you find this month's edition of the Washington County Sheriff's newsletter engaging, informative and relevant to your community's leadership and citizens. Our team takes pride in sharing our department's interactions with your town and in giving you a snapshot of how we're serving you. But as the year comes to a close and we look ahead to 2024, we can't help but wonder: What could we do better? What different kinds of information would you be interested in, if we could provide it? How are you using the newsletters? What do you like best about them?

With that in mind, I'm asking for your help as our team begins to plan for the coming year. I would greatly appreciate if you and whoever you share this newsletter with would take the time to participate in a brief survey.

Just click the link [HERE](#). And thank you!

In service,

Sheriff Dan Starry