



CLOQUET POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Newsletter

For week ending April 27, 2018

ADMINISTRATION

Chief Jeff Palmer
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Commander Derek Randall

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Detective Darrin Berg
Detective Scott Holman
Sergeant Rick Benko
Sergeant Tom Hallfrisch
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Corporal Steve Fiske
Corporal Corey Schneberger
Corporal Scott Beckman
Corporal Eric Baker
Officer Adam Reed
Officer Kristina Kohlmeyer
Officer Nathan Cook
Officer Kyle Voltzke
Officer Laci Silgjord
Officer Andy Wappes
Officer Ben Waller
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OPERATIONS:

- This week Commander Ferrell, Commander Randall, and Sergeant Benko, and I attended the 2018 Minnesota Chiefs of Police annual conference at the DECC in Duluth. Commander Ferrell participated in a step competition during the conference and took 3rd place with 76,120 steps!



- Detective Berg, Sergeant Hallfrisch, Corporal Blesener, Officer Sherk, and Officer Lunda attended Emergency Vehicle Operation certifications at the Hibbing Airport. Officers tested their driving abilities to maneuver through the designated driving course safely.
- Corporal Baker, Officer Silgjord, and other area officers attended an intensive Interview and Interrogation Training, held at the Black Bear Casino. The FDL Police Department graciously sponsored this valuable training.
- We are still completing background investigations into six applicants for the two vacant police officer positions.

REMINDER

- **April 28, 2018**, is the National Drug Take Back Event which is a nationwide event coordinated by the DEA and local law enforcement. This event is held twice a year, encouraging residents to drop off any old and unwanted prescription medications. This event is beneficial to keeping prescription drugs out of the hands of children and helps prevent groundwater contamination. Please stop by from **10 AM to 2 PM on April 28**, at the Cloquet Police Department to drop off all your unwanted prescription medications. Help us to keep prescription out of the hands of the wrong people! Check out our event on our Facebook page!



**National Prescription Drug
TAKE BACK DAY**

Saturday, April 28th
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Turn in your unused or expired
medication for safe disposal

[Click here for a collection site near you.](#)

The banner features a 3D rendering of several pills. One pill is blue and white with the word "dispose" written on it. Another pill is white with "unused" and an "Rx" symbol. In the background, a gold DEA badge is visible.

Cloquet officers got a special visit from local Girl Scouts, who surprised our officers with an assortment of delicious Girl Scout cookies! The Girl Scouts met some of our officers and were given a tour of our police department. We are appreciative of their kind gesture and support.



PATROL:

On 04/23/2018, officers attempted to pick up an adult male with a felony parole warrant for his arrest. Officers contacted the man on the phone, who said he was not ready to go to jail but called back several hours later to turn himself in. The man was taken into custody and lodged at the Carlton County Jail.

On 04/20/2018, Cloquet officers assisted the Carlton County Sheriff's Office and the Fond du Lac Police Department on a report of a shooting on Kari Road. The suspect reportedly shot two males, and one man returned fire hitting the suspect in the chest. The suspect fled on foot into the woods. Other area law enforcement agencies including St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, Minnesota State Patrol, and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension later assisted in the investigation.

The suspect was located nearby in a wooded area and was taken into custody. The shooting resulted in two males shot, who sustained non-life-threatening injuries, and one man later died as a result of his injuries.

The suspect, identified as James Montano, is being held in the Carlton County Jail; charged with 2nd-degree murder. His bail is set at \$500,000.



On 04/26/2018, officers responded to a report of a found hypodermic needle on the sledding hill at Pinehurst Park. The uncapped hypodermic needle was recovered by officers and disposed of in a sharps container. Sadly, we continue to see hypodermic needles littered across our community.



On 04/26/2018, officers responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Highway 33 and I-35 ramp. Luckily, there were no reported injuries. We want to remind drivers to drive with due care, stop at stop signs, and yield to oncoming traffic. Always be aware of your surroundings and yield to emergency lights. If you see officers directing traffic, please be patient and follow the officer's directions and move over to the open lane if available.



This week Cloquet officers were involved in 182 incidents to include calls for service, traffic stops, frauds, thefts, traffic collisions and other responses throughout the city.

Sincerely,
Jeff Palmer
Chief of Police