

LEWISTON POLICE BLOTTER

The following activity occurred Sunday, March 24, to Sunday, March 31, as reported by the Lewiston Police Department. LPD responded to more than 300 calls during this period. For more information on arrests and other activity, visit the Lewiston Police Department's mobile app or its page on Facebook.

- Sunday, March 24**
- **McKinley Avenue/Hyde Park Boulevard, noise complaint** – Anonymous caller to 911 reported loud parties in area and numerous vehicles. Patrols stood by while party broke up and subjects left area.
 - **800 block of Oriole Lane, damage to property** – Caller reported possible sidewall slash to a front driver's side tire on a vehicle; suspect unknown. Patrol responded; report taken.
- Monday, March 25**
- **300 block of Merrie Road, suspicious activity** – Caller to 911 stated an unknown party drew on the rear window of the residence; subject entered a fenced-in yard. Patrol reported "D4" was found written in dust on the window; caller said no items were missing.
 - **Locations on the 5800 block of West Street and on the 700 block of Cayuga Street, separate reports of MVA-property damage** – First call, two-vehicle accident roadside; second call two vehicle accident in a parking lot. Patrols responded; one report taken.
 - **400 block of Pletcher Road, theft** – Caller to 911 stated a female was in her vehicle trying to steal items. Officers responded; call reported as elderly and confused. Items in question later found. Family member contacted

- and picked up caller.
- **Creek Road/Hillview Court, vehicle traffic stop** – Call officer initiated. Driver cited for aggravated unlicensed operation, third and speed in zone; vehicle clocked at 63 mph in a 40 mph zone. Uniform traffic tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court. Report taken. Patrols issued warnings to 10 drivers for motor vehicle violations.
- Tuesday, March 26**
- **700 block of Chicora Drive, K9 incident/alarm burglary** – Separate 911 calls of alarm going off, caller didn't hear anything. Patrols checked residence.
 - **4600 block of Porter Center Road, MVA-injuries** – Caller to 911 reported a vehicle accident; crash indicator with airbag deployment in a field, one adult and one child in vehicle. Patrols responders on location; one child and one female extricated; vehicle towed.
 - **Saunders Settlement/Tuscarora roads, MVA-injuries** – Caller to 911 reported a two-vehicle accident, heavy damage, possible injuries. Patrols responded; no accident found. Male on scene was attempting to get patrols to leave the area. Male in custody by patrol on warrant. Report taken.
 - **800 block of Upper Mountain Road, missing person** – Caller to 911 reported her son stole a vehicle and isn't returning it. Caller later reported her son was headed home and will update if any changes. Patrol cleared.
 - **Locations on the 2200 block of Saunders Settlement Road; Buffalo/Elm streets; and the 200 block of Upper Mountain Road, vehicle/traffic stops** – Calls officer initiated. Violations were one in custody

- for driving while ability impaired/drugs; driver, speed in zone; and driver, unspecified. Uniform traffic tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court. Patrols issued warnings to seven drivers for motor vehicle violations.
- Wednesday, March 27**
- **5300 block of Military Road, MVA-injuries** – Caller to 911 reported a two-vehicle, one patrol on fire and officer trapped inside. Patrols and responders on location; officer removed from vehicle and transported to ECMC. Roadway closed for investigation. All vehicles removed from scene. Report taken.
 - **900 block of Upper Mountain Road, check welfare** – Phone complaint, patrols on location.
 - **Location not listed, suspicious activity** – Caller to 911 reported a male staring into the residence and acting strange; subject sipping on a bottle, stumbling around and possibly intoxicated. No interview by patrol; caller advised to call back if male returned. Patrol to do area checks.
 - **2200 block of Saunders Settlement Road, check welfare** – Officer initiated call. Caller reported giving a ride to a female who then refused to exit vehicle. Patrols responded; female in a confused state. Subject found to be suffering from dementia and fled an assisted living facility earlier. Staff contacted to assist subject.
 - **Creek Road/Scovell Drive, vehicle/traffic stop** – Call officer initiated. Driver cited for unlicensed motor vehicle from August 2023. Uniform traffic ticket issued for Lewiston Town Court. Patrols issued warnings to six drivers for motor vehicle violations.

- Thursday, March 28**
- **400 block of Center Street, animal complaint** – Anonymous caller reported a dog barking in a parked maroon vehicle. Driver was picking up takeout nearby.
 - **4500 block of Creek Road, forgery** – Caller to 911 reported purchasing a 1955 vintage vehicle from a Florida dealership. Vehicle never delivered and sales rep not returning calls; caller suspects he was scammed.
 - **700 block of Center Street, assist** – Anonymous caller to 911 stated three juveniles climbed a fence into a hole and littered. Officers found no vandalism occurred.
 - **900 block of Center Street check welfare** – Caller to 911 reported a homeless male stating he needed a ride to Mount St. Mary's Hospital. Male given ride by patrol.
 - **Locations on the 400 block of N. Fifth Street; and Saunders Settlement/Tuscarora roads; vehicle/traffic stops** – Calls officer initiated. Violations were driver, failure to obey traffic control device (stop sign); and registered owner, uninspected motor vehicle. Uniform traffic tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court. Patrols issued warnings to five drivers for motor vehicle violations.
- Friday, March 29**
- **900 block of Center Street, check welfare** – Caller reported a homeless male at a supermarket; subject said he needed shelter due to the cold; subject no longer welcome at shelters and walked away when patrols responded.
 - **Garlow Road/Wayside Drive, vehicle traffic stop** – Call officer initiated. One in custody (unspecified), vehicle towed, no

- further information. Patrols issued warnings to eight drivers for motor vehicle violations.
- Saturday, March 30**
- **1600 block of Mount Hope Road, theft** – Caller stating a male attempted to steal a ladder; caller yelled at subject and he left area.
 - **900 block of James Drive, domestic disturbance** – 911 complaint; patrols responded, report taken.
 - **Locations on Ridge/Creek roads; and Niagara Scenic Parkway/Pletcher Road, vehicle/traffic stops** – Calls officer initiated. Driver cited for operating/permitting operation without insurance; driver, in custody, aggravated unlicensed operation. Appearance and uniform traffic tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court. Patrols issued warnings to 10 drivers for motor vehicle violations.
- Sunday, March 31**
- **200 block of Portage Road, suspicious activity** – Caller to 911 reported a parked van, suspicious. Patrols responded.
 - **Locations at Center/Ninth streets; the 900 block of Center Street; Saunders Settlement/Walmore roads; and the 900 block of Hewitt Drive, vehicle/traffic stops** – Calls officer initiated. Violations were registered owner, speed in zone, vehicle clocked at 67 mph in 40 mph zone; registered owner, speed in zone, vehicle clocked at 61 mph in 45 mph zone; driver, speed in zone; and male in custody on two warrants. Uniform traffic tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court. Patrols issued warnings to five drivers for motor vehicle violations.

Call 811 before digging (cont.)

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serve daily. Four in 10 U.S. homeowners who are planning to dig on their property this year will not contact 811 at least a few days in advance. That's more than 49 million Americans who are putting themselves at serious risk of personal injury and utility service interruptions," said Richard Delaney, vice president of pipeline safety and gas compliance at National Grid. "Remember, calling 811 before you dig will help to protect you and your family, as well as your neighbors and the local community."

Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. It's not only the

safe and smart thing to do – it's the law! A call to 811 is the best safeguard and the first line of defense to preventing strikes on underground utility lines. The depth of utility lines can vary for several reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects, and uneven surfaces. Utility lines must be appropriately marked in each previously marked location to avoid risk.

As part of National Safe Digging Month, National Grid encourages everyone to take the following steps when planning a digging project this spring:

- ✓ Always contact 811 a few days before digging, regardless of the depth or familiarity with

the property.

- ✓ Plan ahead. Make a free 811 request on Monday or Tuesday for work planned for an upcoming weekend, providing ample time for the approximate location of lines to be marked.
- ✓ Confirm that all lines have been marked.
- ✓ Consider moving the location of your project if it is near utility line markings.
- ✓ If a contractor has been hired, confirm that the contractor has contacted 811. Don't allow work to begin if the lines aren't marked.
- ✓ Visit www.811beforeyoudig.com for complete information. The service is easy to use and

free of charge.

State laws mandate that 811 must be contacted a few days before beginning projects requiring excavation. Failure to call 811 may be punishable by fines, which in some states can be as high as \$1,000 for a first offense and \$10,000 for subsequent violations.

National Grid works closely with local fire and police departments; with their strong support, people are calling before they dig. Calling 811 can avoid an incident that requires police and fire response.

Additional resources:
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