

# Cheektowaga Police Blotter: Pre-Christmas Weekend 2017

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*A Cheektowaga Police officer on duty. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)*

CHEEKTOWAGA – First responders were kept busy through the weekend ahead of Christmas, with both routine issues and police officers were doing “high visibility” patrols around the large shopping centers in Town, including the Galleria. There were also a number of car crashes due to the snowy weather.

## **Friday, December 22: 182 Calls**

1:18 am – Doyle firefighters were called to check out an alarm at Pocketeer Billiards on Clinton Street. There was no fire. The keyholder was unable to reset the alarm.

1:25 am – A call came in about a suspicious driver on Harlem Road. It turned out the vehicle was just a snowplower.

6:36 am – HyView firefighters were called to a business on Aero Drive after a woman fell down a flight of stairs. She was taken to ECMC.

7:42 am – Police were called out to an ongoing landlord/tenant dispute on Ridge Park. The power was shut down to the home earlier in the month. The tenant was advised to stay with family. Officers were called back out to the scene about an hour later by the landlord who was screaming that her vehicle was blocked in the driveway. The landlord was advised to keep her hands off the power breakers.

7:52 am – A neighbor on Pine Ridge called police after she noticed two men with a van crawl into a nearby home's windows. It turns out they were workers for a real estate company.

8:07 am – Pine Hill firefighters were called to a car fire on the outbound 33. It turned out the car was not on fire. It was just disabled and the help truck was on the scene.

9:49 am – Police were called to the Sunoco station by Dave's Christmas on Union Road. Three remote control cars and other items were stolen from the store. The vehicle in question was tracked down on Walden Avenue. A person was arrested for driving without a license and narcotics.

10:36 am – Cleveland Hill firefighters were called out to a stove fire on Farmingdale Road. It turned out there was no fire. But the stove malfunctioned.

10:49 am – Forks firefighters were called to a business on Broadway after a pallet fell on a man. He was taken to ECMC for a possible dislocated shoulder. A police report was filed.

11:16 am – Forks firefighters and an ambulance crew were called to the Verizon parking lot on Union Road after a man fell in the parking lot. He was checked out and signed off on further treatment.

11:54 am – U-Crest firefighters were called to the Eastbound I-90 for a car rollover. They extricated the only person in the vehicle. They were taken to ECMC by AMR. State Police assisted at the scene.

12:12 pm – Home Depot in Thruway Plaza called the police. A man had a cart full of space heaters and the caller was unsure if he was going to pay for the items. There was no issue because the man ended up cashing out.

12:22 pm – A call came in from a store in the Galleria. A former employee who is banned from the shop was refusing to leave and was threatening workers. She took off before patrol

officers arrived.

1:29 pm – Someone found a credit card at the Galleria and turned it over to a Cheektowaga Police Sgt. on patrol in the mall. The owner was notified to pick up the card.

1:55 pm – An officer checked on an elderly woman walking down Union Road with a walker in front of police headquarters. She refused a ride from police and the officer advised her to stay on the sidewalks.

2:54 pm – One man was arrested for menacing, and a police report was filed after a fight was broken up at the Galleria.

3:31 pm – U-Crest firefighters helped someone who was choking in their vehicle, parked in the Sonic lot on Union Road. The object was dislodged and the person signed off on further treatment.

3:48 pm – A woman called 911 over a road rage incident in the Losson Road Wegmans parking lot. A man was upset that she “took” a parking spot. He was blocking her in with his vehicle, and she was afraid to get out of the car. The man moved his vehicle before police arrived.

4:46 pm – An employee of Walmart, suspected of shoplifting, ran from the store and into Carpet Smart across the street. She was taken into custody and a police report was filed.

4:47 pm – Police were called back to a home on Ridge Park for the third time in 12 hours. The landlord apparently shut off the utilities again. In response, the tenant threw rotting food at the landlord’s door. The tenant was advised to clean up the mess.

4:55 pm – A person on Judith Drive reported a man suspiciously walking around the neighborhood. He was advised by police to get a solicitor’s permit if he wants to go door-to-door in the town.

5:41 pm – A person on Lou Ann Drive reported their front license plate was stolen from their vehicle overnight.

6:11 pm – A driver was pulled over on Ogden, just past the city line. They were arrested on a U.S. Marshals warrant for cocaine sales. A police report was filed.

6:35 pm – A couple of solicitors from Verizon Fios were warned by police about complaints that they were not showing ID when going from house to house.

7:02 pm – A driver ran from the scene of a crash on Harlem Road between Genesee and George Urban. The man was eventually picked up by officers on Genesee Street. He was arrested for refusing to take a test for DWI.

8:00 pm – South Line firefighters were called to Gardenvillage Drive after a call came out that a person on a bike was struck by a vehicle. The man on a bike was taken to ECMC by ambulance. It turns out he just fell off his bike due to the icy road, he was not hit by a vehicle.

8:44 pm – A police report was filed after a woman said she was getting texts from a man who was threatening to come over and stab her.

9:52 pm – Pine Hill firefighters and an ambulance crew were called to the skating rink at Town Park after a 15-year-old fell on the ice. They were taken to Children's Hospital.

11:46 pm – A man was arrested for trying to pick a fight with his cabbie on Peachtree Road. He had a bench warrant out of Buffalo.

### **Saturday, December 23: 161 Calls**

12:02 am – Two men were taken to St. Joes from Anna Marie Terrace because they smoked too much pot.

12:50 am – U-Crest firefighters and an ambulance crew were called to a home on Genesee Street after a man fell down and broke his ankle. The man was taken to ECMC and his son was taken back to his house by police.

4:11 am – Issues started with the alarm system at Price Rite on Walden Avenue. Rescue Hose firefighters went to check out the issue. There was no fire, but the alarm kept going off.

5:33 am – Police checked out a garage on Woodell Avenue after a woman thought there was someone inside the building. There was no one there, and no footprints in the snow. The garage was all locked up.

7:39 am – A man was found sleeping on the ground with a blanket over him outside the R Bar and Grill in Sloan. He was taken by police to the bus stop at Thruway Plaza and advised by officers.

8:52 am – Forks firefighters were called out to the Home 2 Suites hotel over by Cabela's. There was an issue with an ice machine leaking onto the first floor setting off the smoke detector. There was no fire.

10:41 am – A homeowner on Rosemead Lane was advised about a faulty CO detector by Doyle firefighters after they were called to the home about an alarm.

11:40 am – A doctor called the police. They just got blood test results back from a patient, and they could not get in touch with the person. They wanted the patient to get medical care right away. The patient eventually got in touch with police to say they called the doctor back.

12:02 pm – Police advised a truck driver with Oklahoma plates who was driving on the wrong side of Genesee Street.

12:23 pm – Extra patrols were requested around Randy Way due to an ongoing family issue. The man says his mother stands out in the middle of the road in the middle of the night staring at his house. He is afraid she may get hit by a car.

1:06 pm – A man was arrested for possession of stolen property at Harbor Freight on Union.

1:12 pm – U-Crest firefighters were called to help with a car in the ditch on the 33, by Dick Road. One person was taken to Buffalo General by ambulance, another signed off on treatment.

1:58 pm – Two people were taken to the hospital by ambulance after a crash on Cayuga Road.

2:15 pm – Management of the Fairfield Inn called police to get two rooms of guests removed because they did not pay. The people in question were gone when police arrived.

3:47 pm – A woman was thrown out of the Galleria after getting in a fight at the service counter.

5:38 pm – Two women arguing inside Walmart were advised about their behavior by police.

5:50 pm – A police report was filled out after a large amount of items were stolen from Bath and Body Works at the Galleria.

6:29 pm – Galleria security stopped a man who was drunk from getting into his car and driving. The man's girlfriend ended up picking him up from the mall. Everyone was advised by police.

7:04 pm – A police report was filed after a Shark vacuum was stolen from Home Depot.

7:56 pm – A man was arrested for shoplifting from Walmart.

9:20 pm – A call came from a mother. She said her teenage son was home on Pine Ridge Terrace. A woman he doesn't know was trying to get into the house and then went into the backyard. The woman was checked out by police. A half-hour later there was a return call from the home. The woman kept walking around the streets and refused to leave this yard. She eventually went home and was advised by police.

9:45 pm – Cleveland Hill firefighters were called to check out the odor of natural gas in an apartment on Glenwood Court. Everything was fine at the home.

10:07 pm – A "mouthy" woman was arrested for shoplifting at Walmart.

### **Quick Statistics:**

Snow Ban Enforcement: 7

Walden Galleria Shoplifting Arrests: 11

Unlicensed Motorvehicle Operation Arrests: 5

Arrest Warrants: 5

Domestic Disputes: 15

Neighbor Disputes: 1

Routine Medical Issues: 30