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In the month of September, the Lee County Sheriff's Office logged 832 calls for service. The county is still in contract negotiations with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police prior to the expiration of the contract on November 30th. The negotiations are at a stalemate and the parties appear to be going to mediation.

As far as notable calls for the month of September, the following incidents occurred...

In September, I reported to the committee that the sheriff's office received a report of a missing suicidal subject on August 15th from the West Brooklyn area. The Richardson Wildlife Foundation is in close proximity to the residence of the individual, and the sheriff's office utilized K-9 teams, drones, and ATVs in the search of the area. On September 13th, a larger scale search was conducted with law enforcement along with a search group from Christian Aid Ministries. Unfortunately, the body of the 65-year-old male was discovered in the middle of a corn field near his residence. The cause of death was self-inflicted.

On September 28th, the Lee County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) received a call regarding a fully involved vehicle fire. The location of the incident was in the Boat Trailer Park Lot at Lowell Park. The Lee County Sheriff's Office, Dixon Rural Fire Department, and Dixon Police Department responded to the scene. When Dixon Rural Fire arrived at the scene, they began to extinguish the fire and the body of a male subject was observed in the driver's seat of the vehicle. Due to evidence at the scene, investigators believed that the fire originated from an explosion in the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office and the Illinois State Police – Crime Scene Services were subsequently contacted to assist with the investigation. Special Agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were also called in to aid at the scene. Once the scene was processed, the Lee County Coroner's Office removed the body of the male decedent. An autopsy was conducted, and he was subsequently identified as a 20-year-old Dixon man from his dental records. The death has been ruled a suicide.

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