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To: Mayor Shane Blaser
Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission
Wisconsin Rapids Common Council
From: Erman Blevins, Chief of Police
RE: Report on the Police Department activity for February 2021

Notable activities of the Police Department for February 2021

- The Police Department has completed the renovation of the interior spaces of the Police Department Range building. With the completion of the space, the Police Department has a fully functional and professional appearing facility suitable for hosting training. All labor done in house.
- Officers assisted with traffic direction at the mobile food pantry. This has caused large traffic backups on some weeks. This mobile pantry is going on through the end of March.
- Sergeant Fleisner and K9 Lex completed a 5-day scenario based patrol dog recertification through K-9 Services.
- Officer Krakow conducted 36 hour of Defense and Arrest Tactics training for the Wisconsin Rapids Police Auxiliary Unit.
- Officer Jazdzewski attended a two-day Active Shooter training.
- Officer Burger attended the three day Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officer's Association Conference. During this conference, Officer Berger was re-certified as a Drug Recognition Expert for the department.

Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:

WRPD responded to **1329** incidents and calls for service in February 2021.

February 2020: **1670**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2021: **2729**.

Total for 2020: **3445**

For month of February 2021:

- OWI- **8** 2020-**10**
- Traffic Crash Investigations: **44** 2020: **40**

Chronic Nuisance/Blighted Property enforcement activity:

These citations are from a list of ordinances provided to WRPD by code enforcement. Typical citations are for such violations as:

Vehicle parked on grass, Inoperable/Junk car, Junk and Refuse in yard.

Citations in February 2021: **38**

Restricted Parking citations: **268**

Chronic Nuisance Program letters:

4 properties were added in February; properties being added following 3 enforcement actions.

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **39 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in February 2021. These charges include:

- Possession of Schedule I and II drugs.
- Possession of Methamphetamine.
- Possession of Methamphetamine with intent to sell.
- Possession of Heroin with intent to sell.
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Notable investigations and arrests

Patrol:

1. Officers responded to a mental crisis individual. The person was under the delusion that someone was in his house and barricaded himself and young daughter in the bedroom. Officers arrived, and the subject dropped his daughter out an upstairs window. The child was caught by Officers and avoided possible severe injuries.
2. Officer Paltz working on Crew B along with Sgt. Burris observed a vehicle that was known to them for frequenting drug houses. Vehicle was stopped traffic violations. K9 Kubo indicated on the vehicle and a search was conducted. Located was numerous paraphernalia, scale and multiple baggies. Gem baggie with 35g of Methamphetamine, gem baggie with 1.66g of Heroin, and two baggies of THC totaling 2.9g.

Subject was charged with:

- Possession and intent to deliver.
- Possession of THC
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

3. Dispatch received multiple 911 calls of a male on the expressway bridge who appeared to be going to jump off. The male was on the southwest end of the bridge sitting on the ledge. Officer Guse was first on scene and observed male subject straddling rail with over half his body over the edge towards the river. Officer Guse ran up to him and grabbed him by the shirt and prevented him from falling over the edge. As he did this the subject attempted to jolt back away from Officer Guse and over the edge. As he pulled him over the edge to the road the subject started swing and kicking at him striking him in the head area. Officer Jaye arrived at this time and assisted in gaining control of subject and detaining him. Witnesses also assisted officers in gaining control. The Officers were able to get this subject detained and placed into a squad car. The subject continued to thrash about in the squad car. Officers had to physically carry him out of car and secure him on a gurney to transport him inside ER. While in ER subject acted up again and starting to punch at Officers. Officer Jaye was struck in the face causing his glasses to fly off. Upon picking them up they were broken and unable to put lens back in. Officer Guse and Officer Jaye suffered minor scraps that were bleeding and needed some first aid. Once at the jail they stated he would receive mental health assistance.

Subject was arrested for:

- Battery to law enforcement x2
- Disorderly conduct
- Resisting arrest
- Criminal damage to property

4. Officer Krakow conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, and based on information gathered during the stop Officer Krakow requested Officer Berg and K9 Ivo to do an open air sniff of the vehicle. Officer Berg informed Officer Krakow that Ivo indicated on the vehicle. Officers then conducted a search of the vehicle. Officers located approximately 34 grams of crystalline substance that tested positive for methamphetamine, 1 gram of green leafy vegetation that tested positive for THC, and various items of drug paraphernalia. The driver of the vehicle also had 3 valid warrants and was issued several citations for traffic violations.

Subject was arrested for:

- Possession of THC
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Schedule II Narcotics
- Bail Jumping