



## Police Department City of Wisconsin Rapids

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Date: 09 May 2021  
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 April 2021

### **Notable activities of the Police Department for April 2021**

- Participated in Spring DEA Drug Take Back program. Many pounds of unused prescription drugs collected and packaged for destruction.
- Detectives attended a 3-day Homicide Investigation seminar.
- WRPD continues the Student Citizen's Police Academy for 2021.
- Officer Jacob Guse has assumed the duties as the Police Chaplain liaison Officer from Lieutenant Dewitt.
- Lieutenant Potocki attended Leadership Training in Green Bay.
- All Officers completed TASER re-cert training.

### **Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:**

WRPD responded to **1527** incidents and calls for service in April 2021.

April 2020: **1028**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2021: **5884**.

Total for 2020: **5869**.

### **For month of April 2021:**

- OWI- 7 2020-3
- Traffic Crash Investigations: **36** 2020: **14**

### **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 April 2021: **28**

Restricted Parking citations: **190**

### **Chronic Nuisance Program letters:**

**3** properties were added in April; properties being added following 3 enforcement actions.

### **Notable investigations and arrests:**

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **15 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in April 2021. These charges include:

- Possession of Schedule I and II drugs.
- Possession of Narcotic drugs.
- Possession of Methamphetamine.
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

### **Patrol:**

On April 13, 2021, Officer Plowman conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for running a stop sign at the intersection of Oak St and East Grand Ave. Officer Plowman was able to smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle, when he made contact with the driver of the vehicle. There were four occupants in the vehicle. One of the occupants had a sandwich bag of green leafy vegetable material in his waistband. Another sandwich bag of green leafy vegetable material was located in front of the other back seat passenger. A black back pack was also located in the trunk of the car after a search of the vehicle that had a clear plastic bag of green leafy vegetable material. A test of the green leafy vegetable material was tested as being positive for THC and had a total weight of **50 grams**.

Two subjects charged with possession of THC.

On April 15, 2021 Officers Jazdzewski and Burger were dispatched to possible drug activity in the 500 block of 13<sup>th</sup> Ave N. The officers investigated the report and they located two baggies containing methamphetamine, one baggy weighed 19.93 grams and the other weighed 9.30 grams. Also found in the vehicle were bags for individual packaging of drugs intended for sale, a cut straw, glass bong and scale. 2 suspects charged with:

Possession of Methamphetamine with intent to deliver

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Resisting an Officer

**Investigations/SRO:**

Continued work on WRPS truancy issues. Numerous warnings and citations issued by SRO's.

Bomb threats at LHS and WRAMS-both juvenile suspects identified. School discipline has been carried out, and suspects referred for possible criminal charges.

**Drug Interdiction Unit:**

Operation conducted on April 21, 2021

Two stops conducted that resulted in drug arrests. On second stop the driver and passenger exited the vehicle and took off running. A perimeter was set up, and suspects were tracked by Police K9. Both subjects were located and arrested for numerous charges including possession of Fentanyl and Cannabis. Both were also wanted on Department of Corrections warrants.