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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 June 2021

Notable activities of the Police Department for June 2021

- Lieutenant Julie Buerger will retired from the WRPD after 30 years of service on July 30th. We all wish her a happy retirement.
- Sergeant Jordan Lubeck will be promoted to Lieutenant to replace the position vacated by Lt. Buerger.
- Officer Jordan Jadzewski will be promoted to Sergeant to replace the position previously filled by Sergeant Lubeck.
- Officer Gunnar Drew began his career with WRPD. Officer Drew will be in the Field Training Program for approximately 12 weeks.
- WRPD Officers took part in the national Click It or Ticket Mobilization from May 24th to June 6th.

Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:

WRPD responded to **1636** incidents and calls for service in June 2021.

June 2020: **1688**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2021: **9224**.

Total for 2020: **8994**.

For month of June 2021:

- OWI- **9** 2020-**14**
- Traffic Crash Investigations: **30** 2020: **30**

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 June 2021: **11**

Restricted Parking citations: **129**

Chronic Nuisance Program letters:

6 properties were added in June; properties being added following 3 enforcement actions.

Controlled Substance Arrests

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **32 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in June 2021. These charges include:

- Possession of Schedule I and II drugs.
- Possession of Narcotic drugs.
- Possession of Methamphetamine.
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.
- Manufacture/Deliver THC

Notable investigations and arrests:

Patrol:

The following arrest has received national attention, and was featured in “K9 Cop Magazine”:

On June 26, 2021, Officer Paltz and Officer Plowman were watching traffic coming and leaving Rapids Inn. Rapids Inn is known to have drugs sales. Officer Plowman stopped a vehicle leaving Rapids Inn for failure to use a turn signal while making a turn. Officer Paltz and his K9 partner assisted. The K9 alerted on the vehicle. Officer Paltz had the passenger exit the vehicle and observed she was holding something. She dropped the object, and it was a clear plastic baggie of crystalline substance. The substance was tested and was positive for Methamphetamine and had a weight of 3.79 grams. She was taken into custody for possession of Methamphetamine. The subject stated it belonged to the driver of the vehicle and that he drove her to Rapids Inn to purchase drugs. She stated which room they got the drugs from, and the person that delivered the drugs. After both parties were arrested Officer Paltz, Officer Plowman and Shift Supervisor went to that room for a knock and talk. We were able to speak to both parties in the room. The female party was on probation and was ACT 79 eligible. We searched the motel room and located about 220 grams of Methamphetamine, 11.57 grams heroin and 4.22 grams of THC.

Four subjects were taken into custody on related drug charges. The value of the drugs seized was over \$10,000.

Officer Killian and Officer Zalewski received a call of a warrant pick up. Subject was working at the cemetery and was bragging to friend that he has warrants and never gets caught. Friend contacted police and advised him he was currently working. Officer Killian contacted subject and confirmed his warrants. Subject requested that he be allowed to drive tractor back to shed. He was told that he could not and that he would be going into custody at their location. While taking subject into custody he attempted to remove and drop an item out of his pants pockets. It was observed and collected by Officer Killian. It was a film canister with two gem baggies with white substance and a makeup container. Substance was positive for meth. 4.42g Also located was a THC and Meth smoking devices. One pill that was ID as Oxycodone. A chewing tin filled with Marijuana 15.48g.

Subject was charged with:

- Outstanding warrants
- Possession of THC 2nd sub
- Possession of Meth
- Possession of Drug Para
- Possession of Schedule II Narcotic

Investigations/SRO:

Acting on tips from neighbors, the investigations division conducted an investigation into drug sales from a home. After videos and surveillance confirmed there were drug sales occurring, the investigators made contact with the basement residing grandson at the residence. It should be noted the grandson was already on GPS monitoring for a previous drug conviction, and had received a warning from neighbors that they suspected he was dealing and were watching him. After it was determined the suspect was ACT 79 eligible, the Detectives searched his living quarters in the basement of the residence. A very large amount of THC vaping cartridges were seized along with \$37,000 in cash drug proceeds. The suspect was charged with:

- Possession with intent to sell
- Maintaining a Drug Trafficking Place.

Drug Interdiction Unit:

Operation in June resulted in several arrests for THC, Methamphetamine, bail jumping, and warrants.