



Police Department City of Wisconsin Rapids

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To: Mayor Shane Blaser
Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission
Wisconsin Rapids Common Council

From: Mike Potocki, Interim Chief of Police

RE: Report on the Police Department activity for June 2022

Departmental Activity/Training:

The Wisconsin Rapids Professional Police Association put on the annual Kids Fishing Contest during the Cranberry Blossom Festival. (1st Place: 20½ inch Catfish!!)

Took part in the joint Wood County Speed Grant.

Conducted department physical agility test and written test for new department candidates.

Administrative Assistant Veronica Klish celebrated 45 years of service with the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department.

Took part in the pancake breakfast at Alexander Field.

Interim Deputy Chief Scott Dewitt completed a 6 week long Wisconsin Law Enforcement Command College. Upon graduation of the Command College, Scott is now a Wisconsin Certified Public Manager.

Detective Daven attended the International Association of Arson Investigators seminar.

School Resource Officers Pelot and Olivares attended the School Resource Officer conference.

Officer Khang completed training to become a Field Training Officer. Officer Khang can now train new officers for the department.

Officer Burger completed Scenario Instructor Training.

Officer Contreras completed Critical Communication and Decision Making training.

Interim Chief Potocki attended a table top exercise of a response to a release from a pipeline in the area, put on by the Enbridge.

Conducted Department Staff meeting.

Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:

WRPD responded to **1467** incidents and calls for service in June 2022.

June 2021: **1645**

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2022: **8323**

Total for 2021: **8775**

For month of June 2022 vs 2021:

- OWI - 2022: **8** 2021: **2**
- Traffic Crash Investigations - 2022: **32** 2021: **33**
- Traffic / Municipal Citations – 2022: **220** 2021: **327**
- Written Warnings – 2022: **241** 2021: **288**
- Restricted Parking Tickets – 2022: **117** 2021: **133**

Controlled Substance Arrests

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **31 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in June 2022. These charges include:

- Possession of Narcotic drugs.
- Possession of Methamphetamine.
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.
- Manufacture/Deliver THC
- Possession of illegally obtained prescription

Notable investigations and arrests:

22-9534-9853: Detective Bailey was assigned the Baker St. BP gas station burglaries that have been taking place. The business was burglarized on three separate occasions dating back to 06/20/22. Detective Bailey was able to develop several suspects and has located and interviewed both suspects. Detective Bailey obtained an admission from one suspect and has identified the two parties responsible for the burglaries. Referrals will be completed shortly for both suspects.

Special Operations: Have been suspended because of personnel shortages.