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Date: 09 August 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 July 2021

Notable activities of the Police Department for July 2021

- Lieutenant Julie Buerger retired from the WRPD after 30 years of service on July 30th. We all wish her a happy retirement.
- A conditional offer of employment was made to Shane Pongratz to replace the position vacated in the Department by Lt. Buerger's retirement. Pongratz has an anticipated start date of Aug 23.
- Chief of Police, along with the Deputy Chief and Mayor Blaser, met with Hmong leadership to continue the process of creating a Hmong liaison program. The goal is to establish an Office Hours program for the Hmong community to access programs and help in not only law enforcement, but in permitting and other areas of local Government.

Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:

WRPD responded to **1651** incidents and calls for service in July 2021.

July 2020: **1790**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2021: **10,875**

Total for 2020: **10,784**.

For month of July 2021:

- OWI- 9 2020-8
- Traffic Crash Investigations: **26** 2020: **20**

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 July 2021: **11**

Restricted Parking citations: **261**

Chronic Nuisance Program letters:

3 properties were added in July; properties being added following 3 enforcement actions.

Controlled Substance Arrests

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **26 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in July 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:

It was reported a gun was pointed at an individual after two people were involved in a physical altercation at an apartment complex. Officer Moadlo was first on scene and set up a perimeter with the assistance of Officers Krummel, G. Drew and Guse. Contact information for the apartment of the suspects was determined and contact was made with the three individuals in the apartment. They complied with all orders and were detained by officers. We were told that one of the suspects had a laser pointer, but he did not know where it was. We were given consent to search the apartment and located two firearms, one with a laser sight, and a significant amount of drug paraphernalia and THC. Charges were sent to the DA for their review and charges for the THC.

All officers present were very professional and completed the task needed to resolve the situation safely and without injury to the suspects or officers.

Investigations/SRO:

Conducted an investigation along with the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force. An individual was arrested and charged with having images of Child Pornography on electronic devices.

Drug Interdiction Unit:

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