



## 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: Erman Blevins, Chief of Police

RE: Report on the Police Department activity for August 2021

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

- Officers Krier and Mocadlo took part in the Wood County multi-jurisdictional speed grant on August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00pm – 6:00pm.
- Officers Borchardt and Plowman took part in the Wood County multi-jurisdictional speed grant on August 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm – 6:00pm.
- Lieutenant Potocki and Sergeant Fleisner attended a two day ALLERT/Active Shooter training, put on by FBI and WRPD.
- Officer Krakow set up and took part as one of the instructors for the ALLERT/Active Shooter training.
- Officer Shane Pongratz was sworn in and began his career with WRPD.

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

WRPD responded to **1637** incidents and calls for service in August 2021.

August 2020: **1658**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2021: **12,512**

Total for 2020: **12,442**.

### **For month of August 2021:**

- OWI- **9** 2020-8
- Traffic Crash Investigations: **48** 2020: 31

### **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 written on the request of Code Enforcement in August 2021: **5**

Restricted Parking citations: **148**

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

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

### **Controlled Substance Arrests**

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **22 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in August 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:**

Officer Killian was conducting special operation drug interdiction when he located a vehicle leaving an area of observation that did not have any license plates. The driver also did not have a valid DL. Officer Paltz K9 positively alerted on the vehicle. During the search, officers located a sawed-off double barrel shot gun rolled up in a sweatshirt on front floorboard between driver and passenger seat. Located in the driver door panel were 2 12-gauge shells. In the passenger seat was a folded dollar bill with a trace of white residue believed to be Methamphetamine.

Driver received citations for:

- OWS
- Expired Registration
- No Proof of Insurance

Driver was arrested for:

- Possession of Short-barreled shotgun
- CCW
- Felony Bail Jumping.

Officers received a call of a crash at 3<sup>rd</sup> St S and Expressway. Vehicle collided with traffic light and struck another vehicle. Vehicle fled at S/B on 1<sup>st</sup> St s at a high rate of speed. While enroute to that area we were advised of another 4-vehicle crash with that same vehicle at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> St S and Pepper Ave. Officer Killian and Sgt Cornette handled the crash at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Expressway. Officer Zalewski, Pelot, Borchardt, and I went to Pepper Ave. There were multiple injuries and three people trapped inside of their vehicles. Paramedics arrived and completed medical care and extrication of these people. While tending to the suspect driver he admitted to taking Heroin hours prior to crashes. Paramedics said two peoples injuries were significant and they were flown by helicopter to Marshfield. Due to potential seriousness of injuries, State Patrol was requested for an accident reconstruction. City garage was contacted for barricade to block off intersection.

Driver was charged with:

- Hit and run causing injury x2 (criminal)
- Following too close
- Unsafe lane deviation
- Failure to keep vehicle under control.
- Impeding traffic
- OWI causing injury (criminal)
- Reckless driving
- Unsafe lane deviation
- Unreasonable and imprudent speed

#### **Drug Interdiction Unit:**

Operation in August resulted in arrests for THC, Methamphetamine, bail jumping, warrants and also the recovery of a sawed off, short barreled shotgun.