



## Police Department City of Wisconsin Rapids

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Date: September 14, 2022  
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 August 2022

### **Departmental Activity/Training:**

National Night Out.

Cop On a Rooftop. Special Olympics Wisconsin fundraiser at Dunkin Donuts.

Assisted with Central Wisconsin Car Cruise.

Sunrise Rotary "Who Let the K9's Out" mini-golf K9 fundraiser. (WRPD WON!!!)

Tour for Officers of new addition to Lincoln High School.

Interim Chief Potocki, Interim Duty Chief Dewitt and Sergeant Radtke gave a PD recruitment talk at MSTC Law Enforcement recruit academy.

Interim Chief Potocki, Interim Deputy Chief Dewitt, SRO Pelot, and SRO Olivares attended the Crisis Action Team meeting with the Wisconsin Rapids School District.

Interim Chief Potocki and Interim Duty Chief Dewitt met with Assumption High School's Principal and Dean of students reference school safety and Alice training for the school.

Nuisance Property meeting with Mayor and Community Development.

WRPD and WRFD management meeting.

North Central Chiefs of Police Association meeting.

Wood County Law Enforcement Executives meeting.

Joint Wood County Speed Grant.

Conducted Department Staff meeting.

Detectives Wetterau and Bailey have been conducting background investigations on two patrol officer candidates.

Detective Daven attended a two week DCI Basic Fire Investigation training.

Detectives Ritcher and Wetterau attended the Wisconsin Narcotics Officer Association Conference.

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

WRPD responded to **1394** incidents and calls for service in August 2022.

August 2021: **1652**

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2022: **9717**

Total for 2021: **10427**

### **For month of August 2022 vs 2021:**

- OWI - 2022: **3** 2021: **6**
- Traffic Crash Investigations - 2022: **35** 2021: **49**
- Traffic / Municipal Citations – 2022: **174** 2021: **283**
- Written Warnings – 2022: **215** 2021: **307**
- Restricted Parking Tickets – 2022: **107** 2021: **147**

### **Controlled Substance Arrests**

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **31 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in August 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:**

08/16/2022, Complaint 22-12417

On August 16, 2022, Officer Brockman and other officers were dispatched to 1150 19<sup>th</sup> Ave S for a report of a disturbance. The male and female left the address in a black Mazda. Officer Brockman located the black Mazda and made a traffic stop on the vehicle. The female passenger was seen trying to stash a bag of ecstasy within the vehicle. Officers conducted a search of the vehicle and located a bag of THC, digital scale, and Methamphetamine. The male driver had a bag of brown powder material in his shorts that was later found to be fentanyl. The male passenger also tried to hide methamphetamine in the back of the squad car while traveling to the jail. A total of 87 grams of methamphetamine, 10.08 grams of THC, 9 grams of ecstasy, and 10.3 grams of fentanyl were located.

One subject was charged with possession of marijuana, Possession of MDMA, Possession of methamphetamine, and resist obstruct an officer

One subject was charged with Possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, possession of fentanyl, and possession of drug paraphernalia

**Special Operations:** Have been suspended because of personnel shortages.