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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 September 2020

Activities of the Chief of Police

- Attended or teleconferenced in to many meetings regarding response to Covid.
- Participated in the "Lights of Christmas" fundraiser sponsored by 89Q FM. The Wisconsin Rapids Police Department received \$1100.00 in gift cards as a result. The gift cards for various businesses will be handed out to families in need during the Holidays.
- Continued work on the 2021 budget process.
- Continued planning process for the WRPD shooting range improvements project.

Notable activities of the Police Department for September 2020

- Officer Paltz and K9 Kubo began K9 training at Jestifany Kennels near Fon Du Lac.
- The Police Department continues preliminary work on the Shooting Range renovation project.
- Officer Jazdzewski and Officer Khang attended an Active Shooter Incident Management basic course.

Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:

WRPD responded to **1714** incidents and calls for service in September 2020.

September 2019: **1530**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2020: **14156**

Total for 2019: **16385**

For month of September 2020:

- OWI- **7** 2019-**6**
- Traffic Crash Investigations: **39** 2019: **38**

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 September 2020: **45**

Restricted Parking citations: **152**

Chronic Nuisance Program letters:

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

Interdiction Overtime operations:

An Interdiction operation was conducted in September. Again, our primary focus being the hotels on 8th St. between Pepper Ave, and Two Mile Ave. We had many visible traffic stops along 8th street resulting in:

- 4 arrests for Narcotics violations
- An attempted traffic stop that resulted in a short pursuit. The driver was arrested and the vehicle searched. Discovered in the vehicle were 3 sticks of live TNT. The TNT was taken into custody by Marathon County Bomb Squad. The possession of explosives being investigated by the ATF and WRPD, with a possible connection into a larger theft of TNT reported by the DNR. The seizure of the TNT, and removal from the street, would not have been accomplished were it not for the interdiction operations conducted by WRPD.

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **19 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in September 2020. These charges include:

- Manufacture/Delivery of Heroin.
- Manufacture/Delivery of Cocaine.
- Possession of Schedule I and II drugs.
- Possession of Methamphetamine.
- Possession of Methamphetamine with intent to sell.
- Maintaining Drug Trafficking Place.

Notable investigations and arrests

Detectives highlighted cases of the month:

- Investigation in regards to Sexual Assault of a Child resulted in the following charges:
 1. 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child, 2nd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child and 2 charges of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor
- Investigation in regards to Sexual Assault of a Child. Interviewed suspect at the Wood County Jail. Investigation resulted in following charges:
 1. Charges requested: 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child

Patrol:

- Officers were called to the area of Rapids Ford for a vehicle that had collided with another and then fled at a high rate of speed. The vehicle attempted to go behind Rapids Ford when the vehicle then collided with three other parked cars. Officers gathered information and conducted SFST on driver. PBT of 0.106 Subject arrested and charged
 1. OWI 2nd.
 2. Hit and Run,
 3. OAR,
 4. Failure to yield.
- Officer conducted a traffic stop for expired registration. Upon contact the Officer could detect an odor of marijuana. Officers conducted a search and the driver stated that there was a roach and THC wax in the car. The driver also admitted to having marijuana in her fanny pack that she was wearing. As a result of the search, Officers located THC wax in the glove box as well as a smoking device. Total weight of THC wax was 26.79g. Driver was charged with:
 1. Possession of drug paraphernalia
 5. Possession of THC.
- Officer observed a vehicle going South on 8th Street that did not have a front license plate. Deputy and his k9 assisted with the traffic stop. K9 indicated on the vehicle and Officers located a glass vial with a crystal substance under the seat cover of the passenger front seat. The crystal substance tested positive for methamphetamine. The estimated weight of the crystal substance was .3 grams.
 1. Charged with possession of Methamphetamine

