



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 November 2020

Activities of the Chief of Police

- Attended or teleconferenced in to numerous meetings.
- Continued work on the Police Range improvement project.
- Finished work on the 2021 budget process.

Notable activities of the Police Department for November 2020

- The Police Department continues work on the Shooting Range renovation project.
- Officer Stefan Jaye, WRPD's first lateral transfer began his career with Wisconsin Rapids. Officer Jaye will be in the Field Training program through December.

Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:

WRPD responded to **1393** incidents and calls for service in November 2020.

November 2019: **1467**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2020: **17080**.

Total for 2019: **19657**

For month of November 2020:

- OWI- 7 2019-5
- Traffic Crash Investigations: 24 2019: 41

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 November 2020: 45

Restricted Parking citations: 130

Chronic Nuisance Program letters:

5 properties were added in November; properties being added following 3 enforcement actions.

Interdiction Overtime operations:

Interdiction operations will resume in 2021.

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **23 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in November 2020. These charges include:

- Possession of Schedule I and II drugs.
- Possession of Methamphetamine.
- Possession of Methamphetamine with intent to sell.
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Notable investigations and arrests

Detectives:

- Closed: River drowning death-death ruled fresh water drowning.
- Closed: Fatal Fire death-death ruled due to smoke inhalation-fire cause-undetermined.
- Detectives accompanied Merrill Police Department to an address in Wisconsin Rapids regarding stolen firearm from burglary in Merrill. Investigation led to recovery of stolen handgun in Waushara County.

Patrol:

- Officer Burger received information concerning a child neglect case that he has been following up on since August. Human Services is investigating drug use by parents who have multiple children in their care. Tests were conducted on the children's hair that proved they have been exposed to Meth, Cocaine and Marijuana. Officer Burger also received information of physical abuse to these children by the father. Both parents were charged with Child neglect x2
- Officers responded to the MK Auto building on Grand in response to a shots fired complaint. It was reported to 911 that a female subject had entered the building and fired a gun at individuals. Officers responded to the scene, secured the area, and engaged dialogue with suspect who was barricaded in a third floor room. The suspect was taken into custody without use of force and a weapon was located in the room with the suspect. The weapon turned out to be a CO2 gun that looked very realistic.
- On November 13, 2020, Officer Paltz observed a vehicle park in the Walgreens parking lot and the three occupants walked to the Rapids Inn. After being at the Rapids Inn for a short period of time, they returned to the vehicle and left. Officer Paltz made a traffic stop on the vehicle for a vehicle code violation. Wood County Deputy Arendt assisted on the stop. The K9 indicated on the vehicle, and the vehicle was searched. A loaded 9mm pistol, \$1604.00 in US currency, 6.88 grams of methamphetamine, 60 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia were located in the vehicle.
 - a. One subject was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine with intent, Possession of THC with intent, Possession of Stolen property, and Carry a concealed weapon
 - b. One subject was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine with intent, Possession of THC with intent, and Felon in possession of a firearm
 - c. One subject was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine with intent, and Possession of THC with intent