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RE: Report on the Police Department activity for November 2023

Departmental Activity/Training:

North Central Chiefs Meeting

Wood County Law Enforcement Executive Meeting

Meeting with Fire Executives

Common Council Meeting

Police and Fire Commission Meeting

Command Staff Meeting

Completed mandated training and monthly range training.

Sergeant Fleisner and K9 Lex attended and successfully completed the annual Police Canine Patrol certification course held in the Green Bay area.

On 11/13/23, Officer Jordan Leher started her training with Field Training Officer Khang. Officer Leher is a lateral transfer from Adams County Sherriff's Department.

For the month, 2023 vs. 2022:

Calls for Service	2023	1391	2022	1351
OWI	2023	5	2022	5
Traffic Crash Inv.	2023	33	2022	38
Traffic/Municipal Citations	2023	140	2022	200
Written Warnings	2023	352	2022	224
Restricted Parking Tickets	2023	151	2022	108

Administration Staff

Ordinance	November Days Worked	Calls for Service	Written Warnings	Citations	Complete without Enforcement Action	OWI	Arrests	Crash Reports	Totals
Andrys	17	60	0	1	59	0	0	0	60

Open Records	Request	Completed	Denials	Redactions
November	62	62	0	2

Notable Incidents

Ofc. Zalewski was dispatched to a residence for a 15-year-old juvenile male who had operated his mother's vehicle without her consent. The mother went to use her vehicle in the morning for work and noticed her keys were misplaced and the vehicle had an odor of marijuana. The mother was able to use a Progressive Insurance chip in the vehicle to see the vehicle leave the residence at 10:30 pm the night prior and return at 2:00 am. The juvenile male admitted to taking and operating the vehicle without his mother's consent and using it to smoke marijuana with a friend. Ofc. Zalewski searched the vehicle and the juvenile's bedroom and located marijuana and marijuana vape products. The juvenile was referred to Human Services for charges of Operating a Vehicle Without the Owner's Consent and Possession of THC.

Ofc. Krier was dispatched to How Elementary School for an intoxicated male standing near the front of the school as the children were being released. Ofc. Krier contacted the male, who was the father of a student. The male was highly intoxicated, being belligerent, and using profane language. The male attempted to walk to his vehicle and get in. Ofc. Krier placed the male under arrest for Disorderly Conduct. The male then began making threats of physical harm to law enforcement and jail staff. The male was also charged with Threats to Law Enforcement.

On September 12, 2023, Officer Greening noticed a vehicle with a suspended registration. Officer Greening pulled the vehicle over at the intersection of Highway 13 South and 3rd St South. Sgt. Arendt and his k9 Timo assisted at the traffic stop. Sgt. Arendt notified Officer Greening that Timo indicated on the vehicle. 2.5 grams of green leafy vegetable material in a plastic bag inside the driver's purse was located. The substance later tested positive for THC. One subject was charged for possession of THC.

Detective Wetterau closed a drug investigation that lasted for over one year. Throughout this investigation, numerous undercover controlled purchases of illegal substances were arranged and carried out by Detective Wetterau, the Central WI Drug Taskforce, and criminal informants. As a result of the investigation, Detective Wetterau referred the following charges to the Wood County District Attorney's Office: Two counts of Manufacture/Distribute/Deliver Cocaine, and one count of Manufacture/Distribute/Deliver Psilocin or Psilocybin.

Detective Bailey was assigned a child sexual assault investigation that occurred over a several-year period at a Wisconsin Rapids residence. The allegations were from several years ago. Detective Bailey identified two victims who were interviewed and was able to locate/identify a victim. As a result of Detective Bailey's investigation, the following charges were referred to the Wood County District Attorney's Office for one adult male suspect: Two counts of Engaging in Repeated Acts of Sexual Assault of the Same Child.

Sgt. Daven was assigned a fraud investigation in which an unknown female with a Georgia identity entered four different Wisconsin Rapids banks and fraudulently cashed several checks after opening false/fraudulent accounts. The total amount of money she received fraudulently in Wisconsin Rapids exceeded \$11,000. Sgt Daven worked with numerous other police agencies, the FBI, and utilized numerous investigative tools including flock and online banking databases to identify a

suspect from the state of Georgia. As a result of Sgt Daven's investigation, the following charges were referred to the Wood County District Attorney's Office for one female: four counts of Forgery-uttering.

Sgt. Daven was conducting a follow-up on a missing juvenile complaint our department had taken. Sgt. Daven located the missing juvenile, at which time the juvenile disclosed her parents had drugs at their house and were growing marijuana. After receiving that information, approximately 548 grams of marijuana were located at a Wisconsin Rapids residence. As a result of this investigation and follow-up, the following charges were referred to the Wood County District Attorney's Office for two adults: Manufacture/Deliver THC (one charge for each adult).

Other Activity

Detective Wetterau completed a background investigation for new hire candidate Trenton Woebeking

Detective Bailey completed a background investigation for new hire candidate Eric Jenkin.

Sgt. Daven responded to the initial fire call at John J. Buettgen's funeral home as a part of the Arson investigation task force. The fire was determined not to be suspicious.

WRPD received 16 Child Protective Service Reports from Wood County Human Services for investigation and review.

On 11/9/23, SRO Olivares arranged for a K9 sniff at Lincoln High School. 5 K9 units from throughout Wood Co and the detective bureau assisted in this.

Sgt. Daven attended the Central Wisconsin Crime Investigators Association meeting/presentation on 11/2/23.

Controlled Substance Arrests

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made the following arrests for Drug-related offenses for the past month in 2023. These charges include:

Possession of Marijuana	1
Possession of Narcotic Drugs	5
Possession of Methamphetamine	2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	5
Total:	13

Drugs Taken In:

Drug	Quantity
Marijuana	553.35g
THC Cartridges	2 units
Methamphetamine	0.93g
Fentanyl	0.35g

K9 Kubo

	Times					
	Narcotic Deployments	Narcotics Found	Patrol Deployments	Demonstrations	Training Hours	Agency Assist
January	3				13	
February	2	2		1	13.5	1
March					7	
April	1				13.5	1
May	2	1	1		28.75	3
June	4	2	1		1.5	2
July	4	2			1.25	2
August	3	2		1	12.5	1
September	1	1			6	1
October	1			1	12	
November	2			1	0.5	1
December						
Totals	23		2	4	109.5	12

K9 Lex

	Times					
	Narcotic Deployments	Narcotics Found	Patrol Deployments	Demonstrations	Training Hours	Agency Assist
January	2	0	2	0	11	3
February	1	0	0	2	12.75	0
March	3	1	0	2	0.5	0
April	3	1	0	0	11	1
May	1	2	0	3	34.75	0
June	5	2	1	1	11.5	2
July	2	2	1	0	13.75	1
August	1	1	0	2	11.75	0
September	2	0	1	0	27.5	2
October	0	0	1	2	11	0
November	4	0	1	0	32.25	1
December						
Totals	24	9	7	12	177.75	10