



Police Department City of Wisconsin Rapids

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To: Mayor Shane Blaser
Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission
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From: Erman Blevins, Chief of Police

RE: Report on the Police Department activity for December 2020

Notable activities of the Police Department for December 2020

- The Police Department continues work on the Shooting Range renovation project. With the paving work completed, the work on the inside of the range house has begun.
- DOJ conducted the 3-year inspections of juvenile detention records and facilities. WRPD passed with zero violations and certified for three more years.
- Sergeant Fleisner and K9 Lex completed a 5-day scenario based patrol dog recertification through K-9 Services.
- Officer Jaye completed step 3 in the field training process, with Field Training Officer Jazdzewski.
- The patrol officers of WRPD decided as a union to assist a needy family in the city. This family took in several children to care for when the children needed help, placing a severe strain on the family. Using union funds and a match from Pepsi Co., Officers shopped at Walmart to give each child a Christmas. Officers helped select gifts, wrapped them, and delivered these items to the family that was in need.
The union also purchased a freezer for the family and stocked it with food.

Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:

WRPD responded to **1317** incidents and calls for service in December 2020.

December 2019: **1585**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2020: **18397**.

Total for 2019: **21242**

For month of December 2020:

- OWI- **9** 2019-**10**
- Traffic Crash Investigations: **25** 2019: **44**

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 December 2020: **24**

Restricted Parking citations: **180**

Chronic Nuisance Program letters:

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

Interdiction Overtime operations:

Interdiction operations will resume in 2021.

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **25 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in December 2020. These charges include:

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

Notable investigations and arrests

Detectives:

- Drug investigators continue to work with the Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force resulting in several undercover buys, surveillance and confidential sources.
- Executed no-knock search warrant to home regarding drug use/distribution and Drug endangered child/environment stemming from month long investigation.

Suspects charged with:

Delivery of Methamphetamine
Possession of methamphetamine
Child neglect.

- Served 2 search warrants for records to service providers regarding other drug investigations

Patrol:

- On December 30, 2020 Officers were dispatched to an address on West Grand Ave for an animal complaint. While officers were on scene, they discovered that an intoxicated 20-year-old male had shot a German Shepard three times with a bow and arrow. Officers were able to locate the dog, which was already deceased. The officers took the 20-year-old male into custody. The subject resisted arrest and spit in an Officer's eye.

Subject was charged with Throwing or Discharging Bodily Fluids, Mistreatment of Animals, Resisting arrest, and Underage alcohol.

- Officer Van Berkel conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle leaving a suspected drug house with the RO being suspended. Subject was ACT 79 eligible, and a search was conducted. The search resulted in the location of a meth pipe next to subject in vehicle. A further search of vehicle was conducted and resulted in the seizure of two baggies of Methamphetamine that weighed 13.39g and 2.7g for a total weight of 16.09g

Charges of:

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Possession of Methamphetamine w/ intent to deliver
Criminal traffic citations.

- Officer Burger was surveilling a drug house and observed a vehicle that had expired registration. A traffic stop was conducted discovering the driver has a revoked DL. Officers observed driver wrap her blue facemask up and attempt to conceal it underneath her. Driver was instructed to exit vehicle, and she consented to a search of her person and purse. Officer Burger explained that she is also Act 79 eligible and the he will be searching the vehicle. Upon opening the rolled up face mask Officer Burger located two small pink plastic baggies containing large amount of white crystalline substance. One bag weighed 3.73g and the other weighed 3.69g for a total of 7.39g. The substance tested positive as methamphetamine. Also located underneath the passenger seat was a Glock 19x replica BB gun, and a 10in knife. Driver charged with:
Poss. Meth 7.39g
CCW knife
CCW
Felony bail jumping
OAR