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Date: 07 January 2022
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 December 2021

Notable activities of the Police Department for December

- Over 350 children attended the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department "Visit with Santa and Mrs. Clause" event held at Wi Rapids City Hall. Santa (Chief of Police) and Mrs. Clause (Mrs. Chief of Police) greeted children along with characters from the Disney movie "Frozen". The event was very successful with hundreds of photos with Santa and Mrs. Clause taken.
- WRPD facilitated the Public Safety day for the Chamber of Commerce Teen Leadership program by hosting the participants and giving overviews of public safety and touring facilities.
- Officers from WRPD also participated in the "Dealing with Disasters" presentation that is part of Career Day at WRAMS.

Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:

WRPD responded to **1315** incidents and calls for service in December 2021.

December 2020: **1317**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2021: **18,198**

Total for 2020: **18,254**

For month of December 2021:

- OWI- 8 2020-10 Traffic Crash Investigations: **40** 2020: **31**

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 written on the request of Code Enforcement in December 2021: **2**

Restricted Parking citations: **107**

Chronic Nuisance Program letters:

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

Controlled Substance Arrests

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **10 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in December 2021. These charges include:

- Possession of Narcotic drugs.
- Possession of Methamphetamine.
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.
- Manufacture/Deliver THC

Notable investigations and arrests:

Investigations:

- 21 Detective Wetterau and Detective Richter assisted the Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force and DCI in surveilling/stopping/arresting a target from an ongoing drug investigation. Search warrants were executed at a Wausau and a Saratoga residence where a very large quantity of drugs and money were confiscated. Lieutenant Lubeck assisted in the search of the Saratoga residence. Detectives Wetterau and Richter were active in the investigation prior to the search warrants being executed.
- 3 suspects from a long term drug investigation involving WRPD, WI DOJ DCI, and the Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force were convicted and sentenced to 8-10 in WI DOC for bringing 20 Lbs of Methamphetamine to Wisconsin.

Patrol/Special Operations :

On December 12, 2021, Officer Drew conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that had an expired registration. Officer Paltz and his K9 Kubo assisted with the traffic stop. K9 Kubo alerted on the vehicle and it was subsequently searched. A small baggie of gray powder substance sitting on the driver seat. The gray substance tested positive for Fentanyl and had a weight of 1.49 grams. The driver also had a valid warrant out for his arrest.

One subject was charged with possession of Schedule II narcotic second and subsequent

Special Operations will resume in 2022.