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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 July 2020

Activities of the Chief of Police

- Attended or teleconferenced in to many meetings regarding response to Covid.
- Continuously met with other area Law Enforcement leaders to continue the unified response to Covid-19.
- Visited Jessiffany Kennels in Iron Ridge Wisconsin with staff and selected WRPD's new K9 officer "Kubo".
- Begun preliminary work for the 2021 budget process.
- Begun planning process for the WRPD shooting range improvements project.

Notable activities of the Police Department for July 2020

- WRPD has been the recipient of several very generous donations to the K9 fundraiser recently. With these donations, the K9 fund has met its goal and a K9 dog has been selected. Officer Jake Paltz and K9 Kubo begin training in September
- The Police Department continues preliminary work on the Shooting Range renovation project.

Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:

WRPD responded to **1790** incidents and calls for service in July 2020.

July 2019: **2277**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2020: **10784**

Total for 2019: **12980**

For month of July 2020:

- OWI- **10** 2019-**7**
- Traffic Crash Investigations: **25** 2019: **32**

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 July 2020: **40**

Restricted Parking citations: **259**

July 4 weekend: Enhanced fireworks enforcement resulted in **35 citations** issued.

Chronic Nuisance Program letters

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

Detectives/Interdiction Overtime operations:

Interdiction

- An Interdiction operation was conducted in July, our primary focus were the hotels on 8th St. Between Pepper Ave and Two Mile Ave. The operation resulted in numerous citations issued and 1 drug arrest. A quantity of Cannabis was seized.

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **37 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in July 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.
- Possession of THC

Notable investigations and arrests

Patrol:

- On 7/18/2020 Officer Krier was sent to a welfare check on an elderly female that kept calling 911 and appeared to be very confused. Officer Krier made contact with the female and it was learned that the female needed to go to Walmart to get groceries, but the taxi service would not transport her as she has a difficult time getting into and out of the taxi. Officer Krier then got a list of what the female needed from Walmart and purchased those items with his own money and delivered them to the female. Officer Krier also made sure the female had the proper necessities she would need for the weekend and determined that the female is capable of caring for herself, but has a hard time with technology such as using a phone to schedule transportation. Officer Krier did forward a report to Human Services in hopes they will be able to assist the female.
- Officer Van Berkel checked out for fireworks complaint. As he was writing a citation to the homeowner, who took responsibility, the homeowner instructed others present to keep lighting them off. They were in close proximity of squad car as debris began hitting the squad car. Officer told her he would keep writing tickets if they continue. Officer went to ID subject when the homeowner got in front of Officer, pushing and shoving Officer. During the incident subjects were throwing pop it or snaps at him striking him in the back. Other Officers arrived and assisted. Homeowner arrested for resisting/obstructing and bonded out of jail.
- Officer Burger conducted a traffic stop on a driver known to be revoked, and on probation for drug related offense. Officer Burger observed vehicle leaving a suspected drug house and driver said he was going to Motel 6 another area of high drug traffic. Officer Burger conduct an Act 79 search of the driver and vehicle and found .4g of Methamphetamine in a plastic baggie, another baggie with .64g of Methamphetamine, a vape THC pen with .5g of liquid, and numerous items of Drug Paraphernalia. Driver was issued 3rd Offense Drug Paraphernalia citation, and referred on charges of:
 1. Possession of Methamphetamine
 2. Possession of THC 2nd+
 3. Felony Bail jumping