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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 April 2020

Activities of the Chief of Police

- As was March, much of April was almost entirely devoted to Covid -19 planning and response. Attended or teleconferenced in to many meetings regarding response.
- Continuously met with other area Law Enforcement leaders to plan for unified response to Covid-19 contingencies.

Notable activities of the Police Department for April 2020

- WRPD Officers have placed Family Center office hours on hold for the duration of the Covid-19 health emergency.
- WRPD Has received a pledge for a \$10,000 donation to the K9 program to be paid directly to a kennel for a dog and training. The donor is at the moment requesting anonymity.
- Officer Jazdzewski continued with his Community Leadership training.
- School Resource Officers (SRO) have shifted to Patrol duties for the duration of the Covid-19 emergency.
- Officer Brockman successfully completed the field training program and has started solo-patrol on Crew D.

- WRPD has placed an emphasis on after hours business checks. The Covid-19 emergency has forced many businesses to close, resulting in a vulnerability to burglaries.

Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:

WRPD responded to **990** incidents and calls for service in April 2020.

April 2019: **1857**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2020: **5804**

Total for 2019: **7246**.

For month of April 2020:

- OWI- **3** 2019- **6**
- Traffic Crash Investigations: **14** 2019: **30**

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 April 2020: **12**

Restricted Parking citations: **221**

Chronic Nuisance Program letters

4 properties were added in April; properties being added following 3 enforcement actions.

Detectives/Interdiction Overtime operations:

Interdiction

- Due to Covid-19 precautions, no interdiction conducted in April. Operations will resume in May.

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **18 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in April 2020. These charges include:

- Manufacture/Delivery of Heroin
- Possession of Schedule I and II drugs
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Methamphetamine with intent to sell.
- Maintaining Drug Trafficking Place.

Notable investigations and arrests

Detectives:

- Heroin Search Warrant Seizures. Charges Pending in this case.
 1. 25.18 grams tan powder material – Positive field test for heroin
 2. Multiple pieces of drug paraphernalia – smoking devices/drug cutting equipment
 3. \$686.00 U.S. currency
- WRPD Detectives in conjunction with members of the Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force conducted controlled buy operations of Methamphetamine within the city of Wisconsin Rapids. Investigations remain open/ongoing.
- WRPD Detectives assisted members of the Central Wisconsin Drug task Force (CWDTF) with controlled drug buy operations in Portage County related to individuals involved in distributing methamphetamine and heroin in Wisconsin Rapids area and surrounding counties.
- 6 adult arrests for delivery/possession of heroin and methamphetamine-(part of larger conspiracy).
- Working daily with Federal and State prosecutors preparing Search Warrants and reports for conspiracy drug charges.

Patrol:

- On April 5, 2020 Officer Paltz was doing extra patrol at Rapids Inn. Officer Paltz observed a vehicle driving erratically in the parking lot and then park on the South end of the parking lot. Officer Paltz made contact with the driver, who gave a false name. The suspect's real name was learned through dispatch and that there was a Department of Corrections warrant for her arrest. The suspect took off running before Officer Paltz could return to the suspect vehicle. After a foot chase the suspect was apprehended. Officer Paltz searched the vehicle and located .31 grams of suspected heroin and drug paraphernalia.

One suspect charged with:

1. Possession of heroin
- Officers received a call to Cobblestone Hotel for a fight between two males. Upon attempting to arrest one of the males, the subject resisted and put Officer Moadlo in a headlock. Officers were able to get him to the ground, and once on the ground Officers tried to control him. Officer Moadlo was attempting to secure subject's head when the subject bit Officer Moadlo's fingers. Officer Moadlo was wearing patrol gloves but the bite was severe enough it still broke skin and caused him pain. During the struggle Officer Van Berkel was also bitten on the arm, which did break the skin and caused him pain. Sgt. Burris was able to deploy his Taser, and Officers were able to get subject into handcuffs. During altercation a woman involved in the original altercation tried to intervene, and was also arrested for Obstructing and DC.

Subject arrested for:

1. Resisting
2. Obstructing
3. Battery to LE 2x
4. Battery
5. Threats to LE

- Officers received a call of a vehicle stopped in the lane of traffic on Airport Ave and 8th St s and the driver appeared to be asleep at the wheel causing vehicles to swerve around it. Upon arrival driver awoke and was stopped in the parking lot of Dollar Tree. The subject was sweating profusely, saliva around his mouth, speaking slow and lethargic, and had his windshield wipers going fast. There was no rain occurring. Officer Contreras conducted SFST. Officer Burger conducted DRE examination.. A vehicle search was conducted finding numerous items of drug paraphernalia, and a tin of brownish substance later test to be positive for Fentanyl.

1. Driver was arrested for OWI-Drugged driving 3rd Offense.
2. Possession of Schedule I and II drugs pending lab results.