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RE: Report on the Police Department activity for January 2023

Departmental Activity/Training:

Chief Attended the Wisconsin DOJ New Chief and Sheriff Training in Madison, WI.

Working on the 2023 Police Department Annual Report

Police and Fire Commission Meeting

Command Staff Meeting

Completed mandated training and monthly range training.

SRO Pelot and SRO Olivares attended the 2024 AWSA Associate Principal Conference.

SRO Pelot and SRO Olivares attended Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training with WRPS staff.

The Detective Bureau worked 88.38 hours of overtime (calculated at time and one half). This does not include drug task force overtime that gets reimbursed throughout the year.

Monthly Special Response Team (SRT) and Crisis Negotiator (CNT) training

For the month, 2023 vs. 2022:

Calls for Service	2024	1,420	2023	1,382
OWI	2024	9	2023	8
Traffic Crash Inv.	2024	48	2023	37
Traffic/Municipal Citations	2024	191	2023	289
Written Warnings	2024	360	2023	433
Restricted Parking Tickets	2024	13	2023	96

Administration Staff

Ordinance	January Days Worked	Calls for Service	Written Warnings	Citations	Complete without Enforcement Action	Parking Citations	OWI	Arrests	Crash Reports	Totals
Andrys	20	52	0	2	50	0	0	0	0	52

Open Records	Request	Completed	Denials	Redactions	Pending Release
November	51	44	0	3	6

Notable Incidents

WRPD # 24-1087: On 01/23/24, members of the Detective Bureau assisted in the execution of a search warrant at a Wisconsin Rapids residence as a result of Detective Richter’s ongoing drug investigation. Seven adults were located inside the home, and six were residing there. Upon searching the residence, detectives observed many signs of illegal drug use. Detectives located and confiscated numerous pieces of drug paraphernalia, 19.65 grams of methamphetamine, 41.13 grams of THC, 0.5 grams of Fentanyl, and two firearms. Five adults were taken into custody, two with active arrest warrants. After this investigation, Detective Richter referred the following charges to the Wood County District Attorney’s Office:

- Two adults were referred for Possession with Intent to Deliver/Manufacture a Controlled Substance on/near Public School
- Three adults were referred for Possession of Methamphetamine
- Two adults were referred for Felony Bail Jumping
- Two adults were referred for Possession of Schedule I Narcotic (Fentanyl)
- Two adults were referred for Possession of THC
- Six adults were referred for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Three adults were referred for Maintain a Drug Trafficking Place
- One adult was referred for Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine
- One adult was referred for Possession with Intent to Distribute THC

WRPD # 23-16093: In October 2023, Patrol took an initial complaint of a check fraud case at Connexus Credit Union. A male subject entered the credit union with a stolen Illinois ID card and cashed a false check, ultimately receiving \$5,640.00. The subject was also observed leaning over the counter and taking photographs of the teller’s computer screen and the private banking information on the screen. Sgt. Daven was assigned this investigation and learned that numerous other similar instances were reported throughout Central Wisconsin. Sgt. Daven issued a Wisconsin Crime Alert regarding this case. With the assistance of the Marathon County Sheriff’s Department, a suspect was identified and interviewed and admitted to his involvement. He also identified the individual who printed the fraudulent check. Sgt. Daven utilized Flock data captured on Connexus surveillance to determine the suspect's vehicle. Sgt. Daven concluded his investigation on January 18, and the following charges were referred to the Wood County District Attorney’s Office:

- Suspect One: Forgery, three counts of Felony Bail Jumping, Theft.
- Suspect Two: Forgery, Patry to a Crime/Theft

1/4, 9, 19, 28 (5 OWI arrests) (24-00455, 00647, 00933, 01352, 01383)- Crew B saw an uptick in OWI arrests. Four of the junior officers made OWI arrests. A focus on traffic enforcement resulted in the apprehension of intoxicated drivers. A contributing factor to this was crew training regarding DRE training and a review of SFST testing conducted by OFC Krummel. Officers worked together to reduce efforts by a single officer streamlining the process, making it more efficient and allowing the arresting officers to be available for other calls for service. WOSO executed the 5th OWI arrest regarding a welfare check that originated in Saratoga. The vehicle and driver were found at the Huntington House by LT Cornette and handed over to WOSO upon their arrival at the scene.

1/24 (Fentanyl Arrest) (24-01129)- Officers acted upon information received via a concerned citizen about drug activity at 1160 16th St. N. They directed extra patrol activities in the area. While in the area, they received a tip that the subject of interest, 10-99, was en route back to that address. A traffic stop was initiated and resulted in the arrest of the subject. Upon search incident to arrest, fentanyl was located inside the vehicle. Arrest was made. The subject was wanted on several charges related to narcotics by neighboring agencies.

1/17, 25 (Heroin Related Overdoses) (24-00860, 01341) Officers Drew, Paltz, and Krummel responded to two calls for service involving Heroin overdoses. The first was a call for a PNB female by OFC Drew in front of Lucky's Bar. Upon arrival, the female was PNB. Narcan was administered, and the subject was revived. The incident was the second of a similar nature in the recent past involving the subject. The subject told OFC that she was using cocaine, which appears to have contained fentanyl. The second incident occurred at 1150 16th OFC Paltz responded to St. N. The second call, and Krummel, was for a 27-year-old female victim who was found deceased by her fiancée. Subsequent testing by the coroner found a presence of fentanyl. The subject was a known user but thought to be recovering. OFCs provided assistance and resources to the fiancée. Living conditions at the residence were dismal. Garbage was ankle-deep throughout the residence, and insects were present due to the conditions. Children resided at the residence but were not present. Information gained from the incident was passed on to applicable agencies.

1/31 (Meth Arrest) (24-01568) OFC Brockman, working for SGT Killian, made a traffic stop on a vehicle on a vehicle leaving a known drug location, Rapids Inn and Suites. A request was made for a K9. Nekoosa PD responded, and the K9 indicated the presence of drugs in the vehicle. A search was conducted, and meth was found on the only occupant. Intel was gathered from the subject that the meth was purchased from the female maintenance worker for the hotel and her boyfriend, as well, as there was additional meth in the room; they reside in #9. DET LT was alerted that the arrested subject would provide further information and aid WRPD. DET LT advised that the DETs would be in at 0530 and would contact the arrested subject at the jail to ascertain whether there would be enough information to apply for a search warrant for room #9.

2024-1368 – Wisconsin Rapids Officers assisted the Wood County Sheriff's Department with locating a male subject wanted for threatening family members with a shotgun. Officers located the suspect/vehicle on the West side of Kwik Trip. A high-risk traffic stop was conducted on the car, and the suspect was taken into custody safely and turned over to the Wood County Sheriff's Department.

2024-1380 – Officers were called to an address on the East side of the city for a male who pointed a gun at another subject. A perimeter was set up, and officers contacted the suspect. The suspect followed the officer's commands and was safely detained outside his residence. The suspect was taken to jail for endangering safety/use of a dangerous weapon. Trooper Szulczewski from the Wisconsin State Patrol also assisted WRPD.

24-540

1/11/24

Ofc. Jaye conducted a traffic stop on E. Jackson for an equipment violation. During the stop, he determined all subjects in the vehicle had provided false names. A k9 was requested and indicated on the car, leading to a search and the recovery of Methamphetamine and syringes loaded with suspected Fentanyl. 2 of the three subjects went to jail on several warrants, probation holds, and drug-related charges. Charges were later requested for the 3rd for drug and obstructing.

24-1224

1/26/24

Officers have been making frequent contact with Jesse Mabe. On 1/26/24, He was arrested by officers following a disturbance at a residence where he had been allowed to stay for a night while homeless. He was eventually transported to jail on battery, Disorderly conduct, and later Stalking Charges related to continuous criminal activity targeting several individuals. WRPD had seven contacts with Mabe in January, and he is currently incarcerated.

Other Activity

- Received 13 Child Protective Service reports from Wood County Human Services for investigation and review.
 - Detective Richter completed the agency assist complaint where members of the Detective Bureau assisted the Marathon County Sheriff's Department in executing a search warrant at a Wisconsin Rapids residence. As a result of the search warrant and the evidence that was collected, the following charges were referred to the Wood County District Attorney's Office by Detective Richter:
- Suspect 1: Possess Firearm – Convicted of a Felony, Failure to Comply with Officer's Attempt to Take Person Into Custody, Bail Jumping.
- Suspect 2: Maintaining a Drug Trafficking Place, Possession w/ Intent to Distribute Cocaine, Possession w/ Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.
 - There were numerous bitcoin scams throughout January where victims lost thousands of dollars. Sgt. Daven was able to track thousands of dollars that ended up in India. Because of the increase in scams, the following measures were taken to create awareness: Caution signs with scam info were placed on all Bitcoin ATMs in the City of Wisconsin Rapids, and a Facebook post was made to spread awareness about Bitcoin scams. Sgt. Daven reached out to local media outlets to publish a warning, and information was passed on to local banks asking to question large cash withdrawals and spread awareness to their customers.
 - Members of the Detective Bureau executed a search warrant at a Wisconsin Rapids residence on 01/10/24 for a Child Pornography investigation Detective Bailey is completing. The investigation is still ongoing.

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	Narcotic Deployments	Times Narcotics Found	Patrol Deployments	Demonstrations	Training Hours	Agency Assist
January	3	1			10.5	2

Possession of Marijuana	200.23 grams 2 THC Cart.
Methamphetamine	34.55 grams
Fentanyl	0.65 grams
Cocaine	4.947 grams
Psilocybin Mushrooms	6 grams
Other: Alprazolam	32 Pills

Drugs Taken In:

Drug	Quantity
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Marijuana THC Cartridges	23.6g 1 unit
Methamphetamine	2.88g
Fentanyl	0.19g
Cocaine	13.4g
Other: Vyvanse (ADHD Medication)	10 units