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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 May 2021

Notable activities of the Police Department for May 2021

- Lieutenant Joel Flewellen retired from the WRPD after 30 years of service. We all wish him a happy retirement.
- Sergeant Brad Burris was promoted to Lieutenant to replace the position vacated by Lt. Flewellen.
- Officer Ross Radtke was promoted to Sergeant to replace the position previously filled by Sergeant Burris.
- Officer Krummel began his career with WRPD. Officer Krummel is a lateral transfer Officer who came to WRPD from Portage County S.O. and was hired to fill the position vacated by the promotion of Officer Radtke.
- Sergeant Fleisner and K9 Lex completed recertification training through K9 Services. Recertification was for narcotics detection for cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, MDMA, and marijuana.
- Crews completed Less Lethal (beanbag) recertification training.
- Sgt. Radtke and Officer Guse responded to 1430 22nd Ave S Apt. 21 for a possible pulseless non-breathing male subject. Fire department personnel were treating the male subject and administered Narcan, which caused the male subject to regain consciousness.

Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:

WRPD responded to **1704** incidents and calls for service in May 2021.

May 2020: **1437**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2021: **7588**.

Total for 2020: **7306**.

For month of May 2021:

- OWI- **6** 2020-**13**
- Traffic Crash Investigations: **25** 2020: **23**

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 May 2021: **24**

Restricted Parking citations: **228**

Chronic Nuisance Program letters:

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

Controlled Substance Arrests

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **28 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in May 2021. These charges include:

- Possession of Schedule I and II drugs.
- Possession of Narcotic drugs.
- Possession of Methamphetamine.
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.
- Manufacture/Deliver THC

Notable investigations and arrests:

Patrol:

On May 1, 2021, Officer Brockman conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for exceeding the speed limit on State Highway 34 at Reddin Road. Officer Brockman was able to smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle, when he made contact with the driver of the vehicle. Officer Paltz and his K9 partner arrived on scene. The driver admitted to THC being in the vehicle. 2.2 grams of green leafy material the tested positive for THC was located. Also located in the vehicle was a .40 caliber pistol.

One subject was charged with possession of THC and Felon in possession of a firearm.

On May 12, 2021 Officer Brockman stopped a vehicle for equipment violations. Officer Paltz and his K9 partner assisted with the traffic stop. The K9 alerted on the vehicle. In searching the vehicle, Officer Brockman located a tin foil bindle on the driver that contained a tan substance and weighed .15 grams. Testing of the substance showed it to contain Methamphetamine.

One subject was charged with possession of amphetamine

On May 21, 2021 Officer Krakow conducted a traffic stop on 27th Ave S at Gaynor Ave. for a vehicle with no front license plate. Officer Krakow made contact with the driver of the vehicle who gave him a name that was later determined to be false. When Officer Krakow went back to his squad to run the information given to him, the male subject exited the vehicle and ran into a wooded area to the north. Officers set up a perimeter, and Sgt. Fleisner and K9 Lex conducted a track. K9 Lex located the male subject that ran from the traffic stop hiding in a pile of timber. It was learned that the male had given a false name and ran because he thought he had a warrant. Subject was issued citations and charged with the following.

Charges: Obstructing an officer, Resisting an officer, Bail Jumping – 2 counts

Investigations/SRO:

Received 1 battery to a child complaint-open investigation

Referred 1 student for possession of THC

Referred 1 student for possession of methamphetamine/distribution

Drug Interdiction Unit:

Operation in May resulted in several arrests for THC, Methamphetamine, bail jumping, and warrants.