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RE: Report on the Police Department activity for May 2024

Departmental Activity/Training:

Police and Fire Commission meeting

Wood County Law Enforcement Executives meeting.

North Central Chiefs of Police Meeting

Command staff meeting.

Student Academy Graduation

Completed mandated training and monthly range training.

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

Monthly meeting with Fire Department Administration

Chief Hostens attended the FBI National Academy Associates 2024 Re-Trainer

Sgt Fleisner – Monthly K9 training and K9 recertification training in Green Bay

Sgt Burger – IMPBA bike patrol training at UW-Whitewater

Ofc Van Berkel – Red Dot training and monthly SRT training

Ofc Guse – Red Dot training, monthly SRT training, and IMPBA bike patrol training at UW-Whitewater

Sgt Borchardt completed Community Leadership Training where he received an award for most improved

Sgt Jazdzewski attended Red-Dot Instructor training

Ofc Krier attended EVOC Instructor training

Detective Richter and Detective Wetterau attended a one-day training session at Vortex with the Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force, highlighting officer recovery and tactics.

SRO Olivares attended the WI Crisis Negotiator Conference with the Negotiator team.

SRO Olivares and SRO Pelot, as well as various detectives, were present in the schools for several end-of-the-year events, including Prom, River Cities Graduation, LHS Graduation, and Class Reunion Zero (LHS).

For the month, 2024 vs. 2023:

Calls for Service	2024	1801	2023	1756
OWI	2024	5	2023	2
Traffic Crash Inv.	2024	43	2023	43
Traffic/Municipal Citations	2024	214	2023	276
Written Warnings	2024	447	2023	570
Restricted Parking Tickets	2024	89	2023	89

Administration Staff

Ordinance	May Days Worked	Calls for Service	Written Warnings	Citations	Complete without Enforcement Action	Parking Citations	OWI	Arrests	Crash Reports	Totals
Andrys	19	41	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	41

Open Records	Request	Completed	Denials	Redactions	Pending Release	Time (in hours)
May	62	61	0	2	1	9.56

Notable Incidents

WRPD 24-06852: On 5/5/24, Officer Van Berkel, assisted by other crew A officers, responded to a call for service alleging that an individual had pulled a gun on them and left the area on the bike path on the West side. The complainant had inconsistencies in her story, and after locating the alleged suspects and some witnesses, it was determined that there was no gun involved and both parties were instigating each other about other issues.

WRPD 24-06841 On 5/5/24, Officer Van Berkel, Officer Krummel, and Officer Khang responded to a disturbance call where a juvenile male had attacked their stepdad with a knife. It was determined that the juvenile believed there was a disturbance between his mother and his stepdad, which turned into a confrontation where the juvenile superficially stabbed the stepdad. Officers were assisted by the Human Services Department and the Wood County Sheriff’s Dept in placing the juvenile in secure detention for charges through the Human Service Department of reckless endangering safety, battery, and disorderly conduct.

WRPD 24-07109 On 5/9/24, Officer Guse, Van Berkel, Contreras, and Khang, as well as Sgt Burger and multiple detectives, responded to the Expressway Bridge for a report of a male subject who had jumped off the bridge. WRFD, WOSO, GRPD, and Wood County Sherriff’s Rescue all responded and assisted in searching the river with boats and drones, canvassing the walking paths next to the river for any witnesses, and coordinating with the Aspirus Riverview security department with camera footage. After assessing the scene and initial reports, it is plausible that the subject only jumped from the bridge and onto the walking path/area under the East side of the bridge. Sgt Burger was following up with a subject who he investigated previously who had done this exact same thing a couple of years ago and who was seen wearing the same clothing and in the general area prior to the initial report. ****Update**** On 5-18-24, Sgt Burger spoke on this subject after he was incarcerated at the Wood County Jail for separate charges. He indicated that it was him jumping over the bridge railings and onto the walkway. He was advised to stop doing this as it was causing a fire and police response.

WRPD 24-07332 On 5/13/24, Officer Guse, Van Berkel, and Sgt Burger responded to an address on Maple St to assist Adult Protective Services with a welfare check on a mother and her 16-year-old son after concerns about the mother not taking her prescription. The Human Service worker was concerned about the female subject because she had answered the door with blood on her fingers and was chanting/singing incoherently. They also could not locate the juvenile. Eventually, Officers entered the unlocked and ajar front door to check on both parties. The female subject was incoherent in her bed and would not communicate with Officers. The juvenile was located sleeping in a basement room. After more Human Service workers arrived to access the mother, she became communicative and yelled for the Officers to leave her residence. The juvenile assured everyone that he was fine and his mother's behavior was from her getting in touch with her spirituality. Safety plans were set up with the adult sister and grandmother of the family. Officers and Human Service workers then left the residence.

5-22-24 Complaint #24-7885 Officers were dispatched to a fully engulfed house fire with one juvenile female still in the residence. Officers arrived and attempted to enter the house but could not due to the thick smoke. Officers called out inside but could not hear anyone. Officers were then able to safely evacuate the neighboring household residents. The fire was believed to have been started by a candle that was used due to a power outage from a storm that went through earlier in the night. A 16-year-old female was later located inside of the house deceased.

5-22-24 Complaint #24-7886 During the fire call, Officer Brockman was dispatched to a residence for a disturbance. Grand Rapids PD Officer Schwartz assisted Officer Brockman due to the other officers being at the fire scene. Officer Schwartz arrived first and observed a male subject punching a female subject repeatedly in the face. The male subject then charged towards Officer Schwartz and began attacking him. Officer Schwartz got the male subject to the ground, and Officer Brockman arrived and assisted in detaining the male subject. The male was arrested for Domestic Battery, Strangulation, Battery to Law Enforcement, Disorderly Conduct, and Threats to Law Enforcement.

24-7203 Officer Plowman was observing areas of frequent drug activity and saw a suspicious vehicle. Officer Plowman looked up prior records for the vehicle along with DOT records. Officer Plowman located and stopped the vehicle as the owner's license was revoked. A male had already exited the vehicle prior to stopping and was walking away when Officer Plowman located the vehicle, which he recognized from prior LEO contacts. Officer Plowman observed this male drop a clear plastic bag under a separate vehicle. Officer Plowman retrieved this bag and was able to locate and take this male into custody for possession of methamphetamines. The total weight was 3.88 grams. Officer Plowman continued to work on this case and wrote a warrant to collect a DNA sample from this male suspect, which was approved and signed by a judge.

24-7245 & 24-7486 Officers were called for a welfare check on a female at a Kwik Trip on West Grand who was hugging the steering wheel while her 5-year-old child shook her; the complainant believed it was an overdose. Officer Zalewski and Sgt. Jazdzewski responded the female stated it was just a migraine. Based on the females' behavior, officers did not believe that was the case; however, they did not have sufficient evidence on the scene for further investigation.

(24-7486) Officer Plowman and Sgt. Jazdzewski responded to Walmart 4 days later for this same female in her vehicle with a "needle kit" and her 5-year-old child lying on the ground screaming. Officers contacted the same female again and, with new evidence, were able to contact human services and have a Wood County K9 response, which indicated a positive response for the odor of controlled substances. When the female was told her car would be searched, she attempted to toss a tinfoil bundle to hide from officers. A search of the vehicle was conducted with multiple paraphernalia items located. The child was turned over to a grandparent. The substance in tinfoil tested positive for fentanyl. The female was arrested for child neglect and possession of drug paraphernalia.

24-8102 Officer Jaye was dispatched to a male reporting a sexual assault complaint. Due to a language barrier, Officer Jaye utilized our language translation service (Boost Lingo) to aid in his investigation. Over the course of 3 hours, Officer Jaye conducted his investigation with this male, who was determined to be intoxicated and was unable to give details of where this incident occurred. Officer Jaye continued his investigation while the Family Center was contacted and planned for an SA advocate to come to the scene who also set up a SANE exam, which the male agreed to do. However, the advocate was uncomfortable transporting due to the male's behavior. When Officer Jaye attempted to transport the male for the SANE exam, the male retrieved two bottles of alcohol and rapidly drank them. The advocate stated due to this behavior, an exam would no longer be authorized. To collect the

male's clothes for evidence, he could not aid officers in the investigation, with the interpreter now stating, "I think he's just messing with us now."

24-8433 Officers were dispatched to a physical fight between a father and his 15-year-old autistic son. Ofc. Jaye, Ofc. Jenkin and Sgt. Jazdzewski arrived first, with the father being agitated, saying his son locked him out and was punched. Father attempted to kick in his own door, gaining access at a different location where he let officers in. Upon entering the house and contacting the 15-year-old, the father entered the house where the 15-year-old was standing along with Sgt. Jazdzewski. The father would not step away from his son or officers and aggressively squared up/puffed out his chest with Sgt. Jazdzewski. Sgt. Jazdzewski pushed the father away and removed the 15-year-old from the scene. Ofc. Jaye and Ofc. Jenkin gave commands to the father while having a taser out. Father continued to yell while officers on the scene disengaged to give them space. Officer Mortel arrived and established a dialogue with the father. Both parties stated they were punched and choked. The 15-year-old was referred for battery to Human Services, and charges for the father were sent for review of obstructing and physical abuse of a child.

24-7105 Officer Greening was sent to 16th Street North for a report of a male throwing the homeowner's property out of his trailer. Officers on the scene found that the property owner had allowed a male to stay with them for the previous 5 days as he had nowhere else to go. An argument over property began between the parties, where the suspect made death threats to the property owner. After making the threats, the suspect left the trailer and kicked the exterior door, causing damage. Officers informed the suspect he was under arrest and to turn away and place his hands behind his back. The suspect stated, "Nope," and began to back away. Officers approached the suspect and attempted to stabilize his arms. The suspect then began to pull away and actively resisted arrest. The suspect was decentralized to the ground and taken into custody under power. A vape was collected from the suspect, was tested, and found to be positive for THC. The suspect was arrested and charged with Disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property, and resisting. The suspect was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

24-7162 Officers responded to the Posh in Hotel on 8th Street for a report of a male stating there was an emergency and repeatedly hung up on 911. Officer Greening and Sgt. Killian contacted the room and the caller, who had the door ajar, but the chain secured. The male stated that there was an emergency and there was a child involved. The male then pointed down the hall and exclaimed that there was a man with a gun cocking it. Officers determined the male was actively hallucinating and was either having a mental health crisis or likely under the influence of illicit drugs. Officers explained that there was no one there and no children around. The male stated he would keep to his room and denied any treatment or additional resources. again, officers were sent back to this location for the same male pacing back and forth in the Walgreens parking lot. Officers observed that the was a significant cut to his throat and requested EMS. Officer Greening contacted Probation and Parole as the Male was under active supervision, and they chose to place a hold on the male. EMS applied care and provided bandages. The Male was subsequently transported to the Wood County Jail and released to them on the Parole hold.

24-7633 Officers were dispatched to the 1800 block of Baker Drive for a report of an ambulance call regarding a motorcycle vs. car. Officers arrived at the scene and found that there was a significant collision. The driver of the motorcycle was ejected from the vehicle, experienced severe head trauma, and was not conscious. Officers rendered aid and stabilized the crash scene and the roadway. Multiple officers collected all necessary information on scene. The ejected motorist was transported to Marshfield Medical Center by Rapids EMS but succumbed to his injuries and died several days later.

24-7946 Officer Taylor observed a stop sign violation, and that vehicle struck the curb several times while in operation. Officer Taylor conducted a traffic stop and spoke with the driver, who had obvious signs of impairment and admitted to consuming alcohol. Officer Taylor requested that the female submit to field sobriety testing, and she gave several excuses as to why she did not want to. Officer Taylor asked if she would want to conduct them at WRPD, and she responded with "whatever you suggest." The female was transported to WRPD, and Officer Taylor again requested that she submit to field sobriety testing. Again, several excuses were given, ultimately with her refusing to complete field sobriety tests. Officer Taylor advised the female she was under arrest and to place her hands behind her back. The female resisted and pulled away. The female was taken into custody and refused blood. A warrant was obtained, and she was transported to Riverview, where she actively resisted officers, and blood had to be taken while she was restrained. She was released to a responsible party, and shortly after, Rapids EMS

requested LE to respond to her residence as she had called them and was now causing a disturbance. Officers responded and had to de-escalate the situation as she was acting erratically and causing a disturbance. She was ultimately left in the care of her son.

24-8287 Officers were sent to the 1700 block of 5th Street South for a report of a gunshot. Officers checked the area and were initially unable to locate anything. The complainant called back and stated she checked her cameras and observed a male run past her house with a long gun. Officers observed the video and observed a male walking past the house, and then running back the other direction after a single shot was fired. Officers canvassed the area and could not locate any affected persons or homes. Offices identified multiple possible suspects and completed follow-ups at the respective residences, eliminating some of them. This incident is still currently under investigation.

WRPD 24-3801: Sgt. Daven was assigned an ICAC investigation after receiving a Cybertip from the DOJ regarding child pornography. Sgt. Daven drafted a search warrant for a Wisconsin Rapids residence, and on 05/09/24, members of the Detective Bureau executed the search warrant. Multiple devices were confiscated and examined for evidence. While searching the residence for evidence, detectives located numerous controlled substances and drug paraphernalia. As a result of the search warrant, two adults were charged with Possession of THC and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. No images of child pornography were discovered.

WRPD 24-7885: On 05/22/24, Detective Bailey, Sgt. Daven and Lt. Lubeck responded to a structure fire in the City of Wisconsin Rapids that resulted in a fatality. After the scene was stabilized and secured, an investigation began to determine the cause and origin of the fire. WRFD and Wisconsin DOJ-DCI assisted WRPD with this investigation. The remains of one juvenile female were removed from the home, and an autopsy was completed later. The investigation remains open; however, no suspicious behavior has been identified at this time, and the cause of the fire appears to be accidental. Sgt. Daven was/is the lead investigator for this case, as he has specialized training in Arson investigation.

Other Activity

- Our agency received 18 Child Protective Service Reports from Wood County Human Services for investigation/review.
- SRO Pelot gave a presentation on bullying at the Boys and Girls Club on 5/22/24.
- Detective Bailey gave a presentation to Mid-State Technical College CJ students regarding sexual assault investigations.

K9 Kubo

Narcotics Deployments	Narcotics Found	Patrol Deployments	Demonstrations	Training Hours	Agency Assists
0	0	0	0	33	0

K9 Lex

Narcotics Deployments	Narcotics Found	Patrol Deployments	Demonstrations	Training Hours	Agency Assists
1	0	0	2	28	1

Drugs Taken In:

Possession of Marijuana	56.49 grams 8 THC Cart.
Methamphetamine	3.88 grams
Fentanyl	1.07 grams
Cocaine	1.12 grams
Psilocybin Mushrooms	0 grams
Other	Diazepam

	Tramadol Hydrochloride
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Overtime Hours							
	Crew A	Crew B	Crew C	Crew D	Detectives	Code Enf.	Totals
Call time	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	0.00	20
Chapter 51	0.00	0.00	6.75	4.13	0.00	0.00	10.88
Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.75	0.00	30.75
Court	30.13	30.38	0.00	20.00	4.75	0.00	85.26
Emergency call	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
FMLA	0.00	0.00	27.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.75
Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Late Call	1.50	3.38	8.26	0.00	1.50	0.00	14.64
Other	7.50	0.00	16.50	8.50	53.82	0.00	86.32
Sick	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	6
Training	61.51	17.25	98.63	53.25	0.00	0.00	230.64
Cover Training	0.00	10.25	18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.25
Vacation	0.00	25.00	15.00	27.00	13.50	8.00	88.5
Worker's Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Search Warrant	0.00	3.13	0.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	9.13
FTO Pay	0.00	0.00	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00	13.5
K9 Pay	1.50	0.00	0.00	21.00	0.00	0.00	22.5
Total	104.14	91.39	201.64	150.63	118.32	8.00	674.12