



Police Department City of Wisconsin Rapids

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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 August 2020

Activities of the Chief of Police

- Attended or teleconferenced in to many meetings regarding response to Covid.
- Continued work on the 2021 budget process.
- Continued planning process for the WRPD shooting range improvements project.

Notable activities of the Police Department for August 2020

- Officer Zalewski attended Operation Rush training.
- Officer Zalewski attended Instructor Development training. This training will allow Officer Zalewski to become a state certified Law Enforcement instructor for the police department.
- The Police Department continues preliminary work on the Shooting Range renovation project.

Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:

WRPD responded to **1658** incidents and calls for service in August 2020.

August 2019: **1875**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2020: **12442**

Total for 2019: **14855**

For month of August 2020:

- OWI- **7** 2019-9
- Traffic Crash Investigations: **28** 2019: **53**

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 August 2020: 33

Restricted Parking citations: **200**

Chronic Nuisance Program letters

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

Detectives/Interdiction Overtime operations:

Interdiction

- An Interdiction operation was conducted in August. Again, our primary focus being the hotels on 8th St. between Pepper Ave and Two Mile Ave. We had many visible traffic stops along 8th street resulting in:
22 Vehicles stopped,
26 warnings,
7 citations,
1 criminal traffic,
1 drug arrest 36g of Heroin.

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **24 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in August 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

Detectives:

- 1 stabbing investigation-resulted in 3 felony referrals to DA
- Burglary Investigation-resulted in search warrant served, recovered property, assist other agency in burglary cases and 4 adult arrests-felony

Patrol:

- Officers received a call at 4:47am to respond to 8th St. S and Airport Ave for a vehicle that hit a traffic light and was in the opposite lane of traffic. Officer Contreras made contact with vehicle and driver who was attempting to change his flat tire so he could get home. Subject stated he had not been drinking but has not slept for 3 days. Officer Contreras conducted SFST. Driver was arrested for OWI 1st. Subject was searched and in his front pants pocket was three small baggies of meth. Vehicle was searched and located was drug paraphernalia. Total weight of meth was 3.55g

Driver was arrested and charged with:

1. OWI 1st
 2. Operate without insurance
 3. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
 4. Possession of Methamphetamine.
- Officers received call at West Grand Kwik Trip of a subject who was passed out behind the wheel. Upon arrival vehicle was not in operation and subject was awakened. When speaking with the driver he pulled out a Toy replica pistol which was immediately taken away from him. This action could have ended in a tragedy if not for the quick action of the Officers. In plain view drug paraphernalia was observed resulting in a search of the person and of vehicle. More drug paraphernalia was located. Some powder substance in tin foil was located and the bindles were .75g, 1.35g, .59g and .17g. These items were collected and will be tested for illegal substances. Charges pending.
 - 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

- Officers received a call of that someone inside a multi-room complex is threatening people with a loaded gun. Subject at one time had someone pinned against the wall with the gun pointed at them. Officer arrived on scene and set up a perimeter. Phone contact was made with people in other rooms advising them to exit building. As people exited officers gathered more info. The subject exited on his own and was detained. Officer then cleared the residence complex and found no signs of a firearm or guns in plain sight. Suspect denied ever having a gun and no one else could corroborate complainant's information. .8G of meth was located on suspect. Other drug paraphernalia was found in plain view in the building. Individuals received citations for:

1. Drug paraphernalia,
2. Possession of Cocaine,
3. Bail jumping x2.