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Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission

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RE: Report on the Police Department activity for September 2024

Departmental Activity/Training:

Police and Fire Commission meeting

Wood County Law Enforcement Executives meeting.

North Central Chiefs of Police Meeting

Command staff meeting.

Sergeant Daven attended DOJ-DCI's Death Investigation School, a 74-hour training.

Sgt. Burger attended the First-Line Supervisor Course

Sgt. Fleisner attended the second week of a three-week Leaders in Police Organizations course.

Completed mandated training and monthly range training.

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

Monthly meeting with Fire Department Administration

For the month, 2024 vs. 2023:

Calls for Service	2024	1737	2023	1570
OWI	2024	2	2023	6
Traffic Crash Inv.	2024	35	2023	35
Traffic/Municipal Citations	2024	387	2023	204
Written Warnings	2024	294	2023	378
Restricted Parking Tickets	2024	8	2023	98

Administration Staff

Ordinance	September Days Worked	Calls for Service	Written Warnings	Citations	Complete without Enforcement Action	Parking Citations	OWI	Arrests	Crash Reports	Totals
Andrys	18	48	0	3	45	0	0	0	0	48

Open Records	Request	Completed	Denials	Redactions	Pending Release	Time (in hours)
September	56	56	0	1	0	6.4

Notable Incidents

Officers received a notification from the FLOCK camera system alerting officers that a stolen semi-tractor from Indiana entered the City of Wisconsin Rapids on STH 73 and Condo Dr. Officers were able to locate and stop the stolen semi-tractor on 8th St. at Clyde Ave.

At the request of the Stevens Point Police Department, Sgt Fleisner and Lex were requested to assist them in performing an article search of a heavily wooded area. The WRPD K9 team, along with the Portage County and Wood County teams, were searching for evidence of a serious crime that happened the night before. Though nothing was located, Stevens Point PD was pleased with how the search was conducted.

WRPD K9, Nekoosa PD, Portage County K9, and Wood County K9 teams did an unannounced locker and parking lot sniff at Lincon High School. A total of 7 canines were present, and at least 1 THC vape was in a car by Nekoosa PD K9, and 3 lockers indicated on by WRPD K9 are used by individuals that recently were caught possessing THC vapes.

Officers were dispatched to a two-vehicle crash at 8th Street South and Pepper Ave intersection. Both vehicles were reported to have substantial damage, and the striking vehicle fled the scene. Officer Jaye arrived at the crash scene and aided the other vehicle's driver. Sergeant Jazdzewski was able to locate the striking vehicle entering the driveway of a residence. Sergeant Jazdzewski contacted the driver and detected an odor of intoxicants. Officer Jenkin performed Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and later arrested the driver of the striking vehicle for OWI 2nd and Hit and Run. The blood results showed that the driver's BAC was .252, which is over three times the legal limit.

Officer Zalewski took a complaint of a verbal disturbance between a male subject and his mother and brother. After the argument, the male subject reportedly grabbed a handgun and left the residence, saying he was going to shoot himself. The male continued to text suicidal comments to family members. Officers were able to ping the location on the male subject's phone and later located him back at his residence. A safety plan was established to ensure the male subject's safety.

Officer Greening investigated a child abuse complaint on the NE part of WR. He was assisted by Wood County Human Services, which determined that the mother forcibly grabbed her child and threw him into a hard piece of furniture because he was not listening to her. That subject also resisted arrest and was subsequently taken into custody and brought to the Wood County Jail without further incident.

Officer Taylor and Greening responded to a disturbance call on the south side of WR. With other officers' assistance, Officer Taylor determined that the female caller had been the aggressor. Since the caller and other subjects were in two different locations, officers had to break contact with the caller, who was, at the time, thought to be the victim, so they had to search for her again. Officer Taylor was able to track her down at a hotel and subsequently take her into custody for domestic abuse.

Officer McHugh responded to the west side of WR for a harassment complaint, where the caller was worried this person would show up at work. He had to investigate where the harassing text messages originated from and who sent them. He utilized TLOxp TransUnion software to track the phone numbers used and to link them to a particular suspect for an interview later. Officer McHugh showed knowledge in this area and utilized his resources to complete as much of the report as possible before requesting assistance from the detective bureau.

Officer Mortel took a disturbance complaint in which a male subject headbutted his girlfriend, causing a fractured nose. The suspect had returned to the victim's residence after the initial altercation on at least two different occasions. The first time, he again assaulted her, and the next time, he recorded her through her front window. Officer Mortel attempted contact with the suspect at his residence and place of employment. Officer Mortel notified the suspect's probation agent of the complaint. The probation officer put out a warrant for the suspect. Officer Mortel continued to search for the suspect and located him driving near his residence. Officer Mortel conducted a traffic stop, and the suspect fled on foot. Officer Mortel engaged in a foot pursuit and deployed his Taser as the suspect continued to physically resist. The suspect was taken into custody for the warrant and charged with Substantial Battery, Battery, Resisting Arrest, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Stalking.

Officer Leher was on routine patrol on 8th Street near Wood Avenue when she observed a vehicle traveling without its headlamps illuminated during the hours of darkness. Officer Leher attempted a traffic stop, but the vehicle fled southbound on 8th Street after traveling over a curbed median. Officer Leher pursued the vehicle south, colliding with another vehicle on 8th Street near Airport Avenue, hitting and running. Other officers contacted the driver of the secondary vehicle and observed only property damage and no civilian injury. The pursuit continued southbound and eventually stopped on State Highway 13 South near Larry Avenue, where the driver came to a stop and surrendered. The Driver of the vehicle was taken into custody and transported to WRPD. The driver spoke no English, and Officer Olivares assisted with translation. The driver was run through field sobriety testing and was found to be under the influence of alcohol. The driver was also found to be a 15-year-old non-citizen with no guardians in the US. Human Services was contacted, and the driver was released to an uncle under Human Services' guidance.

The driver was cited for OWI 1st offense, operating without a license, and referred to Wood County Human Services for Felony Fleeing.

Officer Leher was on routine patrol on Jackson Street when she performed a DOT records check on a white sedan. The records check showed that the vehicle's registered owner had a revoked driving status. A traffic stop was performed, and Officer Leher contacted the vehicle's driver, the registered owner. Officer Leher observed that the driver was acting nervous and was jittery. The driver was taken into custody for the driving offense and was observed to have a white powdery substance on his face near his nose. The white powder was swabbed and showed a positive reaction to the presence of cocaine. A subsequent search of the vehicle was performed, where a baggie of white powdery substance and a glass smoking pipe were discovered. The white substance was tested and tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed 2.5 grams.

The male was charged with felony possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and operating after revocation.

Sgt. Killian was on routine patrol on High Street near State Highway 34 when he observed a vehicle with an expired registration sticker and a non-functioning high-mounted brake lamp. Sgt. Killian initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle on High Street. As the vehicle came to a stop, the rear passenger exited the vehicle and fled westbound on foot. Sgt. Killian initiated a foot pursuit, yelling several commands for the female to stop, which were disregarded, and the female yelled, "NO!" The female was given a warning that a Taser would be deployed, and she continued to flee on foot. The Taser was deployed successfully, and the female was taken into custody. The female then provided a false name to another officer and was eventually positively identified by a Wood County booking photo. As the female exited the vehicle, she dropped a black backpack. The backpack was searched, and Marijuana THC, as well as two smoking pipes, were discovered. The female was found to be on felony bond through the Portage County District Attorney's Office and had multiple active warrants. The female had been running from Law Enforcement for over a year.

The female was charged with felony bail jumping, resisting/obstructing officer x2, possession of THC second and subsequent, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Detective Bailey was assigned follow-up for a Child Protective Service report where an approximate 18-month-old child was transferred to an emergency room after being injured at a Wisconsin Rapids hotel. The child had multiple

fractured bones, among other serious, potentially life-threatening injuries. Detective Bailey followed up on a patrol response and conducted follow-up interviews. Detective Bailey viewed multiple surveillance videos from various businesses and was able to determine a vehicle had struck the 18-month-old child two separate times. The vehicle's operator was identified and issued a citation for hit-and-run involving great bodily harm.

Sergeant Daven investigated a fraud complaint where numerous businesses throughout the City of Wisconsin Rapids received purchases that were later returned as fraudulent or "chargebacks." Sergeant Daven received the identities of the people who made the purchases online. Upon contact with the two individuals from Minnesota and New York, Sergeant Daven learned their credit cards had been compromised, and they had fraudulent charges at various businesses throughout Wisconsin Rapids. With the assistance of surveillance video and through interviews, Sergeant Daven identified a suspect and determined that the suspect purchased stolen credit card information from a fraudulent website and made purchases throughout Wisconsin Rapids with the stolen credit card information. As a result of this investigation, one Wisconsin Rapids man was referred to the Wood County District Attorney's Office for two counts of Uttering and four counts of theft.

SRO Olivares and SRO Pelot investigated a sexual assault that had taken place on a school bus where an 18-year-old sexually assaulted a 13-year-old. SRO Olivares worked with the bus company to obtain surveillance video. Detective Bailey drafted two search warrants to obtain additional digital evidence, and Detective Richter completed a forensic download of a cellphone to search for digital evidence. One 18-year-old was taken into custody and charged with 2nd-degree sexual assault of a child and is being held in the Wood County Jail on a \$4,000 cash bond.

Other Activity

Ofc. Krier organized and conducted a Wisconsin Rapids K9 Raffle that earned a net profit of approximately \$7,200. Additionally, Officer Krier applied for and received a \$15,000 grant for a new K9. Ofc. Krier was selected to be the next WRPD K9 handler.

Throughout September, SROs handled numerous school safety threats, including threats at Lincoln High School, WRAMS, and Assumption. Members of the detective bureau assisted with these threats, and each individual threat was investigated to determine its source and validity. These threats are becoming increasingly common, and I am very confident in the detective bureau/SRO's responses to them.

Detective Wetterau worked on a background investigation for new-hire candidate Ryan Schumacher throughout September.

The detective bureau received 12 Child Protective Service Reports from Wood County Human Services for investigation and review.

There was an increased Law Enforcement presence at several LHS football games throughout September due to threats of fighting/violence among juveniles/young adults.

K9 Lex

Narcotics Deployments	Narcotics Found	Patrol Deployments	Demonstrations	Training Hours	Agency Assists
6	4	3	0	10.75	3

Drugs Taken In:

Marijuana	10.06g
THC Cartridge/Wax/Edibles	3 units
Methamphetamine	2.5g
Fentanyl	10.81g
Cocaine	5.91g

Overtime Hours

	Crew A	Crew B	Crew C	Crew D	Detectives	Code Enf.	Totals
Call time	8.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	0.00	36
Chapter 51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.75	0.00	15.75
Court	12.00	16.00	4.00	16.00	5.34	0.00	53.34
Emergency call	18.00	13.50	12.38	24.88	3.75	0.00	72.51
FMLA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Late Call	9.00	2.25	9.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	21
Other	1.50	1.13	3.00	0.00	17.25	3.50	26.38
Sick	18.00	0.00	27.00	23.25	0.00	0.00	68.25
Training	6.13	17.25	30.38	47.25	28.50	0.00	129.51
Cover Training	9.38	36.88	55.88	19.50	0.00	0.00	121.64
Vacation	18.00	0.00	15.00	13.88	0.00	0.00	46.88
Worker's Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Search Warrant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
FTO Pay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
K9 Pay	21.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21
Total	121.01	91.01	163.39	152.76	80.59	3.50	612.26