



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 October 2020

Activities of the Chief of Police

- Attended or teleconferenced in to many meetings regarding response to Covid.
- Continued work on the Police Range improvement project. A 50/50 split on costs associated with paving the firing line negotiated with Wood County. The firing line paving has been finished.
- Finished work on the 2021 budget process and presented to Finance Committee.

Notable activities of the Police Department for October 2020

- Officer Paltz and K9 Kubo completed K9 training at Jestifany Kennels near Fon Du Lac. Officer Paltz and Kubo are now fully certified and are working evening shift.
- The Police Department continues work on the Shooting Range renovation project. A special thank you to Police and Fire Commission member Jerry Haasl for the donation of a stove and refrigerator to the project.
- Sgt. Cornette has returned from Army National Guard assignments. He is back in the schedule and ready to go.

Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:

WRPD responded to **1531** incidents and calls for service in October 2020.

October 2019: **1805**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2020: **15687**.

Total for 2019: **18190**

For month of October 2020:

- OWI- **6** 2019-**6**
- Traffic Crash Investigations: **37** 2019: **35**

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 October 2020: **38**

Restricted Parking citations: **184**

Chronic Nuisance Program letters:

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

Interdiction Overtime operations:

An Interdiction operation was conducted in October. 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:

- 5 arrests for Narcotics violations and warrants.

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **25 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in October 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 Drug Paraphernalia.

Notable investigations and arrests

Detectives highlighted cases of the month:

- Investigation in regards to Sexual Assault of a Child resulted in the following charges:
 1. 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child, 2nd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child and 2 charges of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor
- Investigation in regards to Sexual Assault of a Child. Interviewed suspect at the Wood County Jail. Investigation resulted in following charges:
 1. Charges requested: 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child

Patrol:

- On October 8, 2020, Officer Plowman stopped a suspicious vehicle. K9 assisted with the traffic stop. K9 indicated on the vehicle. Officer Plowman discovered three gem bags of methamphetamine located in a fanny pack on the driver. Inside the vehicle Officer Plowman located a bag containing THC, 30 pills of Adderall, and 96 pills of Gabapentin. The total weight of methamphetamine was 25.57 grams and the total weight of THC was 23.69 grams.

One subject was charged with:

2. Possession of Methamphetamine with intent, Possession of THC 2nd,
3. Possession of Schedule II narcotic,
4. Possession of Prescription Drug without a prescription
5. Possession of drug paraphernalia