



# Police Department City of Wisconsin Rapids

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Date: November 13, 2023  
To: Mayor Shane Blaser  
Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission  
Wisconsin Rapids Common Council  
From: Daniel Hostens, Chief of Police  
RE: Report on the Police Department activity for October 2023

**Departmental Activity/Training:**

- North Central Chiefs Meeting
- Wood County Law Enforcement Executive Meeting
- Meeting with Fire Executives
- Common Council Meeting
- Police and Fire Commission Meeting
- Command Staff Meeting
- Completed mandated training and monthly range training.

Jordan Leher and Barron Taylor began as patrol officers on Monday, November 13, 2023.

Sgt. Burger attended Crisis Negotiator Conference on 10/18/2023.

Sgt. Burger Attended Tactical Leadership Course on 10/26/2023.

**For the month, 2023 vs. 2022:**

Calls for Service	2023	1577	2022	1488
OWI	2023	5	2022	8
Traffic Crash Inv.	2023	48	2022	52
Traffic/Municipal Citations	2023	202	2022	
Written Warnings	2023	392	2022	255
Restricted Parking Tickets	2023	76	2022	94

## **Administration Staff**

Ofc. Andrys had 55 ordinance complaints in October. Out of those 55 complaints, he issued 1 citation and two warnings. He provided education and guidance to the remaining residents, gaining immediate compliance or allowing violators to correct the issue before taking enforcement action. He also worked 18.75 hours of patrol OT.

Records received 68 records requests, with four returned with redacted juvenile information.

## **Notable Incidents**

Officers were dispatched to a residence for an infant who did not have a pulse and was not breathing. Officers and ambulance staff performed life-saving measures. The infant was transported to the Riverview Aspirus ER, where he was later pronounced deceased. A preliminary investigation was completed, and detectives were called in to investigate further. The parents of the victim admitted to co-sleeping with the infant. The investigation is still ongoing.

Ofc. Plowman was dispatched to a suspicious person complaint. Ofc. Plowman located a male subject matching the description and contacted him. Ofc. Plowman observed the male throw something out of his pocket onto the ground. Ofc. Plowman located a small container containing a white crystalline substance that later tested positive for methamphetamine. Dispatch advised the male subject also had an active warrant. Ofc. Plowman searched the male subject and located more methamphetamine for a total of 4.26 grams. The subject was taken to jail for the warrant and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine.

Disturbance/ gun shots IVO the bars downtown. OFC Drew was responding to the scene and observed subj matching the description of the suspect on the Grand Avenue Bridge. Responding OFCs assisted OFC Drew peacefully detain the subj. After much further investigation which included interviewing several subjects and reviewing some surveillance footage it was determined that the detained subject be released and refereed for a bond violation. The officers work well together and independently. Their collective efforts resulted in a quick and concise decision which built trust in WRPD by both the suspect and his brother as well as the patrons and staff members of the establishments downtown.

Domestic- OFC Krummel and SGT Killian responded to a domestic incident at 251 Plover Street. Upon arrival the situation was volatile with the parties still actively yelling at each other and threatening harm. The complainant's Father is the upstairs neighbor. The Father was extremely intoxicated and blood was covering the walls and floors from the front door into the upstairs apartment. The family was claiming the Father's girlfriend was the instigator of the incident and the cause of their Father's blood to be all over the apartment. The OFCs did not allow the biased statements from the Family lead to an arrest of the girlfriend. The incident was thoroughly investigated. It was determined that the Father was the instigator and was taken into the custody. The evidence was succinctly explained to the family. The thoroughness of the investigation as well as the confidence and experience of the officers did not allow the family to second guess the outcome. They thanked the OFCs for their time and effort.

Welfare check/ Ambulance assist- OFC Contreras was dispatched to the American Shaman. The suspect/ subject is well known to the PD for being extremely 10-56 and unable to control his bowels and passes out regularly at the business. The OFCs showed extreme compassion for the subject regardless of his past. OFC Contreras contacted Wood County Crisis for further clarification on the requirements for a CH 51.45 and briefed the Crew on his findings. This information collecting and sharing has been common amongst the Crew and facilitates a sense of unity and an environment of continued learning. OFC Contreras later facilitated the transport the American Shaman to the VA Clinic in Tomah for treatment.

23-16479- Disturbance/ Domestic- OFC Drew responded to an assisted living home for a physical altercation between two of the residents at the home. The residents were out of control and one had pushed the other down the stairs. Through clear, calm, and concise direction OFC Drew was able to calm the situation. OFC Drew was able to interview both the subjects and the caretakers and effectively communicate the severity of the situation and the resulting consequences. The staff was made aware that the out of county guardians of the subjects would be notified of the situation.

## Notable Incidents

WRPD 23-15340: SRO Olivares was assisting LHS staff with a kid who appeared to be under the influence of a drug while at school. The Juvenile eventually became upset and aggressively walked towards a principal causing them to feel threatened. The male subject was quickly decentralized and detained at which time staff located an air pistol in the juvenile's backpack. The juvenile also had THC and drug paraphernalia in his possession. The juvenile was transported to secure detention and a referral was made for **disorderly conduct, resisting, and possession of THC**.

WRPD 23-6777: Sgt. Daven began an investigation in 2023 regarding a cyber tip submitted to our agency from DOJ. Detective Daven was able to draft a search warrant for the home and numerous electronic devices were taken for examination. After examination of the computer that was seized during the search warrant, one male subject was later taken into custody and charged with **15 counts of Possession of Child Pornography**. The court case has not been concluded.

October 1st, Officer Khang was investigating a shoplifting complaint (23-16002). During the investigation, one female was transported to the Wood County Jail and charged with Felony Theft. His investigation also led to the identification of five other individuals who have been involved in a shoplifting ring throughout the State of Wisconsin, resulting in thousands of dollars in stolen merchandise. Officer Khang has received numerous calls from other law enforcement agencies requesting information about the individuals involved as well as from Wal-Mart Corporation requesting information to have all individuals charged through the Wisconsin Attorney General's Office

WRPD 23-15254: WRPD patrol officers took a report of a missing adult male who left the scene of a domestic disturbance and stated he was going to kill himself. The male left all of his personal belongings and vehicles at the home and left on foot with a cell phone. The male was not scene for several days, and his cell phone was shut off. After several days, LT Lubeck and Detective Daven began interviewing family members and those close to him. Sgt Daven obtained all phone records thru US Cellular for recent phone activity. Contact was eventually made with the subject, and he returned home after several days.

WRPD 23-15803: Sgt Daven was assigned to follow-up on the burglary that occurred at Alternative Edge. Sgt Daven was able to check surveillance at numerous locations. SRO Olivares provided Sgt Daven with a potential suspect after reviewing video surveillance and recognizing the hair pattern and unique walk of one of the suspects. Sgt Daven and Detective Bailey made contact with the suspect and obtained a confession, as well as a positive identity on the other two suspects, who were originally unidentified. There will be two juvenile referrals for burglary and an adult request for charges to the district attorney's office for burglary.

WRPD 23-16622: Detective Bailey was called in to investigate the death of a 17 day old baby. Detective Bailey was able to review the scene, schedule an autopsy, conduct a reenactment of events with the mother, and has been working with human services regarding the death. This case is open as we await the autopsy report and toxicology report.

WRPD 23-15129: Detective Bailey was called in to investigate the death of a 44 year old male. Detective Bailey was able to examine the scene and confiscated a cellphone for review of possible evidence. Preliminary toxicology reports indicate the death was likely an overdose. An autopsy was completed and Detective Bailey is awaiting the autopsy report. The phone was submitted to DCI for investigation as Detective Bailey was unable to gain access to the phone. This case will remain open for the time being and an official cause of death has not been determined at this time.

## Other Activity

- Members of the Detective Bureau assisted WRPS staff at WRAMS in completing a code red drill at the school.
- I received 13 Child Protective Service reports from Wood County Human Services for review and investigation.
- Detective Daven met with staff from CIS to gain a better understanding of the software and how our department can better utilize the software to track open cases and run reports for our agency.

- Lt. Lubeck met with detectives individually regarding performance reviews, goals, and expectations in anticipation of a formal review process beginning in 2024.
- Sgt. Daven was called in to investigate the death of a 31-year-old male. It was determined the death was medical related due to alcohol abuse.
- Detective Wetterau and Detective Bailey are currently working on two background investigations for two prospective employees.

### Controlled Substance Arrests

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made the following arrests for Drug-related offenses for the past month in 2023. These charges include:

Possession of Marijuana	2
Possession of Narcotic Drugs	2
Possession of Methamphetamine	7
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	9
<b>Total:</b>	<b>20</b>

### Drugs Taken In:

Drug	Quantity
Marijuana	67.77g
THC Cartridges	3 units
Methamphetamine	1.76g

	Narcotic Deployments	Times Narcotics Found	Patrol Deployments	Demonstrations	Training Hours	Agency Assist
January	2	0	2	0	11	3
February	1	0	0	2	12.75	0
March	3	1	0	2	0.5	0
April	3	1	0	0	11	1
May	1	2	0	3	34.75	0
June	5	2	1	1	11.5	2
July	2	2	1	0	13.75	1
August	1	1	0	2	11.75	0
September	2	0	1	0	27.5	2
October	0	0	1	2	11	0
November						
December						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>145.5</b>	<b>9</b>