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Date: 06 July 2020
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 June 2020

Activities of the Chief of Police

- Attended or teleconferenced in to many meetings regarding response to Covid.
- Continuously met with other area Law Enforcement leaders to plan for unified response to Covid-19 contingencies.
- Planned and was in command of response to three Protests in the City during June.
- Met with Sheriff Department to plan for contingencies in regards to the Paper Mill shutting down.

Notable activities of the Police Department for June 2020

- Officer Jazdzewski completed the Heart of Wisconsin Community Leadership Program.
- Sergeant Fleisner and K-9 Lex completed their recertification in Narcotics Detection for Marijuana, Heroin, Cocaine (crack), Methamphetamine, and MDMA. Training was conducted by K-9 Services, using International Standards.
- The Police Department began preliminary work on the Shooting Range renovation by emptying the Range house and outbuilding of decades of accumulated items that are obsolete or unserviceable. The next phase will be a demolition of interior paneling in

preparation of adding additional insulation and sheetrock. Mid State Technical College provided tables and chairs for the classroom as part of the agreement that they support the range in exchange for range use for Police Academy students.

- Celebrated Officer Andrew Borchardt's 20th anniversary as an Officer with WRPD. A plaque commemorating the milestone was presented.

Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:

WRPD responded to **1756** incidents and calls for service in June 2020.

June 2019: **1294**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2020: **8994**

Total for 2019: **10,703**.

For month of June 2020:

- OWI- **10** 2019- **9**
- Traffic Crash Investigations: **25 including one fatality** 2019: **28**

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 June 2020: **38**

Restricted Parking citations: **217**

Chronic Nuisance Program letters

5 properties were added in June; properties being added following 3 enforcement actions.

Detectives/Interdiction Overtime operations:

Interdiction

- An Interdiction operation was conducted in June, our primary focus were the hotels on 8th St. Between Pepper Ave and Two Mile Ave. The operation resulted in numerous citations issued and 4 drug arrests. A quantity of Methamphetamine was seized.

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **19 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in June 2020. These charges include:

- Manufacture/Delivery of Heroin
- Possession of Schedule I and II drugs
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Methamphetamine with intent to sell.
- Possession of THC

Notable investigations and arrests

Patrol:

- Officer Burger stopped a vehicle for speeding and detected an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Officer Burger had driver step out of vehicle and asked him about the odor. Driver admitted to having a small amount in the center console. A vehicle search was conducted. Numerous baggies of marijuana were found with a total of 58 grams of Cannabis seized.. Officer Burger conducted SFST on driver but driver was not impaired.

Driver was charged with:

1. Possession of THC 1st

- On June 18, 2020 Officer Brockman was on patrol, when he noticed a vehicle traveling North on Lincoln St that did not have the Passenger head lamp working. Officer Brockman stopped the vehicle and immediately could smell the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle was conducted. Officer Brockman located a bag of green leafy vegetable matter that weighed 39 grams and tested positive for THC.

One suspect was charged with:

1. Possession of THC

- On June 26, 2020 Officer Paltz located a vehicle Southbound on 8th St that had a brake lamp out. Officer Paltz stopped the vehicle and had Nekoosa PD come to that location with a K9 unit. The K9 alerted on the vehicle and a search was conducted. Officer Paltz located several items of drug paraphernalia and .53 grams of Methamphetamine.

Suspect was charged with:

1. Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of drug paraphernalia

