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To: Mayor Zach Vruwink
Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission
Wisconsin Rapids Common Council

From: Erman Blevins, Chief of Police

RE: Report on the Police Department activity for March 2020

Activities of the Chief of Police

- Much of March was almost entirely devoted to Covid -19 planning and response. Attended or teleconferenced in to many meetings regarding response.
- Continuously met with other area Law Enforcement leaders to plan for unified response to Covid-19 contingencies.

Notable activities of the Police Department for March 2020

- WRPD Officers have placed Family Center office hours on hold for the duration of the Covid-19 health emergency.
- WRPD has suspended fundraising to add a second K9 to the department until the end of the Covid-19 health emergency
- Officer Jazdzewski continued with his Community Leadership training.
- Officer Krier attend Kent Williams, Breach Point training.
- Officer's Jazdzewski and Krier represented WRPD at a job fair at UW-Oshkosh.
- Officer Krier attend two days of a week-long Crisis Intervention Team training. (The training was cut short due to social distancing and will be rescheduled.)

Year to date statistics and previous year comparison:

WRPD responded to **1395** incidents and calls for service in March 2020.

March 2019: **1924**.

Total incidents and calls for service to date in 2020: **4814**

Total for 2019: **5389**.

For month of March 2020:

- OWI- 5 2019- 5
- Traffic Crash Investigations: **24** 2019: **45**

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 March 2020: **23**

Restricted Parking citations: **271**

Chronic Nuisance Program letters

2 properties were added in March; properties being added following 3 enforcement actions.

Detectives/Interdiction Overtime operations:

Drug Interdiction

- Due to Covid-19 precautions, no interdiction conducted in March.

Wisconsin Rapids Police Officers and Detectives made **26 arrests** for Controlled Substance offenses in March 2020. These charges include:

- Manufacture/Delivery of Heroin
- Possession of Schedule 1 drugs
- Possession of Methamphetamine

Notable investigations and arrests

Patrol:

- Officer Burger Observed a vehicle leave Kwik Trip on Lincoln Ave and stopped the vehicle for obstructed windshield. An Act 79 search of the vehicle was performed due to one of the occupants being on probation. One of the male occupants of the vehicle had a pair of brass knuckles in his pocket. This male subject as well as the driver of the vehicle had warrants for their arrest. Located inside the vehicle was two packets of suspected heroin. The suspected heroin weighed 1.75 grams.

One suspect was charged with:

Carrying Concealed Weapon and Possession of Heroin

- Officers received a call from CN that a male subject jumped on their moving train and was licking their windshield. They described him as not wearing a shirt, black sweatpants, and no shoes. They were on the tracks between 54 and Spring Viaduct and 26th St N. Officer arrived in area and saw CN working outside of their train looking around with flashlights. They stated subject took off towards Kingston St. through the woods. Officer checked area and then heard loud noises as Subject was attempting to get into houses. Officer saw subject run E/B to next yard. Officer ran to get close and make contact with subject. Officer heard noise but lost sight of Suspect. Officer Foy found fresh foot tracks in snow and went around to front of residence to observe the front window smashed and glass all over. An elderly woman was standing inside of house and stated someone just jumped through her window and is inside her house. She let officers inside and Officer were able to locate the suspect in back room of house and arrested him. Subject arrested on multiple charges and taken to Wood Co. Jail.