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Report to Council

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The following report provides an overview of performance data compiled by the Division of Police for the year 2017.

Emergency Communications:

- ↳ Dispatchers handled 5,478 9-1-1 calls in 2017. The average call answer delay was maintained at three seconds per call from that of 2016.
- ↳ 37% of all 9-1-1 calls received by the Communications Center originated from cellular phones, 17% received from VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone lines/systems and 34% originated from traditional landline phones.
- ↳ Since November, the Division's dispatchers handled an additional 7,624 non-emergency calls.
- ↳ The Division responded to 31,959 calls for service in 2017. August was the month of peak demand with 3,007 calls for service.

Patrol Operations:

A summary of crimes reported in 2017 are as follows:

- ↳ Officers documented 3,352 separate incidents.
 - 55 Burglaries and 36 Breaking & Entering offenses.
 - 10 Robberies.
 - 62 reported misdemeanor assaults and 9 felonious assaults
 - 299 domestic-related responses to include:
 - 103 documented offenses of misdemeanor Domestic Violence.
 - 3 aggravated assaults that had a domestic violence nexus
 - 193 domestic dispute incidents.
 - 46 responses to overdoses occurred during the year including 3 fatalities. Heroin, opiate-based prescription drugs and Fentanyl were the predominant drugs used in these incidents.
- ↳ The Division responded to 146 narcotics-related incidents including:
 - 81 Drug/narcotics offenses (possession, trafficking, etc.).
 - 65 Drug equipment violations.
- ↳ The Division responded to 725 motor vehicle crashes with a further breakdown as follows:
 - 583 were classified as property damage only (PDO) or 80.4% of all responses.
 - 142 crashes involved injuries or 19.6% of all responses.
 - No traffic fatalities occurred – 36 months since the last traffic fatality.
 - 202 crashes occurred on IR-270 – 27.86% of all crash responses in Gahanna.
 - 33 crashes involved alcohol and/or drug impairment or 4.55% of all crashes.
 - 29 crashes occurred within the Hamilton Road roundabouts with all but 3 occurring at the intersection of Clark State Road.
 - 3 crashes involving pedestrians or bicycles occurred during the year or less than one-half of one percent of all responses during the year.

- Overall crash responses decreased by 12.4% from 2016. Crashes on IR-270 increases slightly by 3.45%**.
- ↳ Patrol officers conducted 9,598 traffic stops during the year. Additional traffic stop data includes:
 - 4,782 separate traffic offenses were documented by the issuance of a citation.
 - 539 citation arrests occurred.
 - 69 stops resulted in additional criminal complaints being issued.
- ↳ Patrol officers affected 115 arrests for impaired driving (OVI) during the year.
 - 114 of the arrests were misdemeanor level offenses and one a felony offense.
 - While the number of offenses dropped the average blood alcohol content of those arrested and who subsequently submitted to a chemical test rose significantly with some tests returning above .3 or nearly five times the legal limit of intoxication in Ohio.
- ↳ The Division responded to 349 calls for mutual aid from surrounding jurisdictions. Of the 349 responses, 46 were received from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office requesting assistance with incidents in Jefferson Township – approximately 13% of all mutual aid responses.
- ↳ The Division received and subsequently responded to 1,680 residential and business alarms in 2017. Of those responses, 1,435 were determined to be false. Year-to-date the Division has billed permit holders \$56,550 in alarm fees.

Detective Bureau:

- ↳ The Division's detectives were assigned 1,201 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action during the year.
- ↳ The detectives obtained and executed 95 search warrants and obtained 165 investigative subpoenas during the year.

Citizen Police Academy:

The second class of the Gahanna/New Albany Citizen Police Academy began on Wednesday, January 17th.

**Due to some crash data not reporting correctly, the corrected crash totals for 2016 are as follows:

Total Crashes – 815
 Property Damage Only – 683
 Injury – 132
 Fatal – 0
 IR 270 – 199
 OVI – 27

NOTE – for more detailed information on crime occurring in Gahanna's neighborhoods, please visit <http://communitycrimemap.com/>

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