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CITY OF GAHANNA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF POLICE

Report to Council

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

Emergency Communications:

- Dispatchers handled 541 9-1-1 calls throughout the month. The average call answer delay increased by one second to four seconds per call. Gahanna's communications center average answer delay (3 seconds YTD) remains the lowest among system partners with Whitehall PD being the next lowest at five seconds per call.
- 37% of all 9-1-1 calls received by the Communications Center originated from cellular phones while 16% were received from VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone lines/systems. Overall the 9-1-1 system that the Division is a partner handled 1,537 9-1-1 calls in August.
- The Division responded to 3,007 calls for service during the month.

Patrol Operations:

- 313 offense and arrest reports were generated including the following incidents by type:
 - 17 Theft from vehicle reports.
 - Thefts from vehicles decreased by approximately 40% from the previous month.
 - 6 Burglaries and 2 Breaking & Entering offenses occurred in August.
 - 10 Misdemeanor Assault offenses.
 - 39 domestic-related responses to include:
 - 24 documented disputes that did not involve a criminal offense.
 - 9 arrests.
 - 6 incidents were referred for prosecutorial review.
 - 3 responses to overdoses.
 - The opiate countermeasure, Naloxone, was administered by responding officers in two of the overdose incidents.
- The Division affected 11 narcotics-related arrests including:
 - 7 Drug/narcotics offenses (possession, trafficking, etc.).
 - 4 Drug equipment violations.
- Officers affected 902 traffic stops issuing citations for 519 offenses during the month of August.
- The Division responded to 65 motor vehicle crashes (total includes State reportable and non-reportable events) with a further breakdown as follows:
 - 49 were classified as property damage only (PDO) or 75% of all responses.
 - 16 crashes involved injuries or 25% of all responses.
 - 0 traffic fatalities occurred – **32nd fatality-free month.**
 - 17 crashes occurred on IR-270 – 26.1% of all crash responses in Gahanna.
 - 2 crash involved alcohol and/or drug impairment – 3.08% of responses.
 - 1 crash occurred within the Hamilton Road roundabouts (Clark State).
 - **Year-to-date, the Division has responded to 454 traffic crashes.**

- ↳ Patrol officers effected 7 arrests for impaired driving (OVI).
 - 3 of the arrestees refused to submit to chemical testing.
 - The high test for the month of August was .221
- ↳ Officers responded to 4 calls for mutual aid from area law enforcement agencies.
 - All four calls were received from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office requesting assistance with incidents in Jefferson Township.
- ↳ The Division received and subsequently responded to 143 alarm calls in August. Of those responses 128 were determined to be false. A total of \$7,300 in false alarm fees were billed to permit holders. Year-to-date the Division has billed permit holders \$43,550 in alarm fees.

Detective Bureau:

- ↳ The Division's detectives were assigned 132 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action.
- ↳ The detectives obtained and executed 13 search warrants during the month of August. Year-to-date investigators have sought 64 search warrants.

Training

I was very pleased to have participated in training hosted by the Division of Police on August 9th that involved members of other City of Gahanna departments and the Mifflin Township Fire Department in which we learned how to put the WOW in customer service from Gordon Graham. Mr. Graham's message, unique instructional style and focus on improving customer service was well received by all those in attendance. More information on Mr. Graham's work can be found by visiting www.gordongraham.com. It is my intent to expand on the success of this program in 2018 by hosting more combined training classes featuring Mr. Graham.

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

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