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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 February, 2019.

Emergency Communications:

- ↳ Dispatchers handled 309 9-1-1 calls throughout the month. The average call answer delay increased by one second to five seconds per call.
- ↳ 40.9% of all 9-1-1 calls received for the month by the Communications Center originated from cellular phones while 24.9% were received from VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone lines/systems.
- ↳ An additional 3,600 calls were received through the Division's non-emergency lines in February.
- ↳ No Text-to-911 messages were received during the month.
- ↳ 2,353 calls for service were dispatched in February.

Patrol Operations:

- ↳ 270 offense and arrest reports were generated including a summary of the following incidents by type:
 - One robbery – the incident was generated out of a minor auto accident when one of the vehicle driver assaulted the other driver and by force took the victim's cell phone.
 - Twelve theft from vehicle reports – the incidents involved unlocked vehicles in areas west of Stygler Road and within close proximity to McCutcheon Road.
 - Eight criminal damaging incidents.
 - Three burglaries and one breaking & entering offense were reported during the month.
 - Eight reported assaults (no domestic nexus) as follows:
 - Three aggravated assaults.
 - Five simple assaults with one arrest.
 - Domestic-related responses include:
 - Ten documented disputes that did not involve a criminal offense.
 - Eight incidents resulted in arrests or warrants issued for Domestic Violence.
 - One domestic incident was referred for further investigation/prosecutorial review.
 - Four responses to overdoses occurred in February with no fatalities. The incidents involved prescription medications in two cases, heroin was involved in one incident and suspected cocaine in another.
- ↳ The Division responded drug offenses including the following:
 - Drug/narcotics offenses – Two offense reports generated with warrants issued in one case and two arrests.
 - Drug Equipment violations – Six offense reports were generated with an additional seven arrests.
- ↳ Forty arrest warrant entries were made during the month.

- ↳ Officers conducted 755 traffic stops with 255 traffic violators issued citations only and an additional 21 arrests were made as a result of the stops.
- ↳ The Division responded to 55 motor vehicle crashes with a further breakdown as follows.*
 - 46 were classified as property damage only (PDO) or 83.6% of all responses.
 - None were classified as serious injury suspected.
 - Three were classified as minor injury suspected – 5.4% of all responses.
 - Six were classified as injury possible – 10.9% of all responses.
 - No fatalities occurred.
 - Twelve crashes occurred on IR-270 – 21.8% of all crash responses in Gahanna.
 - One crash involved alcohol and/or drug impairment – 1.8% of crashes involved some level of impairment.
 - Two crashes involved pedestrians (3.4% of responses) – the pedestrian crash locations were Claycraft Road and Rocky Fork Boulevard.
 - Commercial vehicles were involved in three crashes – 5.4% of all responses.
- ↳ Patrol officers affected six arrests for impaired driving (OVI).
 - Four of the arrestees refused to submit to chemical testing.
 - Two arrestees submitted to chemical testing – either breath or fluids.
 - The high test for the month was .165 or double the legal limit of intoxication in Ohio.
- ↳ Forty-one residential properties were checked as part of the vacation watch program.
- ↳ The Division received and subsequently responded to 132 alarm calls in February of which 131 were determined to be false. A total of \$4,650 in false alarm fees were billed to permit holders. Year-to-date the Division has billed permit holders \$8,000 in alarm fees. There were 18 new alarm permits issued during the month.

Detective Bureau:

- ↳ The Division's detectives were assigned 97 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action.
- ↳ The detectives obtained 20 investigative subpoenas and executed an additional 9 search warrants during the month of February.
- ↳ Detectives executed two narcotics-related search warrants during the month with the assistance of the Division's tactical officers.

Officer David Churry retired from the Division of Police on February 15th following 25 years of service to our community.

***NOTE** – Effective January 1, 2019, the State of Ohio now requires law enforcement agencies to classify crashes within one of five categories noted above rather than the previous three (Fatal, Injury and Property Damage Only).

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

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