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## **CITY OF GAHANNA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF POLICE**

### **Report to Council**

The following report provides an overview of activities performed by the Division of Police for the month of January, 2017:

#### Emergency Communications:

- ↳ Dispatchers handled 427 9-1-1 calls with an average call/answer delay of six seconds.
- ↳ 39% of all 9-1-1 calls were received from cellular telephones.
- ↳ The Division responded to 2,767 calls for service and documented 271 reportable incidents.

#### Patrol Operations:

- ↳ A sample of calls for service for January include:
  - 13 Burglary/Breaking and Entering incidents.
  - 31 incidents of criminal damaging.
  - 20 thefts from motor vehicles.
- ↳ Gahanna's patrol units responded to 37 domestic-related calls for service in January. Of the 37 calls, five incidents resulted in arrests.
- ↳ A total of 471 traffic citations were issued during the month of January.
- ↳ The Division responded to 56 public roadway motor vehicle crashes including:
  - 46 property damage only (PDO) crashes – 82.14% of all responses.
  - 10 crashes involved injuries – 17.86% of all responses.
  - 1 crash involved alcohol/drug impairment – 1.79% of all responses.
  - 0 traffic fatalities occurred during the month – **25<sup>th</sup> month since last traffic fatality**
  - 22 crashes occurred on IR-270 – 39.29% of all crash responses in Gahanna.
- ↳ Patrol officers affected 10 arrests for impaired driving (OVI) with one offender testing nearly three times the limit of intoxication. The average blood alcohol content was .185% for those offenders that submitted to a breath test – over double the legal limit of intoxication.
- ↳ 48 residential properties were checked as part of the Vacation House Check program.
- ↳ A total of 142 alarm responses (robbery, burglary, medical and duress alarms) were dispatched during the month of January including:
  - Of the 142 alarms all were deemed false resulting in billable alarm fees totaling \$8,250.00.

#### Detective Bureau:

- ↳ The Division's detectives were assigned 143 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action.
- ↳ Of seven overdose responses in January four involved the use of heroin.

Public Engagement:

- ➔ The first class of the Gahanna/New Albany Citizen Police Academy (CPA) met on Wednesday, February 1, 2017. The 10-week course has 30 members with 15 representing each community. Classes are held every Wednesday at varying locations. Topics of the CPA include:
  - Legal foundations and case law (Search and Seizure; Use of Force)
  - Traffic enforcement
  - School Resource Officer (SRO) mission and focus
  - Impaired driving detection, apprehension and prosecution
  - Use of force scenarios
  - Firearms
  - Emergency communications and dispatch operations

Traffic and Crime Trend Data:



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

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