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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 August, 2019.

Support Services – Communications Center:

- Dispatchers handled 790 9-1-1 calls throughout the month. The average call answer delay was three seconds per-call.
- 54.6% of all 9-1-1 calls received for the month by the Communications Center originated from cellular phones while 17.8% were received from VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone lines/systems.
- An additional 2,670 calls were received through the Division's non-emergency lines in August. Year-to-date dispatchers have handled 25,377 non-emergency calls.
- Two Text-to-911 messages was received during the month.
- 3,008 calls for service were dispatched in August.

Field Services:

- 331 offense and arrest reports were generated including a summary of the following incidents by type:
 - No robberies occurred.
 - 36 theft from vehicle reports were filed in August. In nearly all of these incidents vehicles were left unlocked and with valuables in plain view.
 - 16 criminal damaging incidents were reported.
 - Three Burglaries and three Breaking & Entering offenses were reported in August.
 - Incidents of assaults (no domestic nexus) are as follows:
 - Two aggravated assaults.
 - Simple assaults – eight offense reports; seven arrests.
 - Three of the arrests included charges for Endangering Children.
 - Domestic-related responses include:
 - 13 documented disputes that did not involve a criminal offense.
 - Five incidents resulted in arrests with warrants issued for Domestic Violence in four cases.
 - Drug offenses for the month include:
 - 16 Drug/Narcotic violations – four offense reports; five arrests.
 - Two drug equipment violations – one offense report; one arrest.
 - Two responses to non-fatal overdoses occurred in August with one involving an unknown opioid and the second opioid-based prescription medication.
- 29 arrest warrant entries were made during the month.

- ↳ Officers conducted 697 self-initiated traffic stops with 234 traffic violators issued citations only and an additional 11 arrests were made as a result of the stops.
- ↳ The Division responded to 69 motor vehicle crashes with a further breakdown as follows:
 - One traffic fatality occurring in the early morning hours of Friday, August 30th on IR-270 in the northbound lanes at Claycraft Road.
 - 49 were classified as property damage only (PDO) or 71% of all responses.
 - None were classified as serious injury suspected.
 - Two were classified as minor injury suspected – 2.9% of all responses.
 - 17 were classified as injury possible – 24.6% of all responses.
 - 18 crashes occurred on IR-270 – 26% of all crash responses in Gahanna.
 - Two crashes involved alcohol and/or drug impairment – 2.9% of crashes involved some level of impairment.
 - Commercial vehicles were involved in three crashes – 4.3% of responses involved a commercial vehicle including this month's fatality.
- ↳ Patrol officers affected 11 arrests for impaired driving (OVI).
 - Four of the arrestees refused to submit to chemical testing.
 - The high test for the month was .224 or nearly three times the legal limit of intoxication in Ohio.
 - Two of the arrests were following vehicle crashes.
- ↳ The Division received and subsequently responded to 114 alarm calls in August with one valid intrusion alarm response. A total of \$2,850 in false alarm fees were billed to permit holders. Year-to-date the Division has billed permit holders \$30,600 in alarm fees. There were five new alarm permits issued during the month.

Investigative Services:

- ↳ The Division's detectives were assigned 106 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action.
- ↳ The detectives obtained nine investigative subpoenas and executed and ten search warrants during the month of August.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting:

On Thursday, August 29th, a neighborhood watch meeting was held at Royal Manor Elementary. In attendance were over 75 residents representing 32 households from the Royal Manor subdivision and 23 from Brentwood. An additional 30 residents were unable to attend, but requested to be involved in neighborhood watch activities.



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