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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 September, 2017.

#### Emergency Communications:

- ↪ Dispatchers handled 464 9-1-1 calls throughout the month. The average call answer delay was maintained at three seconds per call. Year-to-date the Communications Center received 4,174 9-1-1 calls.
- ↪ 37.4% of all 9-1-1 calls received by the Communications Center originated from cellular phones while 16.3% were received from VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone lines/systems.
- ↪ The Division responded to 2,794 calls for service in September.

#### Patrol Operations:

- ↪ 335 offense and arrest reports were generated including the following incidents by type:
  - 42 Theft from vehicle reports.
    - The majority of these incidents occurred from September 1<sup>st</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - 13 Criminal damaging incidents.
  - 4 Burglaries and 3 Breaking & Entering offenses occurred in September.
  - 7 reported assaults resulting in 3 arrests.
  - 24 domestic-related responses to include:
    - 12 documented disputes that did not involve a criminal offense.
    - 7 incidents in which arrests occurred.
    - 5 incidents were referred for prosecutorial review.
  - 3 responses to overdoses occurred during September including one use of the opioid countermeasure Naloxone administered by responding officers. Prescription medications were a factor in the other two overdose incidents.
- ↪ The Division affected 10 narcotics-related arrests including:
  - 3 Drug/narcotics offenses (possession, trafficking, etc.).
  - 7 Drug equipment violations.
- ↪ Officers issued 514 citations during the month of September – an 8.4% increase from September, 2016.
  - 154 traffic citations and 53 warnings were issued on IR-270 including those within the construction zones when workers were present.
- ↪ The Division responded to 59 motor vehicle crashes (total includes State reportable and non-reportable events) with a further breakdown as follows:
  - 48 were classified as property damage only (PDO) or 81.3% of all responses.
  - 11 crashes involved injuries or 18.6% of all responses.
  - No traffic fatalities occurred – **33<sup>rd</sup> fatality-free month.**
  - 12 crashes occurred on IR-270 – 20.3% of all crash responses in Gahanna.

- 5 crashes involved alcohol and/or drug impairment.
- 4 crashes occurred within the Hamilton Road roundabouts (3 at Clark State and 1 at 500 N. Hamilton)
- No crashes involving pedestrians occurred during the month.
- **Crashes on IR-270 (the primary crash location in Gahanna) have been reduced over the last five consecutive months from 2016.**
- **Year-to-date, the Division has responded to 513 traffic crashes.**
- ↳ Patrol officers affected 12 arrests for impaired driving (OVI).
  - 3 of the arrestees refused to submit to chemical testing.
  - 4 arrests occurred as the result of a motor vehicle crash.
  - The high blood alcohol content high of an arrestee for the month of September was .236.
- ↳ Five mutual aid calls were received from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office requesting assistance with incidents in Jefferson Township.
- ↳ The Division received and subsequently responded to 122 alarm calls in September. Of those responses, 117 were determined to be false. A total of \$2,800 in false alarm fees were billed to permit holders. Year-to-date the Division has billed permit holders \$42,400 in alarm fees.

Detective Bureau:

- ↳ The Division's detectives were assigned 159 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action.
- ↳ The detectives obtained and executed 9 search warrants during the month of September.

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

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