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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 May, 2019.

#### Support Services – Communications Center:

- Dispatchers handled 401 9-1-1 calls throughout the month. The average call answer delay remained at four seconds per-call.
- 44.5% of all 9-1-1 calls received for the month by the Communications Center originated from cellular phones while 22.7% were received from VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone lines/systems.
- An additional 3,519 calls were received through the Division's non-emergency lines in May. Year-to-date dispatchers have handled 17,244 non-emergency calls.
- No Text-to-911 messages were received during the month.
- 2,625 calls for service were dispatched in May.

#### Field Services:

- 296 offense and arrest reports were generated including a summary of the following incidents by type:
  - No robberies occurred.
  - Five theft from vehicle reports.
  - Sixteen criminal damaging incidents were reported with most involving juveniles.
  - No Burglary or B&E offenses were reported in May.
  - Seven reported assaults (no domestic nexus) as follows:
    - Two aggravated assaults with arrests in each.
    - Five simple assaults with and arrest in one incident and a warrant issued in a second case.
  - Domestic-related responses include:
    - 17 documented disputes that did not involve a criminal offense.
    - Seven incidents resulted in arrests with warrants issued for Domestic Violence in one case.
    - Seven domestic incidents were referred for further investigation/prosecutorial review.
  - Drug offenses for the month include:
    - Drug/Narcotic violations – one offense report and six arrests.
    - Drug equipment violations – three arrests.
    - One response to an overdose occurred in May which involved a non-opioid based prescription medication.
- 44 arrest warrant entries were made during the month.

- ↳ Officers conducted 773 self-initiated traffic stops with 280 traffic violators issued citations only and an additional 19 arrests were made as a result of the stops.
- ↳ The Division responded to 65 motor vehicle crashes with a further breakdown as follows:
  - 50 were classified as property damage only (PDO) or 76.9% of all responses.
  - None were classified as serious injury suspected.
  - Four were classified as minor injury suspected – 6.1% of all responses.
  - 11 were classified as injury possible – 16.9% of all responses.
  - No fatalities occurred.
  - 28 crashes occurred on IR-270 – 43% of all crash responses in Gahanna.
  - Three crashes involved alcohol and/or drug impairment – 4.6% of crashes involved some level of impairment.
  - No crashes involved pedestrians or bicyclists.
  - Commercial vehicles were involved in six crashes – 9.2% of responses involved a commercial vehicle.
- ↳ Patrol officers affected 18 arrests for impaired driving (OVI).
  - Five of the arrestees refused to submit to chemical testing.
    - A search warrant for blood evidence was obtained in one case.
  - The high test for the month was .227 or nearly three times the legal limit of intoxication in Ohio.
  - One of the arrestees was under the age of 18.
  - The impaired driving arrests for May were the highest since July, 2015.
- ↳ The Division received and subsequently responded to 142 alarm calls in May of which 142 were determined to be false. A total of \$3,000 in false alarm fees were billed to permit holders. Year-to-date the Division has billed permit holders \$20,700 in alarm fees. There were 16 new alarm permits issued during the month.

#### Investigative Services:

- ↳ The Division's detectives were assigned 87 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action.
- ↳ The detectives obtained 16 investigative subpoenas and executed an additional ten search warrants during the month of May.

#### Awards:

On Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, the Division conducted its annual awards ceremony. Of the many awards presented, the following recipients were recognized:

Officer of the Year – Jason Jones (Date of Hire: May 5, 2001)

Detective of the Year – Ryan Utt (Date of Hire: August 27, 2007)

Dispatcher of the Year – Louise Jones (Date of Hire: September 5, 2013)

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

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