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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 April, 2019.

#### Emergency Communications:

- Dispatchers handled 404 9-1-1 calls throughout the month. The average call answer delay increased by one second to four seconds per-call.
- 43% of all 9-1-1 calls received for the month by the Communications Center originated from cellular phones while 23.6% 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 April. Year-to-date dispatchers have handled 13,725 non-emergency calls.
- Two Text-to-911 messages was received during the month.
- 2,405 calls for service were dispatched in April.

#### Patrol Operations:

- 341 offense and arrest reports were generated including a summary of the following incidents by type:
  - One robbery – armed robbery of Honey Baked Ham on Cherry Bottom Road.
  - Nine theft from vehicle reports.
  - Twelve criminal damaging incidents with arrests made in two cases.
  - Five Burglary and four Breaking & Entering offenses were reported during the month.
  - Nine reported assaults (no domestic nexus) as follows:
    - One aggravated assault.
    - Eight simple assaults with arrests in two incidents.
  - Domestic-related responses include:
    - Thirteen documented disputes that did not involve a criminal offense.
    - Three incidents resulted in arrests with warrants issued for Domestic Violence in six additional cases.
    - Six domestic incidents were referred for further investigation/prosecutorial review.
  - Drug offenses for the month include:
    - Drug/Narcotic violations – four offense reports, four arrests and the issuance of one warrant.
    - Drug equipment violations – four offense reports and one arrest.
    - One response to an overdoses occurred in April which involved heroin (non-fatal).
- 38 arrest warrant entries were made during the month.

- ↳ Officers conducted 752 traffic stops with 292 traffic violators issued citations only and an additional 25 arrests were made as a result of the stops.
- ↳ The Division responded to 65 motor vehicle crashes with a further breakdown as follows:
  - 45 were classified as property damage only (PDO) or 69.2% of all responses.
  - One was classified as serious injury suspected – 1.5% of all responses.
  - Eight were classified as minor injury suspected – 12.3% of all responses.
  - 11 were classified as injury possible – 16.9% of all responses.
  - No fatalities occurred.
  - 15 crashes occurred on IR-270 – 23% of all crash responses in Gahanna.
  - Three crashes involved alcohol and/or drug impairment – 4.6% of crashes involved some level of impairment.
  - One crash involved a pedestrian or bicyclist – 1.5% of all responses
  - Commercial vehicles were involved in three crashes – 8.3% of responses involved a commercial vehicle.
- ↳ Patrol officers affected 15 arrests for impaired driving (OVI).
  - Seven of the arrestees refused to submit to chemical testing.
    - Search warrants for blood evidence were obtained in two of the refusals.
  - Eight arrestees submitted to chemical testing – either breath or fluids.
  - The high test for the month was .316 or nearly four times the legal limit of intoxication in Ohio.
  - One of the arrestees was charged with felony-level OVI offense.
- ↳ The Division received and subsequently responded to 137 alarm calls in April of which 136 were determined to be false. A total of \$4,600 in false alarm fees were billed to permit holders. Year-to-date the Division has billed permit holders \$17,700 in alarm fees. There were 4 new alarm permits issued during the month.

#### Detective Bureau:

- ↳ The Division's detectives were assigned 108 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action.
- ↳ The detectives obtained 26 investigative subpoenas and executed an additional seven search warrants during the month of April.

#### Staffing:

Lieutenant Murphy retired from the Division effective May 1<sup>st</sup> after 25 years of service. Officer Kayela Griffin was deployed to a stateside training assignment until September as part of her duties as a commissioned officer in the United States Army Reserve.

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

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