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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 November, 2019.

Support Services – Communications Center:

- Dispatchers handled 841 9-1-1 calls throughout the month. Calls were answered on average in four seconds.
- 75.2% of all 9-1-1 calls received for the month by the Communications Center originated from cellular phones while 14% were received from VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone lines/systems.
- An additional 3,735 calls were received through the Division's non-emergency lines in November. Year-to-date dispatchers have handled 34,199 non-emergency calls.
- No Text-to-911 messages were received during the month.
- 2,604 calls for service were dispatched in November.

Field Services:

- 369 offense and arrest reports were generated including a summary of the following incidents by type:
 - Three robberies occurred – all involved gas stations. One suspect is believed to be responsible for two of the robberies and was likely involved in a third gas station robbery in Columbus.
 - 25 theft from vehicle reports were filed in November with a warrant issued in one incident. Nearly all vehicles were left unlocked by their owners.
 - 14 criminal damaging incidents were reported.
 - Three Burglaries and four Breaking & Entering offenses were reported. Two juveniles were arrested in connection with a B&E of the Gahanna Swimming Pool in October.
 - Incidents of assaults (no domestic nexus) are as follows:
 - One aggravated assault with an arrest in the case.
 - Simple assaults – six offense reports with arrests in two of the incidents.
 - Domestic-related responses include:
 - 17 documented disputes that did not involve a criminal offense.
 - Three incidents resulted in arrests.
 - Three reports were forwarded for investigation or further prosecutorial review.
 - Drug offenses for the month include:
 - 13 Drug/Narcotic violations – five offense reports; seven arrests.
 - Eight drug equipment violations – four offense reports; four arrests.
 - Four overdoses occurred in November all of which involved suspected heroin.

- One overdose resulted in a fatality.
 - Officers administered Naloxone in all four responses.
- ↳ Eight arrest warrant entries were made during the month.
- ↳ Officers conducted 635 self-initiated traffic stops with 200 traffic violators issued citations only and an additional 13 arrests were made as a result of the stops.
- ↳ Since January of 2017, the Division's officers have conducted 27,480 self-initiated traffic stops.
- ↳ The Division responded to 76 motor vehicle crashes with a further breakdown as follows:
 - No traffic fatalities occurred.
 - 71 were classified as property damage only (PDO) – 93.4% of all responses.
 - One was classified as serious injury suspected – 1.3% of all responses.
 - Three were classified as minor injury suspected – 3.9% of all responses.
 - One was classified as injury possible – 1.3% of all responses.
 - 28 crashes occurred on IR-270 – 37% of all crash responses in Gahanna.
 - No crashes involved alcohol or drugs.
 - Commercial vehicles were involved in two crashes – 2.6% of responses involved a commercial vehicle.
 - One crash involved a pedestrian.
- ↳ Patrol officers affected five arrests for impaired driving (OVI).
 - Three of the arrestees refused to submit to chemical testing.
 - Two arrestees submitted to blood alcohol content tests.
 - The high test for the month was .141 or nearly twice the legal limit of intoxication in Ohio.
 - No impaired driving arrests resulted from motor vehicle crashes.
- ↳ The Division received and subsequently responded to 110 alarm calls in November with one valid alarm response. A total of \$3,200 in false alarm fees were billed to permit holders. Year-to-date the Division has billed permit holders \$39,200 in alarm fees. There were 12 new alarm permits issued during the month.

Investigative Services:

- ↳ The Division's detectives were assigned 121 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action.
- ↳ The detectives obtained eight investigative subpoenas and executed and six search warrants during the month of November.

End of Year Reminder:

Due to the Hanukkah and Christmas holidays there will be no civic association meeting held in December. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 7p.m.

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