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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 January, 2018.

Emergency Communications:

- ↳ Dispatchers handled 351 9-1-1 calls throughout the month. The average call answer delay remained at four seconds per call.
- ↳ 39.2% of all 9-1-1 calls received for the year by the Communications Center originated from cellular phones while 31.9% were received from VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone lines/systems.
- ↳ An additional 3,491 calls were received through the Division's non-emergency lines in January.
- ↳ No Text-to-911 messages were received during the month.
- ↳ 2,525 calls for service were dispatched in January.

Patrol Operations:

- ↳ 246 offense and arrest reports were generated including a summary of the following incidents by type:
 - Three robberies with one arrest – one of the unsolved robberies is tied to a suspect involved in multiple robberies in Franklin County.
 - One theft from vehicle report
 - Eight criminal damaging incidents.
 - One burglary occurred and no breaking & entering offenses were reported during the month.
 - Eight reported assaults (no domestic nexus) as follows:
 - Two aggravated assaults.
 - Six simple assaults with one arrest.
 - Domestic-related responses include:
 - Twenty-five documented disputes that did not involve a criminal offense.
 - Six incidents resulted in arrests for Domestic Violence.
 - One domestic incident was referred for further investigation/prosecutorial review.
 - Five responses to overdoses occurred in January with two resulting in fatalities. Three of the incidents involved heroin, one an unknown opioid and one involved the use of Benzodiazepine.
- ↳ The Division responded drug offenses including the following:
 - Drug/narcotics offenses – Six offense reports generated with warrants issued in one case and three arrests. The three arrests were all felony-level drug possession cases.
 - Drug Equipment violations – Three offense reports were generated with one arrest.
- ↳ Officers conducted 944 traffic stops with 318 traffic violators issued citations and an additional 17 arrests made as a result of the stops.
- ↳ The Division responded to 43 motor vehicle crashes with a further breakdown as follows.*

- 35 were classified as property damage only (PDO) or 81.4% of all responses.
- One was classified as serious injury suspected – 2.33% of all responses.
- Five were classified as minor injury suspected – 11.6% of all responses.
- Two were classified as injury possible – 4.65% of all responses.
- No fatalities occurred.
- Nine crashes occurred on IR-270 – 20.9% of all crash responses in Gahanna. (This was the lowest percentage of accidents on I-270 since April 2018)
- Two crashes involved alcohol and/or drug impairment – 4.6% of crashes involved some level of impairment.
- No crashes involved pedestrians or bicyclists.
- A commercial vehicle was involved in one reported crash.
- ↳ Patrol officers affected 13 arrests for impaired driving (OVI).
 - Four of the arrestees refused to submit to chemical testing.
 - Nine arrestees submitted to chemical testing – either breath or fluids.
 - The high test for the month was .157 or nearly double the legal limit of intoxication in Ohio.
- ↳ The Division received and subsequently responded to 116 alarm calls in January. All of the alarms were determined to be false. A total of \$4,150 in false alarm fees were billed to permit holders. Year-to-date the Division has billed permit holders \$4,150 in alarm fees. Nine new alarm permits were issued during the month. One Dangerous/Vicious Animal permit was issued for the year (\$750 fee).

Detective Bureau:

- ↳ The Division’s detectives were assigned 82 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action.
- ↳ The detectives obtained 19 investigative subpoenas and executed an additional 11 search warrants during the month of January.

***NOTE** – Effective January 1, 2019, the State of Ohio now requires law enforcement agencies to classify crashes within one of five categories noted above rather than the previous three (Fatal, Injury and Property Damage Only).

Retirements:

Lt. Tom Basso retired from the Division of Police on January 18th, 2019. Lt. Basso served the citizens of Gahanna for 29 years. Lt. Basso served a total of 33 years in law enforcement. Lt. Basso will be attending a city council meeting in the near future to be recognized for his service to our community.

Training:

In January all members of the Division of Police participated in eight hours of in-service training conducted at the headquarters of Blast One on the property of John Glenn International Airport. Training focused on creating vision, mission, values, goals and objectives along with a review of the Division’s pursuit policy and updates to crash reporting in Ohio.

Civic Association Reminder:

Please attend the Chief’s Civic Association meeting on Thursday, February 28th at 7PM in the Police Department’s conference room.

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