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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 December, 2018.

Emergency Communications:

- Dispatchers handled 448 9-1-1 calls throughout the month. The average call answer delay remained at four seconds per call. In 2018, the Division's dispatchers processed 5,203 9-1-1 calls and an additional 44,814 calls through the non-emergency lines.
- 39% of all 9-1-1 calls received for the year by the Communications Center originated from cellular phones while 19.4% were received from VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone lines/systems.
- An additional 3,593 calls were received through the Division's non-emergency lines in December.
- 2,456 calls for service were dispatched in December. In 2018, the Division responded to 31,663 calls for service – a decrease of less than 1% from 2017 (31,959).

Patrol Operations:

- 245 offense and arrest reports were generated including a summary of the following incidents by type:
 - One homicide occurred on December 23rd. The suspect in the case, the victim's 27 year old son, was arrested on an active murder warrant on December 28th by the Garden Grove (California) Police Department after the suspect was involved in the robbery of a restaurant.
 - Twelve theft from vehicle reports – some of the reports involve forced entry of vehicles parked at retail locations.
 - Sixteen criminal damaging incidents.
 - One robbery of a fast food establishment.
 - Four burglaries and two breaking & entering offenses were reported during the month – one arrest warrant was filed stemming from a B&E in November.
 - Two reported assaults (no domestic nexus) as follows:
 - One aggravated assault.
 - One simple assault resulting in the issuance of a summons for each of the involved suspects.
 - Domestic-related responses include:
 - Twelve documented disputes that did not involve a criminal offense.
 - Five incidents resulted in arrests for Domestic Violence.
 - Six domestic incidents were referred for further investigation/prosecutorial review.

- Three responses to overdoses occurred in December. Two of the incidents involved opioids. One response resulting in a fatality is being investigated as an overdose while detectives await forensic reports from the coroner's office.
- ↳ The Division responded drug offenses including the following:
 - Drug/narcotics offenses – Five offense reports generated with warrants issued in one case and three arrests. Additional arrests were made in drug cases from investigations conducted by the Detective Bureau.
 - Drug Equipment violations – Six offense reports were generated with one warrant issued and four arrests.
- ↳ Officers conducted 801 traffic stops with 309 traffic violators issued citations only and an additional 20 arrests made as a result of the stops. In 2018, patrol officers initiated 9,880 proactive traffic contacts resulting in 3,914 enforcement actions (citations or arrests).
- ↳ The Division responded to 66 motor vehicle crashes with a further breakdown as follows:
 - 52 were classified as property damage only (PDO) or 78.7% of all responses.
 - 14 crashes involved injuries or 21.2% of all responses.
 - No fatalities occurred.
 - 22 crashes occurred on IR-270 – 33.3% of all crash responses in Gahanna.
 - Five crashes involved alcohol and/or drug impairment – 7.5% of crashes involved some level of impairment.
 - No crashes involved pedestrians or bicyclists.
 - Commercial vehicles were involved in two crashes or 3.3% of all responses
- ↳ Patrol officers affected 15 arrests for impaired driving (OVI) – the highest month for impaired driving arrests for the year.
 - Six 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 .285 or over three times the legal limit of intoxication in Ohio.
- ↳ The Division received and subsequently responded to 143 alarm calls in December. All of the alarms were determined to be false. A total of \$3,250 in false alarm fees were billed to permit holders. Year-to-date the Division has billed permit holders \$47,200 in alarm fees. Eight new alarm permits were issued during the month.

Detective Bureau:

- ↳ The Division's detectives were assigned 85 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action.
- ↳ The detectives obtained 30 investigative subpoenas and executed an additional nine search warrants during the month of December.

Civic Association Reminder:

A reminder that January 31st will be the first Chief's Civic Association meeting for the year. Please join the group at 7PM for this one hour meeting to address community concerns, exchange ideas and talk with our neighbors.

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