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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 March, 2017.

#### Emergency Communications:

- ↳ Dispatchers handled 449 9-1-1 calls in February. The average call answer delay was maintained at three seconds per call.
- ↳ 38% of all 9-1-1 calls were received from cellular telephones.
- ↳ The Division responded to 2,564 calls for service in March.

#### Patrol Operations:

- ↳ 251 offense and arrest reports were generated including the following incidents by type:
  - 4 Burglaries.
  - 1 Breaking and Entering offense.
  - 41 criminal damaging/vandalism incidents.
    - 21 incidents occurred in one night and involve the same suspects.
  - 12 misdemeanor assaults.
  - 21 domestic-related responses to include:
    - 17 documented disputes that did not involve a criminal offense.
    - 4 incidents in which arrests were affected.
  - Three confirmed overdose responses (one fatality); two suspected overdose incidents with heroin/opiates involved in all five incidents.
- ↳ The Division affected 18 narcotics-related arrests including:
  - 13 Drug/Narcotics offenses (possession, trafficking, etc.).
  - 5 Drug equipment violations.
- ↳ The Division responded to 63 motor vehicle crashes (total includes State reportable and non-reportable events) with a further breakdown as follows:
  - 52 were classified as property damage only (PDO) or 82.54% of all responses.
  - 11 crashes involved injuries or 17.46% of all responses.
  - 0 traffic fatalities occurred – **26 fatality-free months.**
  - 23 crashes occurred on IR-270 – 37% of all crash responses in Gahanna.
  - 3 crashes involved alcohol and/or drug impairment – 4.76% of crashes involved an impaired driver.
  - 8 crashes occurred within the Hamilton Road roundabouts – 4.6% of all crash responses.
  - **Overall March crashes decreased 10% from the previous year.**
- ↳ Patrol officers affected 10 arrests for impaired driving (OVI). One arrestee returned with a blood alcohol content of .233 or nearly three times the legal limit of intoxication.
  - 3 of the arrestees refused to submit to chemical testing.

- ↳ A total of 141 alarm responses (robbery, burglary, medical and duress alarms) were handled including:
  - 140 false alarms resulting in billable alarm fees of \$6,000.

#### Detective Bureau:

- ↳ The Division's detectives were assigned 121 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action.
- ↳ The detectives obtained and executed 16 search warrants during the month of March.

#### Training and Compliance Efforts:

- ↳ The Division, in conjunction with the Hoover Training Group of Nevada, hosted a 40-hour training course on the Police Training Officer (PTO) program. Fifteen of the Division's members participated in the training along with officers from two central Ohio jurisdictions, the Story County (Iowa) Sheriff's Office and the Eastern Michigan State University Police Department. The PTO model was recommended as a best-practice for law enforcement in President Obama's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Report (2015) as follows:
  - *"A potential model for this is the Police Training Officer program developed by the COPS Office in collaboration with PERF and the Reno (Nevada) Police Department. This problem-based learning strategy used adult learning theory and problem solving tools to encourage new officers to think with a proactive mindset, enabling the identification of and solution to problems within their communities."*
- ↳ The Deputy Chief was tasked with presenting to all members of the Division his briefing on guiding principles and customer focus.

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

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