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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, 2019.

Emergency Communications:

- Dispatchers handled 348 9-1-1 calls throughout the month. The average call answer delay decreased by two seconds to three seconds per-call.
- 40.8% of all 9-1-1 calls received for the month by the Communications Center originated from cellular phones while 25.2% were received from VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) telephone lines/systems.
- An additional 3,115 calls were received through the Division's non-emergency lines in March. Year-to-date dispatchers have handled over 10,000 non-emergency calls.
- No Text-to-911 messages were received during the month.
- 2,593 calls for service were dispatched in March.

Patrol Operations:

- 261 offense and arrest reports were generated including a summary of the following incidents by type:
 - No robberies occurred during the month.
 - Thirteen theft from vehicle reports with one arrest and one warrant issued for an additional suspect.
 - Ten criminal damaging incidents.
 - One burglary and three Breaking & Entering offenses were reported during the month.
 - Ten reported assaults (no domestic nexus) as follows:
 - Two aggravated assaults – both from motor vehicle crashes resulting in the filing of Aggravated Vehicular Assault.
 - Seven simple assaults.
 - One Felonious Assault on a Police Officer – no serious injury sustained.
 - Domestic-related responses include:
 - Twelve documented disputes that did not involve a criminal offense.
 - Five incidents resulted in arrests with one warrant issued for Domestic Violence.
 - Six domestic incidents were referred for further investigation/prosecutorial review.
 - One response to an overdoses occurred in March which involved cocaine (no fatalities).
- The Division responded drug offenses including the following:
 - Drug/narcotics offenses – Two offense reports generated with warrants issued in one case and five arrests.
 - Drug Equipment violations – One offense report generated with warrants issued in two cases and an additional two arrests.

- ↳ 43 arrest warrant entries were made during the month.
- ↳ Officers conducted 1,008 traffic stops with 353 traffic violators issued citations only and an additional 19 arrests were made as a result of the stops.
- ↳ The Division responded to 48 motor vehicle crashes with a further breakdown as follows:
 - 38 were classified as property damage only (PDO) or 79.7% of all responses.
 - One was classified as serious injury suspected – 2.08% of all responses.
 - Four were classified as minor injury suspected – 8.3% of all responses.
 - Five were classified as injury possible – 10.4% of all responses.
 - No fatalities occurred.
 - 21 crashes occurred on IR-270 – **43.7%** of all crash responses in Gahanna.
 - Three crashes involved alcohol and/or drug impairment – 6.2% of crashes involved some level of impairment.
 - No crashes involved pedestrians or bicycles.
 - Commercial vehicles were involved in four crashes – 8.3%.
- ↳ Patrol officers affected 13 arrests for impaired driving (OVI).
 - Five of the arrestees refused to submit to chemical testing.
 - Seven arrestees submitted to chemical testing – either breath or fluids.
 - The high test for the month was .314 or nearly four times the legal limit of intoxication in Ohio.
- ↳ The Division received and subsequently responded to 103 alarm calls in March of which 103 were determined to be false. A total of \$5,100 in false alarm fees were billed to permit holders. Year-to-date the Division has billed permit holders \$13,100 in alarm fees. There were 10 new alarm permits issued during the month.

Detective Bureau:

- ↳ The Division's detectives were assigned 95 offense and arrest reports requiring investigative follow-up or other administrative action.
- ↳ The detectives obtained 18 investigative subpoenas and executed an additional 11 search warrants during the month of March.
- ↳ A 56 count indictment was returned against a serial robbery suspect arrested in March. Aris Payne of Columbus was arrested on 3/17/19 by Columbus SWAT officers after being observed committing a robbery of a gas station on Morse Road. Payne is believed to be responsible for at least 18 robberies in Columbus, Westerville, and three in Gahanna. The Franklin County Grand Jury returned indictments for multiple counts of Aggravated Robbery, Robbery, Kidnapping, and Safecracking.

Citizen Police Academy:

On March 20th, 24 residents graduated from the third annual Gahanna/New Albany Citizen Police Academy.

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

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