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To: Honorable Mayor, City Council members, City Administrator

From: Dennis W. McDaniel, Chief of Police

Date: August 12, 2013

Re: Police Department Monthly Report for July '13

Monthly Summary

Patrol Summary: The month of July saw a sharp increase in calls for service from June. In total for July, the police department answered 908 calls for service, of which 317 were traffic stops; we took 116 case reports and made 85 arrests. Please see the attached statistical data for a complete breakdown of calls for service, reported crimes and arrests. Monthly and quarterly year to date (YTD) comparison statistics for 2013 and 2012 are included.

Points of interest from Patrol this month:

The Patrol Division continued to remain active in July. A good example of this agency's concentrated effort to proactively interdict criminal behavior occurred on July 28th when an officer stopped a suspicious vehicle with faulty lighting. The vehicle pulled over initially and then fled the stop location as the officer approached the suspect vehicle. It then led the patrol officer on a high speed pursuit into Des Moines; there were four subjects in the fleeing vehicle. Officers apprehended three of the four once the car came to a stop; however, the driver escaped on foot from there. The WHPD K-9 unit was activated to assist in locating the driver but was unsuccessful. In the days following the incident, the driver was apprehended on arrest warrants.

This case was resolved through some tenacious police work. The initiating officer, Officer Andrew Nissen, used evidence from the suspect vehicle and interviews to determine the identity of the driver. This made it possible to get arrest warrants which led to his capture. When the investigation concluded, the officers involved had recovered a stolen vehicle from Des Moines, stolen license plates from a separate victim, and drug paraphernalia was recovered from the suspects. The WHPD Patrol Division, K-9 Unit, DMPD, and Polk County Sheriff's Office all worked well together on this case. [NOTE: In cases involving a pursuit there is also an administrative review process conducted by command staff within the police department to determine whether or not agency policy was followed and to assess if additional training may be needed. Similar agency reviews are conducted in other high liability areas such as uses of force.]

The occupants of the vehicle in this case were drug abusers. This is one example of how illegal drug use fuels other types of crimes, especially theft, which is why WHPD patrol officers work

so diligently to stop illegal drug use and sales within our city. Through proactive criminal interdiction and enforcement efforts such as these, we continue to displace drug crimes and secondary crimes that otherwise may occur in Windsor Heights.

Canine (K-9) Unit

On July 7th Officer Canada stopped a vehicle for speeding. Based on his training and experience, Officer Canada believed that the driver was too nervous for the situation. Canada used Argos to 'sniff' around the outside of the vehicle. Argos alerted on the vehicle. Methamphetamine and a methamphetamine pipe were located in a hidden compartment under the vehicle's center console. Drug finds like this case are nearly impossible to locate without the help of a proficient K-9.

Argos had three narcotics finds in July. He also assisted with the tracking of the driver of the stolen vehicle in the case detailed above. Argos may have had a better chance of success on this track but several officers were on scene apprehending three people that fled in the area which made it difficult to separate the individual scents and allow Argos to get on a single track.

Officer Canada and Argos were also on vacation for part of July.

Reserve Officer Unit

The testing process for the reserve program continues to move forward. It is anticipated that new reserve officers will begin their formal certification training in September 2013.

Investigations Summary: There were 9 new cases assigned for investigation in July. During this month Detective Metzger worked on a case involving the sexual exploitation of a minor which resulted in the issuance of two subpoenas to obtain further information. A string of criminal mischiefs occurred to several vehicles in Windsor Heights in July and Metzger aided in the investigation of those crimes; however, after a detailed review of the evidence and facts, those case investigations are now inactive with no pending arrests. A new case of Lascivious Acts with a Child was opened this month, and after some investigation, it was ultimately forwarded to a different jurisdiction for follow-up. Also this month, after a long investigation and several contacts with the county attorney's office, two cases involving the burglary to several storage units in the fall of 2012 were suspended lacking enough prosecutable facts.

In total throughout the course of July, 14 cases were closed where 2 were cleared by arrest, 1 arrest warrant was issued, and 1 case was transferred to a different jurisdiction. Investigators suspended 10 cases after additional investigation yielded neither identifiable suspect(s) nor probable cause for an arrest. A remaining 14 cases are active investigations as property and suspects are being sought.

The cases managed by the Investigations section are those that go beyond the typical resources and timeframes available for officers assigned to the Patrol Division. These cases are difficult to solve, often require coordination with outside organizations or jurisdictions, and many times involve additional subpoenas, search warrants, or technical expertise (examples would be burglaries, identity thefts, fraud/forgery, sexual assaults, serious crimes against persons, etc.).

Multiple times a month, investigators from the Windsor Heights Police Department collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions to reduce criminal intentions through the use of technology and meetings while sharing intelligence information. Additionally, the Investigative section worked 64 hours in a Patrol capacity for the month of July.

Training Summary: The July WHPD in-service was held on July 16th at the Windsor Heights Community & Events Center. The training topic was legal updates for law enforcement. Assistant Polk County Attorney Celine Gogerty conducted the training. This is an annual training our law enforcement officers attend to make sure they are aware of legislative law changes. The training this year was well done; Celine gave a concise, informative presentation.

Detective Metzger attended Colt's AR15 Armorer's School on July 24-26. The class was hosted by Brownell's Firearms Supply in Montezuma Iowa. This training certifies Detective Metzger to maintain and repair AR15 platform weapons. The Windsor Heights Police Department utilizes the AR15 platform for patrol and SWAT rifles. See photo below of one of our rifles.

AR15 Patrol Rifle



Lt. Kendig attended a presentation by Lt. Col. David Grossman (retired) at Buena Vista University on July 31st. Lt. Col. Grossman has authored many books relating to the psychology of killing and the effects of combat. He has more recently authored literature that focuses on police officers and the stress they face in their careers while on the street. Lt. Col. Grossman is considered an expert in active shooters, school violence, and many other topics that directly relate to policing. He is a passionate speaker and a knowledgeable practitioner.

Community Outreach Summary: In the July the TCSC focused its efforts on community awareness and preparation for National Night Out. Officer Woods was also involved with more than 10 hours of outreach to the public, ranging from a Jr. Detective course to education young persons about unsecured, flying objects in a vehicle. Community events she attended also included 2 appearances at Movies in the Park where the TCSC handed out items to children, letting them know not to be afraid of police officers and that we are here to help; educating those involved with car seats about flying objects



in a vehicle and what to be aware of; attending a Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau meeting to discuss the I-80, 8-day challenge for 0 deaths; and leading the department's new Jr. Detective course teaching a group of 10 children what it's like to be a Detective for a day.

Officer Woods and Officer Pearson participated with the Clive Police Department in a RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) women's self-defense course of instruction during July. Agencies within the metro frequently assist one another with this course of instruction to maximize each of our departments' effectiveness. Area instructors team teach and assist in the practical application exercises so that host instructors can better represent individual agency teaching philosophies and build rapport with their community members.



The TCSC distributed 57 social media messages to the public in the month of July. Officer Woods also supplemented patrol for 128 hours in the month of July.

Automated Traffic Enforcement: The Automatic Traffic Enforcement program continued with its mobile deployments targeting flagrant violators on our roadways (speeders >11mph over the posted speed limit). The intent of this program is to change driver behavior. The TCSC deployed automated enforcement equipment 932.5 hours in the month of July. There were 729 citations issued with 0 violations being rejected during final processing.

There were 11 citations brought to an administrative review hearing in July. The administrative review board upheld 9 of the citations, and the other two were dismissed - reporting a final disposition of "not liable".

Volunteer Administrative Review Hearing Officer (and WH citizen) Kim Dickson has served as the department's Review Hearing Officer since February of this year and provided a great service to the success of the Automated Traffic Enforcement program. Mr. Dickson has taken on other obligations and needed to step away from the position. We thank him for his service. Darren Fife (WH citizen) has volunteered his time and service to fill this vacancy in the Automated Traffic Enforcement program and participated in July's review hearing. The Windsor Heights Police Department welcomes Mr. Fife and thanks both Mr. Dickson and Mr. Fife for their volunteerism and commitment to the citizens of our community.

Other News & Notes:

Thank you to everyone who assisted in making our 4th of July celebration a safe and successful event.

As always, if you have any thoughts, suggestions or questions on how we may better serve you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. W. McDaniel".

Dennis W. McDaniel
Chief of Police



TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERA UPDATE – JULY 2013



Speeding Citations Issued 729
 Speeding Citations YTD 2,995
 Speeding Citations Program to Date 2,995



Monthly Violations Detected-Mobile 885
 Total Violations YTD 5,272
 Monthly Hours Deployed-Mobile 932.5
 Total Hours Deployed YTD 5,870



Speeding Trend Over Last Month ↓ 0.04 mph
 Speeding Citations-Prev Month ↑ 35%
 Cited Drivers Avg Speed Over Limit 13.84 mph



Speeding Trend Over Last Qtr ↓ 0.04 mph
 Speeding Citations-Previous Qtr ↑ 51%
 Cited Drivers Avg Speed Over Limit 13.88 mph



Citations Paid Last Month \$32,060
 Vendor Amount Received \$12,025
 City Amount Received \$20,035
 Citations Paid YTD \$118,165
 Vendor Amount Received \$44,300
 City Amount Received \$73,865



No program changes this month.

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