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To: Honorable Mayor & City Council Members through City Administrator

From: Dennis W. McDaniel, Chief of Police

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Re: Police Department Monthly Report for September '13

Monthly Summary

Patrol Summary: The month of September saw a decrease in calls for service from last month's all-time high. In total for September, the police department remained very active answering 886 calls for service, of which 326 were traffic stops; we took 119 case reports and made 72 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.

So far, being three-quarters of the way through the calendar year, the police department is approximately 850 calls for service ahead of where we were this time last year; we are holding pace with the number of cases generated a year ago and slightly ahead on number of arrests processed. As you may recall, 2012 was the single highest year in this agency's history of modern reporting on these stats. If trends stay current through the final quarter of 2013, it appears we will more than likely surpass 2012's activity levels.

Points of interest from Patrol this month:

September's activities on patrol were consistent but more or less routine in nature. We did see a slight uptick in alcohol related offenses. As fall sporting events are in full swing, we remind the public to consume responsibly and be sure to designate a sober driver if going out for an event.

Canine (K-9) Unit

The K-9 Unit was on vacation for most of September enjoying some hard earned time off. Officer Canada and Argos also spent portions of the month preparing for the Heart of America K-9 Association certification trials that are held each October. This is the annual event where the canine team earns professional certifications in narcotics detection (marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, ecstasy, and heroin); building, article, and areas searches; handler protection; tracking; obedience; run and recall; and criminal apprehension.

Reserve Officer Unit

Two reserve candidates have made it through the final testing phases of the hiring process. These two candidates will have medical exams completed and attend a police chief interview in October. It is anticipated that successful candidates will begin basic training in November. The majority of this instruction will be delivered “in-house” by certified instructors that are on staff.

Investigations Summary: Throughout the course of September, investigators closed eight cases, of which two were cleared by arrest, two were cleared exceptionally with the issuance of arrest warrants, and four were suspended. Detectives were assigned twelve new cases for follow up investigation and currently have nine other active cases.

During this month, investigators spent two weeks actively following up on information regarding a child enticement case that had occurred within the city. After numerous tips, officer interviews and other investigative techniques, this case was suspended as it lacked a suspect and prosecutable facts. Three other cases were suspended involving forged items and a theft. Detective Pearson concluded one case in which an offender was arrested for stealing and fraudulently obtaining prescriptions drugs at a local business. Two other cases resulted in the issuance of arrest warrants for an offender that had compromised a victim’s identity and a second offender that committed a domestic assault.

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, surveillance, or technical expertise (examples would be burglaries, identity thefts, fraud/forgery, sexual assaults, serious crimes against persons, etc.). Cases that result in a status of suspended have been reviewed and investigated where neither identifiable suspect(s) nor probable cause exists for an arrest.

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 and also share intelligence information. Additionally, the Investigations section worked 8 hours in a patrol capacity for the month of August.

Training Summary: The Windsor Heights Police Department conducted its annual precision driving training for the September 2013 in-service. This training took place at the DMACC driver training facility. This training enhances officers driving skills in emergency situations. Officers participated in driving scenarios and drills that highlighted reaction time in emergency driving, backing skills, and pursuit driving. This training is crucial for a police officer. Officers spend much of their time at work behind the wheel of a patrol car. The training not only focuses on emergency driving but also helps the officers build skills they utilize daily.

Officer Woods attended the Midwest Regional Car Seat Conference in Council Bluffs Iowa. This was a training conference that counts as 8 CEUs towards Officer Woods’ car seat technician certification. This training took place on September 9th and 10th.

Detective Pearson attended a physical surveillance course at the Midwest Counter Drug Training Center the week of September 9th. This training consisted of intensive, hands-on exercises that build officers skills in the arena of physical surveillance.

Lt. Meyer attended a Missing Children Training in Marshalltown Iowa on September 12th.

Officer Hill attended a train-the-trainer course for the Below 100 Initiative on September 19th. This initiative is a nationwide effort that targets the number of police officers killed in the line of duty to be under 100 each year. The initiative focuses on seatbelt use, safe driving, and being vigilant on all calls for service. Officer Hill will be utilizing the information from this training to train other officers.

Officer Nissen attended Clandestine Laboratory Safety School the week of September 23rd. This training was held at the Midwest Counter Drug Training Center (MCTC) at Camp Dodge. Officer Nissen received training that equips him with the skills to dismantle illegal drug labs that are often part of narcotics investigations. Officers that perform these tasks undergo intensive training and utilize proper safety equipment when working on labs. This training is crucial to building strong prosecutions. It also trains officers to safely dismantle and dispose of illegal drug labs and the hazardous materials they contain.

Community Outreach Summary: Community awareness and services for the TCSC were focused around seven different events in the month of September. Officer Woods was involved with more than 32 hours of outreach to the public. As the Department strives to partner with the community to provide education and service, Officer Woods performed 10 car seat inspections or installations; conducted a home security check for participating residents; completed a third “Jr. Detective” course for children ages 7 – 12; held a Car Seat Check with a local business to provide instruction and installation; attended a domestic violence work group; participated in an Alcohol Beverage Division enforcement opportunity; started the day off to school on the right foot for two local students with the “Ride with a Cop to School” program; and assisted the Special Olympics of Iowa “Over the Edge” campaign as an event volunteer.



The TCSC also provides several opportunities to engage the public and promote a safe community through the use of children’s activities, crime prevention, and acting as an outreach liaison in our local elementary schools. This month the TCSC assisted the Investigative section with criminal investigations. Officer Woods assisted in two criminal investigations in September where warrants were issued for the arrest of one offender and a subsequent offender was arrested on fifteen criminal infractions.



In attempts to disseminate reliable and relevant information to the public, the TCSC distributed 41 social media messages to the public this month. Officer Woods also supplemented patrol for 29 hours in September.

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 774 hours in the month of August. There were 711 citations issued with 0 violations being rejected during final processing.

There were 12 citations brought to an administrative review hearing in September. The administrative review board upheld 9 of the citations, and 1 was dismissed - reporting a final disposition of "not liable". The remaining two citations were paid prior to the hearing.

Other News & Notes:

Officer Hector Arias resigned from the Windsor Heights Police Department in September. Officer Arias was an officer with the department for 11 years. He has served as a patrol officer, detective and a narcotics investigator during his tenure. Arias moved on to the Waukee Police Department to pursue further career interests there. We wish him well in his new endeavor.

The police department had formal pictures taken in September. The departmental photo is below.



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

Dennis W. McDaniel
Chief of Police

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TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERA UPDATE -- SEPT 2013



Speeding Citations Issued 711
 Speeding Citations YTD 4,138
 Speeding Citations Program to Date 4,138



Monthly Violations Detected-Mobile 882
 Total Violations YTD 7,047
 Monthly Hours Deployed-Mobile 774
 Total Hours Deployed YTD 7,592



MONTH

Speeding Trend Over Last Month ↓ 0.09 mph
 Speeding Citations--Prev Month ↑ 65%
 Cited Drivers Avg Speed Over Limit 13.90 mph



QTR

Speeding Trend Over Last Qtr ↑ 0.01 mph
 Speeding Citations-Previous Qtr ↑ 25%
 Cited Drivers Avg Speed Over Limit 13.89 mph



Citations Paid Last Month \$30,740
 Vendor Amount Received \$11,300
 City Amount Received \$19,440
 Citations Paid YTD \$179,880
 Vendor Amount Received \$67,200
 City Amount Received \$112,680



No program changes this month.

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