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To: Honorable Mayor & City Council Members through City Administrator

From: Dennis W. McDaniel, Chief of Police

Date: November 13, 2013

Re: Police Department Monthly Report for October '13

Monthly Summary

Patrol Summary: The month of October saw a leveling in calls for service. In total for October, the police department remained very active answering 906 calls for service, of which 356 were traffic stops; we took 139 case reports and made 127 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 the police department is ahead of where we were this time last year in Calls for Service; we are slightly under the number of cases generated at this time a year ago and ahead of the number of arrests processed last year. If trends stay current through the final months of 2013, it appears we will more than likely surpass 2012's Calls for Service and Arrests (which were all-time highs for this agency).

Points of interest from Patrol this month:

The WHPD Patrol Division continues to stay vigilant. Patrol officers had a case this month that demonstrates their ability to identify and interdict individuals with the intent of committing crime when they enter the City. Officers stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation and the driver gave the officer a fake name. Officers handling the stop realized the driver was not telling the truth, so they dug deeper. During the roadside interview, the driver attempted to flee the scene and a foot pursuit ensued. The driver was caught and apprehended a short distance from the stop. In the end methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia were seized. Officers also seized over four thousand dollars in currency that is suspected proceeds from drug dealing. This interdiction stop not only removed a criminal from our community, but it took the money out of a drug dealer's hands that would have otherwise been re-circulated into the drug trade. This money will be utilized to buy necessary equipment for the department once we exercise the civil seizure and asset forfeiture process.



The department is also making more directed efforts to make sure that the bars in Windsor Heights are operating in a safe and legal manner. Members of the Patrol Division have been meeting with bar owners and managers to act as resources for the establishments. Walk-throughs are made each week by officers. Staff members act as educators as well as enforcers when they are present in the bars. It is a goal of this department to have safe and legal drinking establishments in this city.

Canine (K-9) Unit

The WHPD canine unit had five activations in the month of October. Four of these incidents were for narcotics detection. The other incident involved tracking two burglary suspects.

One of the narcotics cases was an agency assist for Clive PD. The tracking of burglary suspects was an agency assist for Urbandale PD. Argos tracked two burglary suspects for approximately 1.4 miles with officers locating the two suspects right where Argos led them. The suspects fled through residential areas, through wooded ground, and even on concrete (which is difficult for a K-9 to track over). The property taken in the burglary was also recovered as a result of Argos's article search ability.

October also marked the one year anniversary of Windsor Heights' canine team being on patrol. A presentation was given to the city council and public at the November 4th council meeting. The power point presentation given at that meeting is attached to this report. Photos of Argos with his anniversary cake are below.



Reserve Officer Unit

Two reserve officer candidates have been approved to begin their training. They will begin basic training in November with pepper spray and Taser. Their use of force training will take approximately three months. Then these two will move into a module-based system that is provided to agencies by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. The majority of this training will be supplied and proctored by certified instructors from WHPD.

Investigations Summary: Throughout the course of October, investigators closed seven cases, of which two were cleared by arrest, one was cleared exceptionally with the issuance of arrest warrants, one was exceptionally cleared with the victim declining prosecution, and four were suspended. Detectives were assigned two new cases for follow-up investigation and currently have nine other active cases.

During this month, Detective Rob Pearson worked a forgery case where an individual had taken money from a local business by distracting the employee. Detective Pearson was able to identify a person of interest in this case; however, witnesses could not identify the offender. In another case an apartment building was burglarized when two coin-operated laundry machines were damaged for money. This case afforded investigators the opportunity to work in conjunction with a neighboring jurisdiction to develop information. In the end it lacked prosecutable facts and was suspended.

This month Investigators also looked into a construction company's report of a stolen motor vehicle and trailer. When the vehicle was found in another city, Detective Pearson was able to develop a suspect and confront that individual about his actions. In doing so, the company's vehicle was returned and the suspect confessed to the crime and he was arrested. During that investigation a separate incident was also identified and, although probable cause existed to arrest, the victim chose not to cooperate with prosecution.

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 October.

Training Summary: WHPD in-service was held on October 21st at the Des Moines Police Department Academy indoor range. This training consisted of our annual "night fire" pistol qualifications. In order to maintain state certification, officers are required to qualify under low

light conditions with their duty pistols. Officers conducted their qualifications and also participated in shooting drills/tactics in darkened conditions. Police officers work much of their time in evening, night, and early morning hours as well as in confined structures with limited lighting. This type of training prepares them to perform under a variety of circumstances and lighting environments.

October 19-23rd Chief McDaniel attended the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) annual training conference held in Philadelphia, PA. This conference was attended by an estimated 14,000 law enforcement professionals from more than fifty countries. Chief McDaniel attended training sessions associated with managing smaller police agencies, service delivery in times of shrinking budgets and increased public safety demand, managing officer involved shootings, how best to make small agencies perform with limited resources, development and implementation of agency fitness standards, what the future of policing holds, a technology workshop, and general sessions and terrorism briefings given by the FBI, US Attorney General, as well as debriefings from the Boston Marathon bombing and the school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut.

Community Outreach Summary: Community awareness and services for the TCSC were focused around four different events in the month of October. Officer Woods was involved with more than 26 hours of outreach to the public. As the department strives to partner with the community to provide education and service, Officer Woods performed five car seat inspections or installations; instructed a four-hour education program for the Cowles Montessori School; instructed 70 Clive Elementary students in Code 411; and began the first outreach education event for our older residents.

For car seat inspections and installations, the TCSC is able to assist the public by appointment and through participation with the Metro-Fit Station initiative at Bob Brown Cheverlot. During the Cowles' Education Day event, preschoolers through eighth grade students listened to Officer Woods speak about strangers, bike safety, and seatbelts. At the Clive Elementary Code 411 program, sixth graders were taught valuable information on the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

In a new initiative, the TCSC is beginning to meet the needs of our older residents as well. October was Officer Woods' first month of formal programming in this initiative and began by speaking with a small group of residents to find out their specific needs - such as personal safety and dealing with scams.

The TCSC also routinely 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 participated in Beggar's Night by passing out fifty bags filled with educational products and information.

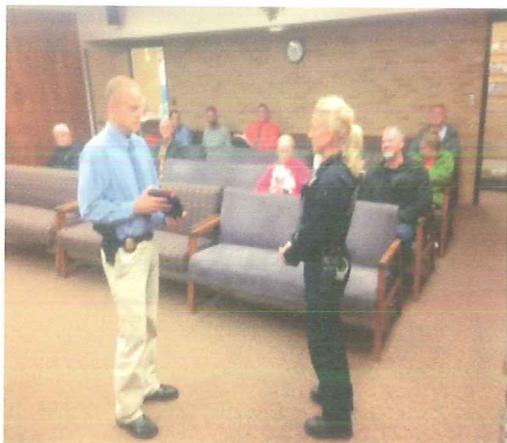
In attempts to disseminate reliable and relevant information to the public, the TCSC distributed 43 social media messages to the public in the month of October. Additionally, Officer Woods supplemented patrol for 62 hours.

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 873 hours in the month of October. There were 587 citations issued with two violations being rejected during final processing.

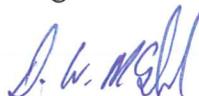
There were ten citations brought to an administrative review hearing in October. The administrative review board upheld six of the citations, and four were dismissed - reporting a final disposition of "not liable".

Other News & Notes:

At the October 21st council meeting, Lt. Meyer presented a service award to Officer Danielle Metzger for her outstanding commitment and services to the city as the General Crimes Investigator for the last five years. Officer Metzger's family was also present to share in the recognition.



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.



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TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERA UPDATE – OCT 2013



Speeding Citations Issued 587
 Speeding Citations YTD 4,725
 Speeding Citations Program to Date 4,725



Monthly Violations Detected-Mobile 736
 Total Violations YTD 7,783
 Monthly Hours Deployed-Mobile 873
 Total Hours Deployed YTD 8,465



Speeding Trend Over Last Month ↓ 0.18 mph
 Speeding Citations-Prev Month ↓ 17%



Speeding Trend Over Last Qtr ↓ 0.18 mph
 Speeding Citations-Previous Qtr ↓ 6%

MONTH

QTR

Cited Drivers Avg Speed Over Limit 13.72 mph

Cited Drivers Avg Speed Over Limit 13.90 mph



Citations Paid Last Month \$32,515
 Vendor Amount Received \$12,125
 City Amount Received \$20,390
 Citations Paid YTD \$212,395
 Vendor Amount Received \$91,450
 City Amount Received \$133,070



No program changes this month.



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