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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 March '14

Monthly Summary

Patrol Summary: The month of March saw a continued upswing in calls for service which is not uncommon as we begin to come out of the cold winter months. In total, the police department answered 840 calls for service, of which 368 were traffic stops; we took 90 case reports and made 95 arrests. In looking at the first quarter's activity in 2014 compared to the same timeframe in 2013, our calls for service numbers are nearly identical, arrests are up slightly, and the number of cases made is down. Our proactive traffic contacts also appear to be very close to last year's numbers with written warnings and citations being up slightly.

Points of interest from Patrol this month:

On March 4th patrol officers stopped a vehicle leaving the Wal-Mart parking area. The initiating officer had observed the vehicle to have multiple violations and saw that the occupants were behaving in a suspicious manner as he drove past them. During the course of the traffic stop officers located the ingredients for a mobile methamphetamine laboratory in the back of the vehicle. The occupants were arrested and the meth lab ingredients were seized for processing.

One of our patrol officers (Officer Nissen) has specialized training and protective equipment to investigate meth labs. He was called out to safely document, examine, sample, and dispose of the ingredients. There was also "finished" methamphetamine located in the vehicle and in the possession of one of the occupants. Methamphetamine labs are volatile and can be very dangerous if not neutralized properly. This was a great job by our patrol officers in identifying suspicious behavior, investigating, and building a strong criminal case against a methamphetamine manufacturer.

See next page for a photo of some of the common household products used to manufacture methamphetamine. This process of manufacturing is known as the One-Pot method.



Meth Lab Ingredients

Canine (K-9) Unit

The WHPD K-9 team had 5 narcotic sniff deployments in March. Two of these were assists for other agencies - both Clive and Ankeny Police Departments utilized the team's assistance.

Officer Canada and Argos also had a fleeing criminal track in March. A drunk driver left his lane of travel and struck another vehicle head-on while driving on 73rd St. in Windsor Heights. The drunk driver then fled the accident scene on foot. Officer Canada deployed Argos and tracked the fleeing driver; he was located hiding in a residential yard and arrested without further incident. The K-9 team was essential in catching this drunk driver as it could have taken multiple officers several hours to set up a full perimeter and do a systematic grid-search for the suspect. It took Officer Canada and Argos approximately five minutes to locate the individual.

Investigations Summary: In March investigators were assigned 3 new cases for investigation in which 2 cases were cleared by arrest and 1 subpoena was issued. There are 14 cases that will continue into the next month for investigative follow up.

Notable cases for investigators focused on the investigation of two felony theft cases. There were two residents within Windsor Heights that were victimized when individuals stole their vehicles. Investigators, Detective Pearson and Officer Woods, were able to locate both vehicles and the property stolen in that same day. Through the course of almost a dozen interviews, investigators have now made the arrest of three individuals involved in this case.

In March the Investigations section also continued to work on cases previously assigned to them completing additional interviews and forensic analysis. In one pending case more than 19 offenders or suspects have been identified in the incident. Investigators continue to work to determine suspects' locations and conduct interviews. In another incident the forensic analysis of an electronic device was conducted enabling investigators to receive a comprehensive report regarding the owner's role in an incident. These cases remain active and investigators will continue to pursue them to a thorough conclusion.

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 40 hours in a patrol capacity for the month of March.

Training Summary: March's in-service training was held on the 5th at the Windsor Heights Community & Events Center. Officers attended two separate sessions. The first session was on arson awareness and the second session covered the capabilities of the Polk County Crisis Intervention agency. The arson awareness program was constructed and taught by Jeremy Sprague. Sprague is a firefighter for the City of Waukee and a Des Moines Police Officer. Sprague is also a certified Arson Investigator. The curriculum was designed to make patrol officers aware of what to do when responding to a fire and how to identify a case that could be arson.

Then officers were given information on crisis intervention resources by a representative from Polk County Crisis Intervention services. This agency has many resources for victims of crimes and sexual assault. The representative provided brochures and literature for officers to carry with them and utilize when a victim is in need.

Also in March, Officer Gillett attended her initial NCIC certification training. This certification allows officers access to the NCIC system through their in-car computer systems. NCIC is a national database that shows if anyone has outstanding arrest warrants, pick-up orders, is listed as a runaway, etc.

Reserve Program: The Windsor Heights Reserve Program has one new candidate that is just finishing being vetted in the hiring process and could be able to start training in May. This candidate has been a certified reserve officer with another metro agency and is expected to advance through training rapidly.

Community Outreach Summary: Community awareness and services for the TCSC focused around 3 different events in the month of March. Traffic & Community Safety Coordinator Officer Amanda Woods was involved with 7 hours of outreach programming to the public. As the Department strives to partner with the community to provide education and service, Officer Woods continued her work with community organizations, participated in the Read with a Cop program at our local elementary schools, assisted with 4 criminal investigations, and further facilitated spring and summer events during planning meetings.

Officer Woods worked with the West Des Moines School District in a community education meeting focusing on your “CQ” (cultural intelligence) as well as the continued development of the committee’s community website. CQ focuses on bringing awareness to our cultural diversity and empowering us to triumph over our differences for the greater good of all. The Community Education Committee also worked on putting finishing touches on a website designed to engage members of the community and provide resources for a variety of topics.

The TCSC, along with the Patrol division, continues to interact with students in our elementary school classrooms through age appropriate conversations and a reading program. Officers are continuing to build rapport and provide a positive influence to our young students. Officer Woods spent time at Clive School reading to 4th graders.



In March the department also participated in the American Lung Association’s annual “Fight for Air Climb” in downtown Des Moines on March 16. Team members: Officer Woods, Officer Metzger, Lieutenant Meyer and Chief McDaniel took to 66 flights of stairs with a time of 11:31 to win the law enforcement challenge. While we enjoyed the camaraderie and competition, we were all proud to have raised over \$700 while the entire event raised over \$253,000.

Presently the TCSC is looking into new and continued community events and programming for 2014. In attempts to disseminate reliable and relevant information to the public, the TCSC distributed 39 social media messages to the public in the month of March. Additionally, Officer Woods supplemented patrol for 30 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 620 hours in the month of March. There were 395 citations issued with 2 violations being rejected during final processing.

There was 1 citation contested and 0 citations brought before an administrative review hearing. The administrative review board did not conduct any hearings in the month of March.

March's deployable hours were the highest yet during these first three months in 2014. Weather improvements and device maintenance has enabled more deployable hours among the mobile units to increase and provide consistent evidence quality photos for processing review.

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 – MAR 2014



Speeding Citations Issued	395
Speeding Citations YTD	858
Speeding Citations Program to Date	6,292



Monthly Violations Detected-Mobile	755
Total Violations YTD	1682
Total Violations Program to Date	10,966
Monthly Hours Deployed-Mobile	620
Total Hours Deployed YTD	1,651
Total Hours Deployed Program to Date	11,234



Citations Paid Last Month	\$12,825
Vendor Amount Received	\$4,800
City Amount Received	\$8,025
Citations Paid YTD	\$47,630
Vendor Amount Received	\$17,875
City Amount Received	\$30,950
Citations Paid Program to Date	\$307,595
Vendor Amount Received	\$115,075
City Amount Received	\$193,715



Speeding Trend Over Last Qtr.	↑ 0.13 mph
Speeding Citations-Previous Qtr.	↑ 36.52%
Cited Drivers Avg. Speed Over Limit	13.82 mph



No program changes this month.

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