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To: Honorable Mayor & City Council Members through City Administrator

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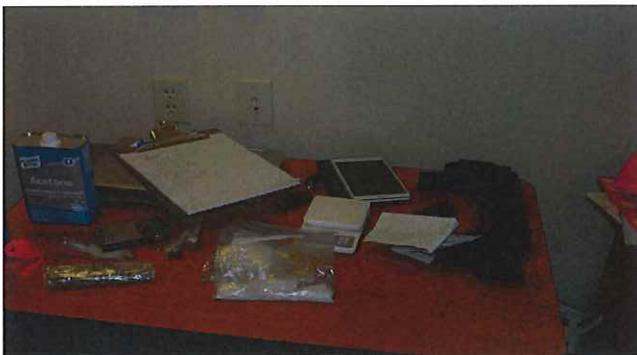
Re: Police Department Monthly Report for June '15

Monthly Summary

Patrol Summary: In total for June the police department answered 709 calls for service, of which 217 were traffic stops; we took 100 case reports and made 90 arrests. Being midway through the calendar year, department activity levels continue to keep pace with our previous record high years. At this point our calls for service are down from 2014 but arrests and cases made are above last year's numbers. In looking for possible trends, it does appear that our drug violations, fraud, and burglaries are on the rise; while forgeries, assaults and fighting offenses seem to be on the decline. A complete listing of comparison crime data between 2015 & 2014 is attached for your review.

Points of interest from Patrol this month:

The WHPD continues to be highly successful in interdicting illegal narcotics and dangerous individuals. One such example is a case that started out as a traffic stop. Upon further investigation it was found that there were illegal narcotics in the vehicle. The WHPD K-9 Unit was called to assist. This case took several hours to complete and took officers into multiple metro jurisdictions. In the end officers seized illegal narcotics with a street value of over \$18,000. Officers also seized several thousand dollars in cash that is suspected proceeds from drug dealing. Two arrests were made in the case. These individuals also possessed two firearms which were also seized. The cash seized in these types of cases go through the asset forfeiture process and can be utilized down the road to buy equipment and fund training for officers.



Drugs, gun, and misc. paraphernalia seized

WHPD patrol officers have a softer side as well. Officers were dispatched to the 6400 block of Lincoln for a report of a deer stuck between two fences. When officers arrived they observed a mother deer and her two babies stuck in between two six foot high fences. Officers made an opening for the deer to get out and the mother ran off leaving the baby deer alone. Officers were able to free the baby deer, who appeared to be weak and had difficulties walking. Officers contacted a local wild life rescue/rehabilitation center. The deer were turned over to them. Officers were told the deer appeared to be 2-3 days old and would be rehabilitated and released on a farm in De Soto Iowa sometime in the spring of 2016.



Canine (K-9) Unit

In June, Officer Canada and K9 Argos had five deployments. Four deployments were narcotics related; one deployment was a track of a subject who assaulted an officer in Urbandale.

- Officer Canada and K9 Argos assisted the ATF on a narcotics/weapons search warrant. ATF agents executed a search warrant and Officer Canada and K9 Argos conducted the initial search of the home. K9 Argos alerted three times in the residence. All three alerts resulted in locating illegal narcotics. Marijuana and heroin were seized as a result of the K-9 team's efforts.
- Officer Canada and K9 Argos assisted the Urbandale Police Department in locating a subject who assaulted an officer. Officer Canada and K9 Argos tracked a suspect approximately 100 yards. As Officer Canada and K9 Argos were closing in on the subject a perimeter officer located the suspect hiding in a porta john just 20 yards from the K9 team.

- Officer Canada and K9 Argos were called out to assist Officer Nissen on a traffic stop (previously mentioned above). K9 Argos alerted on the trunk of the vehicle. Inside the trunk was \$8,294 in cash and a gun. K9 Argos alerted on the money back at the police department indicating the money was likely used in trafficking illegal narcotics. A positive K9 alert on money helps with the forfeiture process and helps officers prove that the seized money was in fact proceeds from illegal narcotics.

Investigations Summary: In June investigators were assigned 1 new case for investigation, 0 cases were cleared by arrest, 0 cases became inactive, 2 cases were cleared exceptionally, and 0 were unfounded. Investigators also made 1 arrest, issued 0 arrest warrants, wrote 0 search warrants, and issued 0 subpoenas. At the end of the month there were 9 open cases that investigators are actively carrying over for further follow up.

In the month of June the primary detective was in training for two weeks and the TCSC Detective transitioning into investigations was in training for one week. Additionally, Detective Pearson who is a training instructor for the department, worked with patrol in the training of two reserve officer candidates.

Notable cases for investigators in June focused on four incidents. In one incident, detectives assisted with a search of a premise and the seizure of illegal drugs. In a second situation, detectives followed up on a tip from an individual having information on a crime involving another state's jurisdiction.

Detectives followed up with a counterfeit forgery case where \$600 in fraudulent bills was presented to a local merchant. Detectives were able to use the local surveillance system from the merchant to identify the offender in this crime. It was through a local intelligence network of investigators and officers that led to the identity of this individual being discovered. This case was exceptionally cleared as the county attorney declined prosecution with the offender already facing twelve other counts of forgery.

Detectives finished following up with a forgery case that was originally reported in April. This case was cleared exceptionally. Investigators were preparing to file for arrest warrants when they learned the offender was recently deceased. This case involved a trusted partnership with an employer and employee that resulted in a termination. As a result of that termination the deceased fraudulently transacted several thousand dollars of purchases without authority or permission.

Additionally, the general crimes detective supplemented patrol 24 hours in the month of June.

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.

Training Summary: Due to extra in-service training hours in May there was not a June in-service training session. Captain Meyer and Lt. Kendig attended an incident command training on June 1st. This training was held at the Polk County Emergency Management facility. This session was a continuation of training that began in May. The June class utilized table top exercises to build skills related to large scale incidents that require incident command.

Detective Pearson spent two weeks in June at the Midwest Counterdrug Training Center (MCTC) at Undercover Narcotics Training. MCTC is housed on Camp Dodge. This training teaches students about the skills utilized by undercover officers while investigating illegal narcotics cases. This class ran from June 8th-12th and June 22nd-26th.

Detective Woods was also at MCTC in June. She attended a Physical Surveillance class June 22nd through June 26th. This class uses real life training scenarios to sharpen officer's skills. Officers are instructed by veteran police officers and detectives from large city police departments.

Corporal Siepkner went to the DMPD Academy to attend a four-hour training for new supervisors. This training was offered to metro agencies at no cost.

Reserve Program: Two reserve officer recruits continued work on their firearms skills in June.

Community Outreach Summary: Community awareness and services from the TCSC focused on public interactions through three events in June, thirteen hours of outreach, and four planning meetings. As the department strives to partner with the community to provide education and service, Detective Woods works with a variety of organizations and businesses. Those entities include: Safe Kids of Iowa, the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, Special Olympics of Iowa, local religious organizations, local business groups, West Des Moines School District, Dowling Catholic School, Des Moines Public Schools and the Community Education Council. Additionally, Detective Woods assists with criminal investigations and facilitates future events during planning meetings.

In June, the TCSC participated and facilitated four different meetings with organizations that benefit or directly impact the Windsor Heights Community. These meetings included the Governors' Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB), Iowa Crime Prevention Association (ICPA), and Safe Kids of Iowa.

At the GTSB meetings this month topics focused on the upcoming project date, logistics and means to making projects a successful traffic enforcement tool. The ICPA meeting discussed the recent annual conference report, budget, renewals, speakers and the servicability of community

props like SIDNE. The Safe Kids of Iowa meeting talked about swim safety, upcoming events, and the current month's message - gun and trampoline safety.

Each year most entities review their policies and practices in an effort to make their organizations effective and efficient. Midwest Heritage Bank (inside Hy-Vee) took a proactive step and contacted the Windsor Heights Police Department to review response procedures for their location should police assistance be needed. Detective Woods met with local staff and explained how law enforcement would handle their calls for assistance. Officers and employees left feeling confident in the level of cooperation among both entities.

In the month of June, the TCSC participated in the YMCA day camp at the Walnut Creek Y. Children from 3 to 5 years of age got to hear about stranger danger, car safety, bicycle safety, and water safety. Handouts were distributed to include bags, coloring books, pencils, stickers, rulers and cups.



Safe Kids of Iowa was at the Governor's office to witness a proclamation making June 15-21 drowning prevention week in the state of Iowa. TCSC is an active participant with Safe Kids of Iowa and was in attendance.



The department hosted and participated in three different community events in the month of June. The first Junior Detectives class was offered to kids ages 7-12. There were eight students in attendance and ready to learn about fingerprinting, crime scenes, and



interviewing. Each student had an opportunity to process and capture a fingerprint left behind.

The TCSC worked with Wal-Mart as they hosted a safety day on a June Saturday. Windsor Heights Police and Fire Departments and Clive Police were on hand to meet patrons as they came and went from Wal-Mart. Detective Woods estimated that about 200+ people came through the event and spoke with public safety professionals about their work. TCSC had on hand stickers, cups, car seat safety information, coloring books, K9 information, and upcoming event flyers.

The TCSC also worked with Hy-Vee as they hosted a safety day on another Saturday in June. The police and fire departments were on hand to meet about 400+ people. K9 Argos and his handler were the special guest during this event and drew plenty of interest from the kids. The officers had stickers, cups, car seat safety information, coloring books, K9 information, and upcoming event flyers.



Community outreach disseminated reliable and relevant information to the public last month. There were thirty social media messages sent out to the public in the month of June. Additionally, the TCSC supplemented patrol for 40 hours in the month of June.

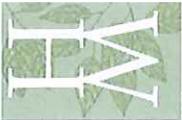
Automated Traffic Enforcement: The Automatic Traffic Enforcement program continued with its mobile deployments targeting flagrant violators on our roadways (speeders >11mph over the posted speed limit). The intent of this program is to change driver behavior. The TCSC deployed

automated enforcement equipment 616 hours in the month of June. There were 470 citations issued with 2 violations being rejected during final processing.

There were 9 citations contested and 7 citations brought before an administrative review hearing. The administrative review board determined 8 citations to be liable, 0 were found not liable and 1 was listed as an 'other' status. An 'other' status is a typical result of a party first contesting a citation but then choosing to pay it prior to the administrative review hearing.

Other News: As always, if you have any suggestions or questions on the programming my department offers, concerns with policing activities we engage in, or thoughts on how we may better serve you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERA UPDATE – JUNE 2015



Speeding Citations Issued	470
Speeding Citations YTD	2604
Speeding Citations Program to Date	13,855



Monthly Violations Detected-Mobile	778
Total Violations YTD	4468
Total Violations Program to Date	23079
Monthly Hours Deployed-Mobile	616
Total Hours Deployed YTD	3735
Total Hours Deployed Prog to Date	21,529.50



Citations Paid Last Month	\$24,645
Vendor Amount Received	\$9,250
City Amount Received	\$15,395
Citations Paid YTD	\$119,988.5
Vendor Amount Received	\$44,274
City Amount Received	\$75,714.50
Citations Paid Program to Date	\$667,978.5
Vendor Amount Received	\$249,449
City Amount Received	\$418,529.5



Speeding Trend Over Last Qtr.	<i>tbd</i> mph
Speeding Citations-Previous Qtr.	↓ 3.20%
Cited Drivers Avg. Speed Over Limit	<i>tbd</i> mph



No program changes this month.

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