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To: Honorable Mayor & City Council Members through City Administrator

From: Dennis W. McDaniel, Chief of Police & Fire Services

Date: August 10, 2015

Re: Police Department Monthly Report for July '15

Monthly Summary

Patrol Summary: In total for July the police department answered 716 calls for service, of which 222 were traffic stops; we took 106 case reports and made 96 arrests. A complete listing of comparison crime data between 2015 & 2014 is attached for your review.

Points of interest from Patrol this month:

During a routine traffic stop officers discovered a sawed off shotgun in the vehicle they had stopped. A shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches is illegal for civilians to possess. This is because a shorter length makes the sawed off shotgun easier to conceal and causes the effect of the weapon to be more pronounced at close range. The seized shotgun was loaded when officers found it. The driver of the vehicle was arrested and charged with Unauthorized Possession of an Offensive Weapon. Proactive traffic enforcement and diligent investigation pulled a dangerous firearm off the street.



Sawed Off Shotgun

During the month of July we had many days with heat indexes of over 100 degrees. On one of these days a WHPD officer responded to a call at Wal-Mart about a puppy locked in a vehicle. A witness told officers the puppy had been in the vehicle for about 30 minutes. A witness got the puppy out of the vehicle through a window that had been left partially down. The puppy was showing signs of distress and panting uncontrollably. The officer on scene quickly got the puppy in a patrol vehicle where it could cool down. The puppy drank two large bottles of cool water before it began to breath and act normally again. The officer on scene accessed a website that calculated the interior temperature of the vehicle the puppy had been in at 124 degrees. The owner of the dog was located and charged with Animal Neglect. The puppy fully recovered and was released to a friend of the owner.

Canine (K-9) Unit

In July Officer Canada and K9 Argos had a total of five K9 deployments. Four of the deployments were narcotics related and the other was helping another agency track a fleeing fugitive.

- July 13, 14, 24, and 28th Officer Canada and K9 Argos assisted a WHPD officer on traffic stop for a narcotics sniff. No alert was made on the vehicle.
- July 24 Officer Canada and K9 Argos were called to assist the Norwalk Police Department to track a fleeing felon with an outstanding warrant. Officer Canada and K9 Argos tracked the suspect for over a mile. The heat index was over 100 degrees. Officer Canada and K9 Argos lost the track on a gravel road. Officers believed the suspect got picked up by a vehicle where the track was lost.

Officer Canada and K9 Argos conducted some advanced dark room searches this month in the closed off basement of the Merle Hay Mall. Officer Canada and K9 Argos worked on low light and no light conditions to challenge Argos. The team worked on clearing multiple rooms searching for multiple suspects. This type of training challenges the team and requires them to stay in close proximity to one another.

Investigations Summary: In July investigators were assigned 6 new cases for investigation, 0 cases were cleared by arrest, 0 cases became inactive, 2 cases were cleared exceptionally, and 1 case was unfounded. Investigators also made 0 arrests, issued 0 arrest warrants, wrote 0 search warrants, and issued 0 subpoenas. At the end of the month there were 13 open cases that investigators are actively carrying over for further follow up.

Notable cases in the month of July for investigations focused on six incidents. During the first part of July, Detective Pearson did case work for a stolen all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and trailer within the city. In this situation, patrol officers recovered the trailer a short distance away from the incident and requested assistance from Investigations. Detectives later processed this trailer for any identifiable traces back to the individual(s) who used the trailer to commit a theft of the ATV. This case is ongoing.

Detectives closed out a burglary case from the previous month that involved the forensic analysis of a latent fingerprint recovered from the scene. At this time, detectives are unable to match the information to a viable suspect but will reopen the case at a later date if information develops.

A Windsor Heights resident reported a credit card that was used without authorization in the month of July. After detectives completed their investigation, it was determined that the point of compromise on the credit card was unable to be determined and the activity on the card was outside of the United States. This made any other investigative attempts futile without probability for arrest and prosecution.

Detectives investigated another credit card case that had to be suspended after a suspect using the card was unable to be identified. It is a common practice to purchase credit card numbers online that have been illegally obtained through various means. People who purchase these cards will often go outside of their state to complete transactions with the stolen information to avoid being identified and prosecuted.

Detective Pearson followed up on a hit and run case that occurred in July. After investigation it was determined that a criminal act had not occurred. In this situation, it was not a car that struck a parked motor vehicle but a shopping cart making this a civil matter between two parties.

Detective Pearson was called out from home to investigate a theft of a boat and trailer (valued over \$25,000) that was stolen from a resident's driveway in the early morning hours. One witness has provided good information and several other witnesses have been able to corroborate other facts in this case. Detectives have spoken with several neighbors and are continuing to follow leads in this situation. This investigation continues and detectives are still looking to recover the stolen property.

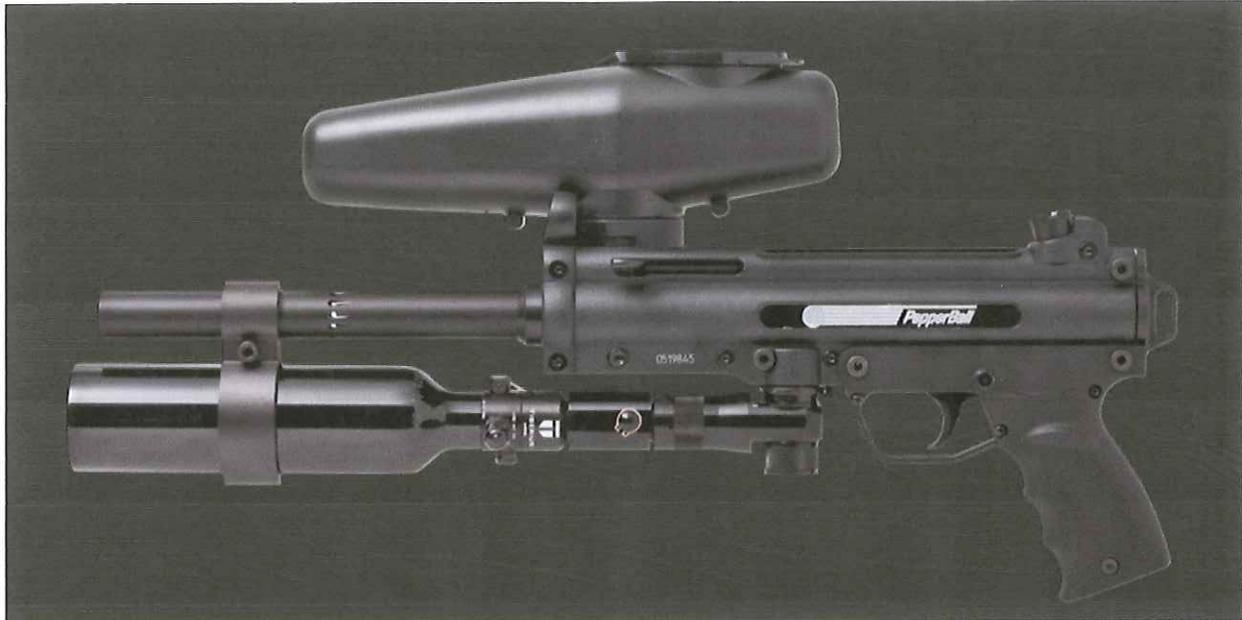
Additionally, the general crimes detective supplemented patrol 16 hours in the month of July.

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: Pepperball systems and Tasers were on the agenda for July in-service training. Corporal Siepkner is a certified instructor for both of these less-lethal devices. These devices are currently deployed for officer use and utilized when needed. This in-service training served as a refresher and recertification for officers. Officers shot the Pepperball systems and went over the proper procedures for loading and charging the systems. Officers then were required to do some running before they had to engage a 'bad guy' with their Taser. The running raises the officer's heart rate and helps simulate a high stress encounter where the officer

physically exerts themselves. This type of training makes officers more effective in real life situations.

The Pepperball Launchers and the Taser Electronic Control Devices are excellent use of force options for WHPD officers. These tools allow officers to apprehend non-compliant subjects with little risk of serious injury to officers or suspects.



TAC-700 Pepperball Launcher

Officer Hill is one of the police department's two evidence technicians. In 2014 the Department began using a new evidence management system called BEAST. Officer Hill traveled to the Chicago area for a training conference that was held by the BEAST company. This training was held on July 22nd. There was no fee for the training other than travel expenses.

Detective Pearson attended Fundamentals of Crime Scene Investigation school the week of July 27th. The class was held at the Midwest Counterdrug Training Center at Camp Dodge. The training is offered at no cost and is valuable to Detectives. The class taught attendees the basics of crime scene investigation and processing of evidence.

Reserve Program: One reserve recruit has been successful in her initial training and will move on to more advanced training in August. The other reserve recruit has been given six months to continue to work on firearms training on her own to determine whether or not she can continue her candidacy.

Community Outreach Summary: Community awareness and service for the TCSC focused on public interactions through 3 events, 15 hours of outreach, and 2 planning meetings in the month

of July. As the Department strives to partner with the community to provide education and service, Detective Woods will work 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 assisted with criminal investigations and further facilitated events during planning meetings.

Meetings in July for the TCSC involved Special Olympics of Iowa and the Governor Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB). During the GTSB meeting the group took pictures for posters that will be given out during public relations events. The committee also discussed the Iowa State Fair coming up this summer and how best to enforce and educate the public and keep everyone safe during that time.

At the Special Olympics meeting, the committee reflected on the current fiscal goal for the year and their standing. The current fundraising levels are only at 40%; however, Windsor Heights has raised almost eight thousand dollars of that through their support and work.

The TCSC worked with the West Des Moines Police to conduct a summer Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) training course for women. Both Detectives Woods and Pearson assisted in this course of instruction for nine hours of educational instruction. This class in July was held and facilitated by West Des Moines. Area agencies frequently share facilities/instructors from other jurisdictions to have the greatest impact on outreach in the metropolitan area.

Junior Detectives was hosted in July. This is a short, two hour mini-detective course designed for children 7 to 12 years of age. Each student (including a Des Moines Register photographer) was provided some basic fingerprint detection techniques, a staged crime scene to solve, and their own sample of a forensic fingerprint. There were five students that attended and some good publicity from the Des Moines Register. You can view the dmregister.com photos through the below link:

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/media/cinematic/gallery/30311619/15-photos-windsor-heights-junior-detectives/>

The final community outreach event in July was in conjunction with the STAR 102.5's block party event. These events have been taking place across the metro and July's was in Colby Park. In cooperation with the radio station, the TCSC used this opportunity to promote National Night Out (NNO) coming up in August, handed out coloring books, pencils, stickers, and car seat safety flyers. K-9 Argos was in the area and a patrol car was on display.

The TCSC disseminated reliable and relevant information to the public last month. There were 32



social media messages sent out to the public. Additionally, Detective Woods supplemented patrol for 16 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 487 hours in the month of July. There were 457 citations issued with 4 violations being rejected during final processing.

There was 1 citation contested and 0 citations brought before an administrative review hearing. The administrative review board determined 1 citation 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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WINDSOR HEIGHTS POLICE
SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Offense	2015		2015		2015		2015		2015		2015		2015		2015		2015		2015		2015		2015		2015		2015		2015		2015		2015		2015		2015					
	JULY	OFFENSE	JULY	ARREST	AUG	CALLS	AUG	OFFENSE	AUG	ARREST	SEPT	CALLS	SEPT	OFFENSE	SEPT	ARREST	SEPT	OFFENSE	SEPT	ARREST	YTD	CALLS	YTD	OFFENSE	YTD	ARREST	YTD	CALLS	YTD	OFFENSE	YTD	ARREST	YTD	CALLS	YTD	OFFENSE	ARREST					
Arson	0	0	0	0		0															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Aban. animal/stray/dead/bite	31	9	6	6		143															4915	0	21	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
All Calls for Service	716	0	0	0																																						
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Arrest	0	0	96	96		0															0	2	696	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Assault	0	2	1	1		4															0	10	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Assist Officer	42	0	0	0		249															0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
ATL	2	0	0	0		8															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Audible/Silent Alarm	10	0	0	0		41															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Bomb Threat	0	0	0	0		0															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Building Checks	36	0	0	0		329															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Carrying a weapon	0	0	0	0		0															0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cases Made	0	106	0	0		0															0	750	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Burglary/Attempt Burglary	2	1	0	0		22															0	11	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Chase/Pursuit	0	0	0	0		6															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Child Abuse/Endanger/Steal	0	0	0	0		0															0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CHINA	3	0	0	0		22															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Commercial Fire	4	0	0	0		10															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0		0															0	8	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Death Invest	0	0	0	0		0															0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Disagreement/Dispute	12	0	0	0		72															0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Domestic	4	0	0	0		35															0	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
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Driving While Barred	0	4	7	7		0															0	21	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DW- suspended/revoked	0	15	13	13		0															0	126	120	0	48	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Drug Paraphernalia	0	6	6	6		0															0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
False Reporting	0	0	0	0		0															6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fight	1	0	0	0		123															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Follow-up Investigation	22	0	0	0		0															0	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Forgery	0	4	5	5		29															0	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fraud	4	0	0	0		19															0	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Harassment	0	0	0	0		1															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hazmat	0	0	0	0		0															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0	0		2															0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Incomplete 911 Call	11	0	0	0		84															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Interference with Official Acts	0	0	0	0		0															0	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Intimidation with a Weapon	0	0	0	0		0															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Larceny Motor Vehicle	2	4	0	0		4															0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Liquor Viol/Intoxicated Person	2	3	7	7		19															0	22	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Liquor Viol/Intoxicated Person	35	0	0	0		220															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Message	1	0	0	0		2															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Missing Person	2	9	15	15		9															0	69	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Narcotics/Drugs	0	0	0	0		5															0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Open Door	0	0	0	0		0																																				



TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERA UPDATE - JULY 2015



Speeding Citations Issued	457
Speeding Citations YTD	3061
Speeding Citations Program to Date	14,312



Monthly Violations Detected-Mobile	694
Total Violations YTD	5162
Total Violations Program to Date	23773
Monthly Hours Deployed-Mobile	487.5
Total Hours Deployed YTD	4225.5
Total Hours Deployed Prog to Date	22,017



Citations Paid Last Month	\$23,925
Vendor Amount Received	\$8,950
City Amount Received	\$14,975
Citations Paid YTD	\$143,913.5
Vendor Amount Received	\$53,224
City Amount Received	\$90,689.50
Citations Paid Program to Date	\$691,903.5
Vendor Amount Received	\$258,399
City Amount Received	\$433,504.5



Speeding Trend Over Last Qtr.	<i>tbd</i> mph
Speeding Citations-Previous Qtr.	15.86%
Cited Drivers Avg. Speed Over Limit	<i>tbd</i> mph



No program changes this month.

GATSUSA

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