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To: Honorable Mayor & City Council Members through City Administrator

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

Date: September 17, 2015

Re: Police Department Monthly Report for August '15

## Monthly Summary

Patrol Summary: In total for August the police department answered 835 calls for service, of which 287 were traffic stops; we took 134 case reports and made 76 arrests. A complete listing of comparison crime data between 2015 & 2014 is attached for your review.

### *Points of interest from Patrol this month:*

Officer Nissen worked diligently to solve a case of criminal mischief that occurred in the Wal-Mart parking lot. The case involved two sisters that had not been getting along. One of the sisters used a key to damage the other sister's car. The damage to the paint of the victim's car was substantial. Officer Nissen utilized video from Wal-Mart surveillance cameras to identify the offending sister as a suspect. He then conducted an interrogation in which the sister admitted to damaging the other sister's car out of anger. The offender was charged with criminal mischief second degree (total damage \$1000-\$10,000). If not for Officer Nissen's persistence, the victim would have had to make the repairs to the vehicle herself and the offender would not have been held accountable.

### *Canine (K-9) Unit*

In August, 2015 Officer Canada and K9 Argos had 3 deployments for the month:

- On August 5<sup>th</sup> Officer Canada and K9 Argos performed a K9 demonstration at the annual National Night Out at Colby Park. Officer Canada and K9 Argos showcased some of the various skills the team trains for on a daily basis and helped educate the public about the great benefits of having a certified police K9. Officer Canada and K9 Argos performed an area search. They also did a traffic stop with a decoy fleeing from the vehicle. Officer Canada then initiated the "door pop" and Argos apprehended the suspect in a muzzle.
- On August 12, 2015 Officer Canada and K9 Argos assisted officers on a traffic stop. Officer Canada deployed K9 Argos for an open air sniff around the vehicle looking for illegal narcotics. No alert was given.

- On August 13, 2015 Officer Canada and K9 Argos assisted officers on Franklin Avenue in Windsor Heights for a burglary report. Officer Canada was assisting detectives during an area canvas and found an open door at an empty house next to the house that was burglarized. Officer Canada deployed K9 Argos to conduct a search of the house. Officer Canada and K9 Argos cleared the house together.

Officer Canada and K9 Argos logged over 20 hours of K9 training this month. The K9 team worked on building searches, narcotics, and bite training with an aggressive decoy. Aggressive decoys represent a suspect that will fight with the K-9 once it is released to apprehend the suspect. These decoys struggle with the K-9 to simulate a real life event on the street.



**Argos confronting an aggressive, armed individual at training.**

Investigations Summary: In August, the Investigations section was assigned 16 new cases. There was 1 case cleared by arrest, 3 cases became inactive, 2 cases were cleared exceptionally, and 0 cases were unfounded. Investigators made 2 arrests, issued 0 arrest warrants, wrote 0 search warrants, and issued 1 subpoena in the month of August. There are 20 cases that will continue into the next month for investigative follow up.

Notable investigations in the month of August for detectives focused on three cases. These cases included one theft incident with multiple acts, another theft case, and a burglary/forgery case. At the beginning of August Detective Pearson identified and located suspects who had committed multiple thefts at Wal-Mart. The criminal plan in this incident was more involved than a typical theft at Wal-Mart. In this particular case, the individuals were successful in their thefts by the use of a store employee for intelligence. Detectives were able to identify reasonable belief of guilt involving two individuals leading to their arrest.

Detective Pearson also worked a case in which a local business reported equipment being stolen. Through the victim's assistance and information, detectives were able to meet up with an individual attempting to sell the item and determine they had no knowledge of the theft. Although the investigation determined this individual was not responsible, the business owner was able to recover their property for future use.



A third incident detectives worked in August was a residence being burglarized. As a result of that crime the individual's checks have been forged in the surrounding area. This is an active case that investigators from nearby jurisdictions are collaboratively working together. In a situation such as this, information from each jurisdiction's efforts is being used to facilitate a successful resolution.

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, detectives supplemented patrol 16 hours in the month of August.

Training Summary: Monthly in-service training was on patrol officers' response to critical incidents. A.J. Mumm from Polk County Emergency Management came to Windsor Heights to facilitate the training. Training took place at the Windsor Heights Community Center on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Officers from Johnston Police Department, Ankeny Police Department and the Iowa Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Enforcement attended the training as well. This type of training is most effective when shared among multiple agencies. The thought process is that critical incidents can require more resources than one agency can provide. If multiple agencies in the Des Moines Metropolitan area continue to train this way, it will facilitate a more coordinated response when a critical incident occurs.

The actual training time was filled with officers working in groups to formulate responses to various mock critical incidents that were put before them. The feedback from all agencies was positive.

The Windsor Heights Fire Department also hosted a Chemical Suicide class on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This was held in the council chambers. Multiple members of the police department attended this training.

Detective Pearson went to the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on August 19<sup>th</sup> to recertify as an ASP instructor. The ASP is an expandable baton that officers carry on their duty belt.



### **Example of an ASP**

Corporal Siepker traveled to Minneapolis for a Supervisor Leadership Institute that is put on by the FBI-LEEDA. These classes are taught by experienced law enforcement leaders from around the country. Corporal Siepker will be better equipped in his role as a first-line supervisor after having attended this class. This training took place August 24<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Detective Woods was also out of town the same week. She attended a New Detective School in Kansas City Missouri.



Reserve Program: August was a busy and exciting month for the WHPD Reserve Unit. Reserve Officer Jamie Frits was officially sworn in as a WHPD Reserve Officer on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Frits is the third sworn member of the WHPD Reserve Unit. She will continue her training as she progresses through the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Reserve Officer Training Modules.

### **RO Frits being sworn in by Chief McDaniel**

Lt. Kendig and Reserve Captain Darren Skeries spent the weekend of August 22/23 in Marshalltown Iowa at the State Reserve Training Conference. This training and conference is facilitated by the Iowa State Reserve Law Officers Association. The conference was hosted by the Marshall County Sheriff's Office. Classroom training for reserve officers filled the day on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was a barbeque that evening at the Marshall County SO. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> the annual Reserve Officer Shooting Competition took place. The competition was comprised of multiple events. The events ranged from firearm qualification to practical combat type shooting. Reserve Captain Skeries placed second in the duty shotgun/pistol category.



**Reserve Officers from around the state at the Saturday evening BBQ**

Community Outreach Summary: Community awareness and service for the TCSC focused on public interactions through 1 event, 11 hours of outreach and 4 planning meetings in the month of August. 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, 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 August included involvement with the the Governor Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB), SafeKids of Iowa, and the American Lung Association.



National Night Out, August 4<sup>th</sup>: This year the event was the largest the Association has hosted to date. The temperatures were in the 80's, over 600 individuals attended (500 individuals the year previous). The theme of this year's NNO event was to collect coins for a local non-profit organization called GiGi's PlayHouse. Over \$1,000 was collected and given to GiGi's PlayHouse. The goal of this drive was to provide assistance to GiGi's Playhouse which is an education center for Downs Syndrome children.

The Windsor Heights Police K-9 unit conducted a demonstration, including a drug find and the tracking of an eluding person. The Windsor Heights Fire Department had a fire truck and ambulance on display and educated participants on Fire Safety. The Fire Department also



demonstrated a Jaws of Life scenario on two separate vehicles during the NNO event.

GTSB meeting – Conducted business on the group’s marketing posters and how they would be used and purchased. Highlights from the August project at the fairgrounds were brought to the group and reported as going well. The September project will be in conjunction with the state DRE program. As officers enforce traffic safety laws, individuals suspected of drugged driving will be referred to the DRE program. The group discussed October’s project being conducted in your own jurisdiction for Beggars Night. October is a heavy foot-traffic time of year in our neighborhoods and specific education and enforcement will go out to keep local areas safe. Additional business and topics of discussion included current and potential new membership.

GTSB training session – The Polk County Attorney’s Office provided a legal update for traffic enforcement and OWI detection. Participating members will take this information back to their agency for dissemination. This month’s guest speaker was Nurse Holt from Missouri. Holt spoke about the importance of officers “Seeing yourself in highway safety”. She discussed the necessity of officers needing to be an example for everyone and that it just starts with one - ‘the officer’.

Detective Sprague from DMPD discussed “Peer Support and Traffic Incidents”. He discussed how law enforcement officers are more prone to PTSD because of the things we see and deal with. Detective Sprague stated his agency formed a peer support group that helps officers through difficult times as everyone is different and experiences different effects of the same incident.

School Ice Cream Social – Parents and children at Clive Elementary met with their teachers and brought their school supplies to school before the first day. The TCSC was catching kiddos in the interim welcoming them back to school and encouraging parents to subscribe to the department’s notification system, Nixle.

At Cowles Elementary, a patrol officer was onsite to welcome back our Des Moines School District students. In conjunction with the FD, a small static display was setup and parents were encouraged to join the department’s notification system. Between both events, more than two dozen new subscribers were enrolled and two individuals received a free \$25 gift certificate to Caseys.

SafeKids meeting – TCSC heard members discuss media messages for the month of August that will focus on: farm, fire, gas cans, pedestrians and shopping cart safety. Members discussed an upcoming conference about preventing childhood injuries and a pedestrian safety conference. The SafeKids organization will have safety bags for Beggars Night to hand out.

American Lung Association meeting – TCSC discussed the department’s participation and enrollment in the Fight for Air Climb for 2016. The department will be looking to form a new team for 2016 as two members have prior obligations. TCSC participated in discussion about fundraising efforts and heard information about “Team Pages” being up and running for the 2016 climb.

TCSC disseminated reliable and relevant information to the public last month. There were 33 social media messages sent out to the public in the month of August. Additionally, the TCSC supplemented patrol for 8 hours in the month of August.

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 703 hours in the month of August. There were 483 citations issued with 2 violations being rejected during final processing.

There were 6 citations contested and 3 citations brought before an administrative review hearing. The administrative review board determined 3 citation to be liable, 2 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: I am pleased to report that effective September 1<sup>st</sup> Officer Chad Norris will be appointed as the department's new Traffic and Community Safety Coordinator (TCSC). A transition of duties will begin at that time between Chad and Amanda Woods. Amanda has served faithfully in that position for the last three years, and she will now be moving into a full-time investigator's role as the department's second detective. However, Officer Norris will continue working in the Patrol Division through the remainder of the year due to a recent resignation. Officer Francisco Hill has been hired with the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington D.C. He has chosen to do this to pursue a federal law enforcement career and get closer to home; he grew up in New York. We wish him well in his new professional endeavors.

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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	2015 JULY CALLS	2015 JULY OFFENSES	2015 JULY ARRESTS	2015 AUG CALLS	2015 AUG OFFENSES	2015 AUG ARRESTS	2015 SEPT CALLS	2015 SEPT OFFENSES	2015 SEPT ARRESTS
Runaway	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Residential Fire	2	0	0	0	0	0			
Reckless Use of Fire/Fireworks	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Search Warrant	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Poss. of Alcohol Under Age	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Public Assist	19	0	0	14	2	0			
Prostitution Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Operating W/O Owners Consent	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Shoplifter	8	10	7	5	9	9			
Shots Fired	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Stalled Vehicle	17	0	0	21	0	0			
Suicide	1	0	0	3	0	0			
Suspicious	42	0	0	49	0	0			
Theft	14	7	2	10	3	0			
Threat	2	0	0	4	0	0			
Trespass	2	1	1	1	2	2			
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	0	1	0	4	1	0			
Wanted Person/Warrant	1	0	18	3	8	7			
Wires Down	0	0	0	2	0	0			
Welfare Check	9	11	0	9	0	0			

	2015 YTD CALLS	2015 YTD OFFENSES	2015 YTD ARRESTS
	3	0	0
	8	0	0
	0	0	0
	0	1	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	66	2	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	53	65	58
	6	0	0
	90	0	0
	10	0	0
	303	0	0
	94	40	30
	13	0	0
	8	4	6
	13	17	2
	22	38	75
	2	0	0
	46	18	0

	2014 JULY CALLS	2014 JULY OFFENSES	2014 JULY ARRESTS	2014 AUG CALLS	2014 AUG OFFENSES	2014 AUG ARRESTS	2014 SEPT CALLS	2014 SEPT OFFENSES	2014 SEPT ARRESTS
	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	11	0	0	15	1	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	6	5	4	8	6	7	14	13	14
	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
	12	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
	2	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0
	53	0	0	44	0	0	32	0	0
	5	4	1	10	5	0	12	5	3
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0
	3	8	1	3	1	1	1	2	1
	3	10	13	2	6	4	5	8	6
	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
	12	0	0	11	0	0	2	0	0

	2014 YTD CALLS	2014 YTD OFFENSES	2014 YTD ARRESTS
	1	3	0
	10	0	0
	6	0	0
	2	0	0
	0	0	0
	73	3	0
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	51	45	47
	10	0	0
	100	0	0
	12	0	0
	357	0	0
	93	51	40
	8	0	0
	7	0	1
	22	21	4
	33	54	68
	7	0	0
	66	9	0

	2015 JULY CALLS	2015 JULY OFFENSES	2015 JULY ARRESTS	2015 AUG CALLS	2015 AUG OFFENSES	2015 AUG ARRESTS	2015 SEPT CALLS	2015 SEPT OFFENSES	2015 SEPT ARRESTS
Offense Traffic	0	11	0	42	0	0			
Accidents	0	4	0	6	5	1			
Hit and Run	0	2	2	0	4	4			
OWI	9	6	0	13	3	0			
Parking	222	0	0	287	0	0			
Traffic Stops	0	148	0	0	159	0			
Warnings	0	158	0	0	310	0			
Citations									

	2014 YTD CALLS	2014 YTD OFFENSES	2014 YTD ARRESTS
	140	68	0
	38	23	6
	4	31	25
	147	46	6
	1951	0	0
	0	1227	0
	0	1509	0

	2014 JULY CALLS	2014 JULY OFFENSES	2014 JULY ARRESTS	2014 AUG CALLS	2014 AUG OFFENSES	2014 AUG ARRESTS	2014 SEPT CALLS	2014 SEPT OFFENSES	2014 SEPT ARRESTS
	14	7	0	20	8	4	25	14	0
	4	3	0	7	1	2	8	6	1
	2	1	1	2	1	3	3	0	0
	16	6	0	16	1	0	16	7	0
	321	0	0	318	0	0	310	0	0
	0	124	0	0	103	0	0	99	0
	0	167	0	0	191	0	0	180	0

	2014 YTD CALLS	2014 YTD OFFENSES	2014 YTD ARRESTS
	181	84	4
	51	23	10
	18	22	20
	165	146	0
	2751	0	0
	0	900	0
	0	1583	0

NOTE: Calls for service is logged according to information created through Polk County Dispatch. Cases and Arrests and generated through Intra-agency data gathered by WHPD.



# TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERA UPDATE -- AUGUST 2015



Speeding Citations Issued	483
Speeding Citations YTD	3544
Speeding Citations Program to Date	14,795



Monthly Violations Detected-Mobile	1047
Total Violations YTD	6209
Total Violations Program to Date	24820
Monthly Hours Deployed-Mobile	703
Total Hours Deployed YTD	4925.5
Total Hours Deployed Prog to Date	22,720



Citations Paid Last Month	\$23,786
Vendor Amount Received	\$8,875
City Amount Received	\$14,911
Citations Paid YTD	\$167,699.5
Vendor Amount Received	\$62,099
City Amount Received	\$105,600.5
Citations Paid Program to Date	\$715,689.5
Vendor Amount Received	\$267,274
City Amount Received	\$448,415.5

QTR



Speeding Trend Over Last Qtr.	<i>tbd</i> mph
Speeding Citations-Previous Qtr.	2.62%
Cited Drivers Avg. Speed Over Limit	<i>tbd</i> mph



No program changes this month.

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