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To: Honorable Mayor & City Council Members through City Administrator

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

Date: November 11, 2015

Re: Police Department Monthly Report for October '15

Monthly Summary

Patrol Summary: In total for October the police department logged 741 calls for service, of which 258 were traffic stops; we took 94 case reports and made 67 arrests. A complete listing of comparison crime data between 2015 & 2014 is attached for your review.

Points of interest from Patrol this month: On October 7th Corporal Siepker conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was speeding on Hickman Road. Upon contacting the driver, Officer Siepker suspected that the driver was impaired by alcohol. After an OWI investigation, the driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated. During the investigation it was also discovered that the driver was in possession of a loaded handgun. The driver did have a permit for the handgun but a weapons permit is invalid in the state of Iowa when the person is impaired.

Canine (K-9) Unit: During the week of October 4th Officer Canada and K9 Argos participated in their annual canine certification trials with the Heart of America Police Canine Association. Officer Canada and K9 Argos received certification for Narcotics and Patrol work.

This year Officer Canada/WHPD co-hosted the regional certification with the Polk County Sheriff's Office in the Des Moines Metro area. Officer Canada helped with locating training areas and buildings and finding hotels to accommodate twenty-nine canine teams that came to Iowa.

During recertification Officer Canada and K9 Argos have to show they are capable in their different skills in front of experts that rate the team on their overall proficiency. The categories for certification are broken down into Narcotics Detection and Patrol work. The K9 team has to successfully locate hidden narcotics in vehicles, buildings, and parcels for the Narcotics portion. For Patrol certification the K9 team demonstrates skills in tracking, handler protection, building searches, area searches, and overall obedience. Officer Canada and K9 Argos certified this year with no problems and continue to be one of the respected teams in our region.

Investigations Summary: In October, the Investigations section was assigned 12 new cases. There were 4 cases cleared by arrest, 4 cases became inactive, 0 cases were cleared exceptionally, and 0 cases were unfounded. Investigators made 5 arrests, issued 0 arrest warrants, wrote 0 search warrants, and issued 1 subpoena in the month of October. There are 18 cases that will continue into the next month for investigative follow up.

Detectives were forwarded a case of a man who had stolen personal belongings from a vehicle while it was parked at a local business. Investigators worked this case to identify two suspects and learned that the items were stolen by a methamphetamine user. These items were to be used in the user/dealer relationship where they would be sold or bartered for illicit items. Detectives were able to recover some of the stolen items and charged both involved offenders.

It is not uncommon for detectives to contact other agencies or request information from outside investigators to identify individuals already known to law enforcement. In a situation in the month of October, WHPD investigators assisted another jurisdiction in identifying an offender involved in the theft of several items. That identification contributed to the arrest of the person involved.

Detectives worked a case in October where checks had been stolen from another community and were used in Windsor Heights and the surrounding areas. Investigators located two parties involved in this criminal conduct which led to their arrests for acts of Forgery.

During the last part of October, Detectives worked a case involving the discharge of a weapon in city limits. In this situation a dog-at-large ran towards a young child in her own backyard. With the child and an adult unable to secure themselves within their home, a father in fear for the safety of his family, awoke to the threat and discharged a firearm in defense of himself and others. The animal was not harmed nor was the child or spouse. A nearby reserve police officer intervened in the incident and aided in securing the scene for investigators.

Detectives worked to develop leads on a stolen truck in October. The truck was recovered in a nearby jurisdiction and processed for physical evidence by detectives. As a result of their work, information has been sent to the crime lab for analysis and comparison. This case remains open.

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. Additionally, Detective Pearson supplemented Patrol staffing for 10 hours in the month of October.



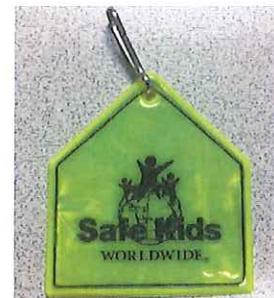
Training Summary: October in-service was low light pistol qualifications and drills. Training was conducted at the Des Moines Police Department's indoor firing range. This annual qualification is vital as it hones officers' skills in regards to utilizing their duty weapon in low light conditions.

On October 21st Officer Metzger completed her Patrol Rifle Instructor Recertification at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

Reserve Program: New Reserve Officer Frits continues in her training. She will be completing the ILEA Reserve Officer Module Coursework over the next 5-6 months.

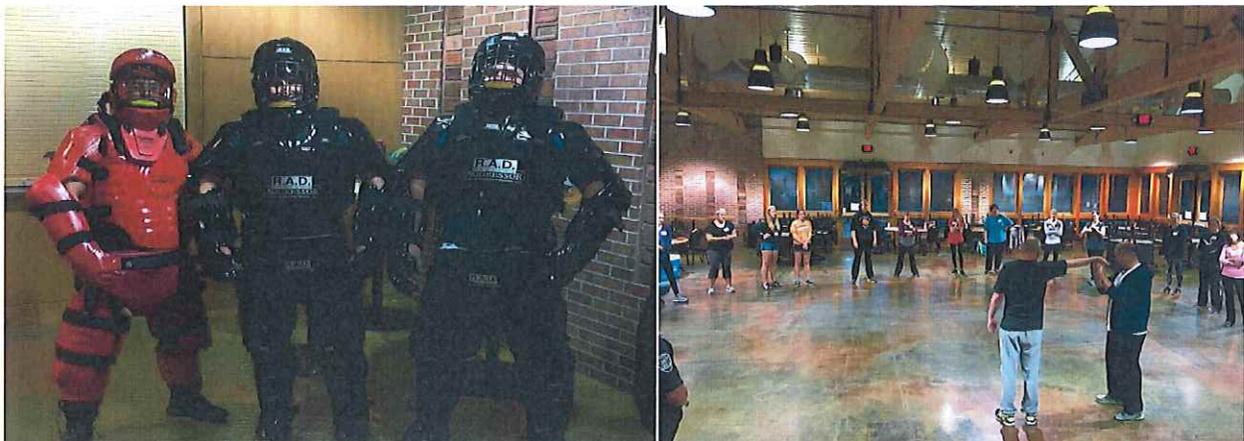
Community Outreach Summary: Community awareness and service for the TCSC focused on public interactions through two public events and seventeen hours of outreach in the month of October. As the department strives to partner with the community to provide education and service, Detective Woods will work with a variety of organizations and businesses. Those entities include: Safe Kids of Iowa, the 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.

In October the TCSC provided a facility tour of the police department to forty children from the Westminster Presbyterian Church. This was a great opportunity to interact with a large group of children. TCSC handed out bags filled with coloring books, bike safety, pencils, stickers, tattoos, cups, pens and much more.



Beggar's Night and Halloween were upon us this month so the department worked with the community to provide safety tips and apparel items to our youth. TCSC talked about safe habits for Beggar's Night to about fifteen youth at GIGI's Playhouse. Officers made sure they were ready for their adventure and handed out Halloween bags with safety tips, glow sticks, stickers, coloring books, pencils and pens. Patrol officers also passed out reflective zip tags during the event.

TCSC conducted a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) training course for women this month at the community center. Detectives Woods and Pearson, Officer Canada and a West Des Moines



Officer assisted for twelve hours of educational instruction. Officers instructed fifteen women over a four-day period.

TCSC spent time at the Clive Learning Academy reading to children from 1st through 3rd grade. As part of a Halloween Safety/Fall Harvest grant from SafeKids of Iowa, the TCSC distributed



three hundred *Clifford Takes a Walk* books to students.

TCSC participated in the October SafeKids meeting with guest speaker, Chaney Yeast, Director of Government Relations at Blank Childrens Hospital. Mr. Yeast spoke about firework injuries occurring in 35% of children fifteen years of age and younger and the proposed legislative requests being made.

TCSC disseminated reliable and relevant information to the public last month. There were eight social media messages sent out to the public.

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 740 hours in the month of October. There were 421 citations issued with 0 violations rejected during final processing.

There were 3 citations contested and 2 citations brought before an administrative review hearing. The administrative review board determined 3 citations to be liable, 0 were found not liable and

0 were 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.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. W. McDaniel".

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TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERA UPDATE - OCTOBER 2015



Speeding Citations Issued	421
Speeding Citations YTD	4334
Speeding Citations Program to Date	15,584



Monthly Violations Detected-Mobile	581
Total Violations YTD	7340
Total Violations Program to Date	25,951
Monthly Hours Deployed-Mobile	739.5
Total Hours Deployed YTD	6418
Total Hours Deployed Prog to Date	24,209.5



Citations Paid Last Month	\$18,045
Vendor Amount Received	\$6,700
City Amount Received	\$11,345
Citations Paid YTD	\$213,939.5
Vendor Amount Received	\$79,399
City Amount Received	\$134,540.5
Citations Paid Program to Date	\$761,929.5
Vendor Amount Received	\$284,574
City Amount Received	\$477,355.5



Speeding Trend Over Last Qtr.	<i>tbd</i> mph
Speeding Citations-Previous Qtr.	↓ 2.75%
Cited Drivers Avg. Speed Over Limit	<i>tbd</i> mph



No program changes this month.

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