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To: Mayor Michael Armitage and Members of Council

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Date: January 27, 2015

Subject: PD Report to Council – Through December 2014 – 2014 Summary

The following is a synopsis of significant activities and statistics for the Milan Police Department for November and December of 2014, as well as a final summary of statistics for 2014.

Department Activity Summary:

Total Calls for Service for 2014: 7,535

Total Calls for Service for 2013: 8,348

Total calls for service in 2012: 7,824

Total Arrests 2014: 398

Total Arrests 2013: 306

Traffic Stops 2014: 1,034

Citations 2014: 897

Verbal Warnings 2014: 261

Total Traffic Stops 2013: 953

Citations 2013: 994

Verbal Warnings 2013: 171

Total Crashes 2014: 117 (Note: Crashes trended up in 2014; mostly from the challenging winter months.)

Crashes that occurred on public roadways 2014: 72

Crashes that occurred on private property/parking lots 2014: 45

Note: Of the 117 total crashes in 2014, only 11 involved injuries. 90.6% of all crashes that occurred in the City in 2014 involved no injuries. Even though there were more crashes in 2014 than 2013, injury crashes decreased by 1.

Total Traffic Crashes 2013: 85

Crashes that occurred on the public roadways 2013: 52

Crashes that occurred on private property/parking lots 2013: 33

Note: Of the 85 total crashes, 12 involved injuries. 86% of all crashes that occurred in the City in 2013 involved no injuries.

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Other General Policing Activities during November and December 2014:

Park Patrols/Checks: 80
Property Checks: 124
Community Relations: 75
Foot Patrols: 5
Vehicle Lock-outs: 19
Extra Patrols at Schools: 97
Liquor Establishment Licensing Inspections: 2
Response to Incidents Requiring Emotional/Psychological Intervention: 15

Extra Traffic Enforcement:

Traffic Enforcement in and around schools in the AM and PM
North and Poppy – Improper parking in AM near bus stop
Allen and Bobwhite - Speed

Criminal Investigation Summary:

The following 50 cases were submitted to the Prosecutor for review for possible charges in November and December. It should be noted that just because a case is submitted to a prosecutor for review, it does not necessarily mean there is enough to charge criminally; that is a Prosecutor's decision during the review process.

Open Intoxicants in a Motor Vehicle: 2
Identity Theft: 1
Drove While License Suspended: 9
Possession of Heroin: 2
Resisting and Obstructing Police: 2
Retail Fraud: 1
Possession of Marijuana: 4
Drove with Improper Plates: 2
Dog Bite: 1
Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia: 2
Domestic Violence: 6
Allow an Unlicensed Driver to Drive: 1
Dog at Large: 1
PPO Violation: 1
Larceny from Auto: 2
Drunk Driving: 2
Larceny: 5
Drove with a Revoked License: 1
Hit and Run Crash: 1
Minor in Possession of Alcohol: 1
Child Abuse: 1
Medical Marihuana Violation: 1
Disorderly Conduct: 1



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The following 36 arrest warrants were obtained and processed on Milan cases in November and December:

Illegal Use of a Credit Card: 1
Defraud an Innkeeper: 1
Delivery/Manufacture of Marijuana: 1
Domestic Violence: 3
Larceny from Auto: 2
Drunk Driving: 2
Drove with a Revoked License: 1
Drove While License Suspended: 11
Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia: 2
Resisting and Obstructing Police: 1
Dog at Large: 1
Open Intoxicants in a Motor Vehicle: 2
Child Abuse: 1
Uttering and Publishing: 1
Possession of Marijuana: 3
Drove with a Improper Plate: 2
Allow an Unlicensed Driver to Drive: 1

It should be noted, that the number of warrants returned does not necessarily reflect the number of warrants submitted for review each month. Often, it takes 6-8 weeks for the Prosecutor's Office to review cases and authorize warrants on cases that we submit for review, so cases listed above may have been submitted several weeks to well over a month ago.

Crime Trends and Crime Statistics: 2014 Summary

Definitions:

Group A Incidents, include serious crime; Group B Incidents, are generally less serious and of the misdemeanor variety; Group C Incidents are police related incidents that are non-criminal in nature and often involve order maintenance, peace keeping, disturbances, neighbor troubles, family troubles where there are no assaults, civil matters and custody issues, service delivery, welfare checks, assisting motorists and citizens, alarms, building and park checks, finding and investigating suspicious persons and vehicles, and prevention/education activities. Traffic crashes and traffic enforcement are also included in Group C Incidents.

Serious Crime, or Group A incidents, were down for the 5th straight year. Total Group A incidents fell from 370 in 2013, to 341 in 2014, representing an 8% decrease in serious crime.

Serious crime classifications that saw trends down in 2014 included Intimidation/Stalking, Burglary, Larceny from Buildings, Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property, Motor Vehicle Theft, Forgery, and Violations of the Controlled Substance Act. The only area that showed a noticeable increase was Assaults. Most of those were related to domestic situations.

There were no Homicides, one Robbery, 12 Incidents involving some degree of Criminal Sexual Conduct, however none of these involved a stranger assaulting an unknown victim; they involved issues of consent between people who knew each other or issues of age. There was one Arson, and no Extortions.

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Of the 341 Group A incidents, 93 would be considered crimes against persons and of that 93, 75 were assaults. As noted above, the majority of all assaults tend to involve some sort of domestic relationship rather than incidents occurring between strangers.

The vast majority of Group A incidents, or incidents which are classified as the more serious type of crime, involved property crime.

Group B incidents, or non-serious/misdemeanor type incidents, were up a bit over 2014, increasing from 239 in 2013 to 284 in 2014. This was an increase of 45 incidents, however 39 of the 45 was in the sub-category entitled "Obstructing Justice." This sub-category includes arrests for outstanding warrants, PPO violations, probation violations, violations of conditional bond orders, to name a few. Therefore, the increase actually represents more arrests for these types of violations, which arguably is a positive statistic. None of the other categories in Group B incidents experienced significant increases or decreases over last year.

Group C incidents, or non-criminal incidents, fell from 4981 in 2013 to 4680 in 2014. Much of that decrease is in the Sub-category entitled, "Non-criminal Complaints." Much of that category reflects activities such as community relations, property checks, park patrols, suspicious persons and vehicles, building checks, citizen assists, etc. The decrease in this category was mostly likely impacted by the fact that we had two officers off duty for what was in total about 10 months in 2014 as a result of injuries/medical issues. That absence was felt in these areas which are traditionally self-initiated activities conducted during officers' non-assigned time. Reduced staffing sometimes results in less time available for these types of activities. This is probably also reflected in the reduction of overall Calls for Service between 2014 and 2015 that is noted on page 1.

In summary, Group A, Group B, and Group C incidents in total fell from 4981 in 2013 to 4680 in 2014.

The above results reinforce the overall safety of the community. When out of a total of 7,535 total calls for service handled by the police department in 2014, only 341, or 4.5% are in the category defined as more serious types of crime, we as a community are doing a good job in terms of public safety. In my opinion, our overall statistics are a positive reflection of the community policing philosophy practiced at Milan PD, and the resulting partnership that is enjoyed between the police department and community in terms of addressing and solving problems. It also reflects a high level of trust and communication between the police department and community, as well as an overall dedication to public safety by the police department, community, city management, and City Council.

Clearance Rate for 2014: 61%

Note: The clearance rate is the percentage of criminal cases that are successfully closed or cleared. Cases can be closed/cleared when a suspect is identified and charged; when a suspect is identified, but the victim chooses not to prosecute when the suspect is identified, but the prosecutor does not authorize charges; or when a suspect is identified, however is deceased. 61% is a very good number in this regard. National averages are generally in the mid to upper 30's.

Summary of Recent Significant Incidents/Investigations from November and December 2014:

14-6292 (NARCOTIC EQUIP)

On 11/4/14, a traffic stop was conducted by Lt. Nieman. The passenger, a 22 year old female returned with a valid warrant for her arrest for larceny from a building. The driver, a 23 year old male, was found to have narcotic equipment inside of the vehicle. He too was arrested at the scene. The female was later lodged at the Washtenaw County Jail and the male was released from custody after booking procedures were completed pending a warrant authorization.



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14-6453 (DOMESTIC ASSAULT) Ofc Couture

On November 11, 2014 Officer Couture responded to a domestic assault in progress. Upon arrival at the residence, Officer Couture could hear a scuffle occurring behind the front door as he approached. As he entered the residence he noticed a juvenile physically assaulting a parent. The juvenile was taken into custody. The juvenile was lodged at the youth center pending a hearing the following morning. The juvenile was remanded to the juvenile detention center as a result of the hearing.

14-6504 (Credit Card Fraud)

Sgt Chatell responded to a credit card fraud. The caller advised that they just recently realized that an unknown suspect has been using their credit card for the past 5 years at the same location for a total loss of over \$14,000. The credit card company has reimbursed the complainant.; the investigation is ongoing.

14-6511(Child Neglect)

Officer Walters and Sgt Chatell responded to a report of a 4 year old child out walking with 3 dogs at 2:30 AM. The caller took the child inside due to the cold weather and notified the police department. The child was able to give officers a first name only. The child did not know an actual address or parents' names. The child was able to guide Officer Walters to a possible address. It was determined that the child's parents were not home, but a teenage sibling was babysitting. The sibling advised that once the child went to bed for the night, the sibling also went to bed. There was no history that the child had never gotten up in the middle of the night. It appears the child got up and wandered out of the house. There were no injuries. The parents were notified and came right home. Child Protective Services were also notified.

14-6788 (B&E RESIDENCE)

On November 28, 2014 Officer Couture responded to an address for a reported burglary. The victim advised that she noticed that somebody had taken an engagement band and wedding ring, which were in her bedroom while she was gone. The victim stated that she last saw the ring about a month ago and said that nobody had access to the residence except her, her husband, and a maintenance person that came to her residence to do some work. Officer Couture met with the maintenance person who denied taking anything from the victim's residence; investigation continues.

14-6853 (LARCENY) Ofc Terrill

On November 28, Officer Terrill was dispatched to a reported larceny from grounds. The victim reported that between Monday November 24, in the afternoon and Wednesday November 26th in the morning, somebody stole a flat bed vehicle trailer that was parked at the location, outside, behind the address. The trailer is valued at \$2000. There are surveillance cameras at the scene that captured the suspect pulling in and leaving with the trailer attached to his vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

14-6992 (Fail to stop/ID at injury crash/H&R/Reckless Driving/Child Abuse)

On December 4th, 2014, Officer Couture responded to a crash in the area of Ferman near Hurd. Upon arrival, it was apparent that a vehicle had struck a parked vehicle and fled the area. Officer Couture located pieces of an additional vehicle among the wreckage which were from a blue Honda.

Shortly thereafter, the PD received a call from a 23YO female Milan resident who reported that somebody struck her vehicle and fled the area. Officer Couture arrived and determined that this vehicle was involved in the prior reported crash and questioned the caller about this. He was eventually able, with evidence collected, to convince the 23YO female resident to tell the truth about the incident.

She ultimately confessed to drinking heavily the evening prior, driving home and having a crash. She then left the scene and parked her vehicle at her residence and reported that it had been struck the next morning. During the interview, the suspect revealed that she had left her two children, ages 3 months, and 3 years, home alone for hours while she was at a bar the night of the crash. This report has been sent to Prosecutor for review and Child Protective Services.



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14-7300 (Possession of Heroin)

On December 17, 2014 Officer McLaughlin conducted a traffic stop. While on the traffic stop he discovered a syringe inside the console of the vehicle with suspected heroin residue. The lone occupant/driver denied knowledge of it. It was sent to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab for analysis. The driver was released at the scene pending the analysis.

14-7448 (LARCENY from Motor Vehicle)

On 12/28/14, while on patrol, Sgt. Burgos noticed a subject walk away from a gas station that he recognized as a suspect in several larcenies from vehicles that Officer Walters was working on. Officer Walters had discovered video of the suspect in the larceny from autos case and forwarded that to the rest of the PD.

The video captured the suspect entering vehicles and removing property. When Sgt. Burgos stopped the suspect outside the gas station, he was still wearing the same shoes that he was wearing in the video. The suspect eventually admitted entering several cars and taking items on the night in question. He was arrested, charged, and lodged at the Washtenaw County Jail pending trial.

Dispatch Center Activities through November and December 2014:

Total Incoming Calls 2014: 17,309 (Up by 1,064 over 2013)
Non-Emergency Calls 2014: 15,971 (Up by 621 over 2013)
911 Calls 2014: 1,338 (Up by 443 over 2013)

Total Incoming Telephone Calls 2013: 16,245
Non-emergency Telephone Calls 2013: 15,350
911 Calls 2013: 895

Calls for Service handled at the Dispatch Center/Front Desk 2014: 464

Reports taken at the Dispatch Center/Front Desk 2014: 317

Miscellaneous Activities in Dispatch November and December 2014:

Red Barrel Prescription Drug Turn-Ins: 5
Arrest Warrants Processed: 30
Personal Protection Orders/Conditional Bonds Processed: 1
Freedom of Information Act Requests Processed: 21
Gun Permits Processed: 58
Pawn Transaction Records Processed: 8
Impounds/Towing Fees Processed: 1
Impounded Animal Incidents Processed: 0
Court Ordered Preliminary Breath Tests Administered: 66
Booking Fees Processed: 9
Background Checks Processed: 48
Fingerprinting Fees Processed: 10
Reports Copied and Sent to Courts/Probation: 8
Sex Offender Registrations Processed: 2
Conditional Bonds Entered: 0

Fire/EMS Statistics: 148 Fire/EMS runs dispatched in November and December. (Of the 148 fire runs, 70, or 47% were calls in the City of Milan.)

Fire/EMS Runs Dispatched for MAFD 2014: 990
Fire/EMS Runs Dispatched for MAFD for 2013: 1,101

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Community and Special Events Policed in November and December:

Veteran's Day Ceremony
Christmas Parade
MHS regular home season boys basketball games
Shop with a Cop
Milan High School Boys Basketball Showcase Tournament

Reserve Program Highlights:

November and December 2014 Hours: 135.5

Special Events: 55.5
Hours Supplementing/Riding along w/Road Patrol: 67
Reserve Officer Academy Training: 140
December Firearms Training: 13

2014 Hours: 1,541
2013 Hours: 1,350.5

The Milan Police Reserve Officers worked a total of 135.5 hours during November and December. Reserve Officers assisted with the ALICE School Safety Program, a prisoner extradition from Ohio, the Christmas Parade, two Shop with a Cop events, and the high school basketball games. Reserves also doubled up with certified officers working the road.

Reserve Officers Hogan & Shehan completed the Reserve Police Academy at Schoolcraft College. We are extremely proud of this accomplishment. This was a major commitment on their part which shows the dedication our Reserves have. Having two Reserves on staff that have completed the Reserve Academy will greatly enhance our program

School Resource Program Highlights:

School Resource Officer Stacey Heams announced that she will be leaving Milan Police Department at the end of January, 2015 to pursue another job opportunity, as well as start a business. She will be missed. During her tenure she has made great contributions to the youth of our community, as well as to the Milan Area School District in her capacity as School Resource Officer. She has touched numerous children and prepared them for the tough decisions and challenges they will face in the future during the course of the annual DARE Program, which she has taught since coming here.

During November and December, Officer Heams worked the Showcase Basketball Tournament at the High School, as well as two varsity basketball games. She assisted at the Christmas Parade, as well. SRO Heams responded to 93 calls for service in and around the four schools during November and December.

Police Department Budget Update:

Preliminary indicators from the Auditor, indicate the PD was under budget during 2013/2014. The 2013/2014 budget update to be presented at an upcoming work session/Council Meeting.

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Training Highlights:

Officers attend outside and internal training, and are provided training updates and materials routinely. Some recent training topics include:

Seminars/Courses:

All certified officers completed the MCOLES required firearms qualification course
Dispatcher Lisa Bain attended and completed the 40 Hour Advanced Dispatch Course
Sgts. Burgos and Chatell attended Underground Pipeline Awareness Training
Sgt. Chatell and Officers McLaughlin and Butler attended Glock Armorer School

In-House Training Topics:

In 2014 the PD implemented an in-house computerized training module that features a departmental policy review or other significant training topic each month – officers are able to log in and participate in the modules during duty time.

*December's on-line course was Use of Non-Lethal Force

Court of Appeals Case – Consent to Enter Residences
Railroad Emergency and Contact Info
Training Bulletin – Defeating Zip-tie Handcuffing Systems
MSP/LEIN Update – Vehicle Insurance
Update PA 391- Vehicular Loads
“Shatter” – New form of Marijuana
Training Bulletin – Homegrown Violent Terrorists
LEIN Update – CPL Data Base Changes
Training Bulletin – Alcohol and Narcotics Concealment Methods
Officer Safety Training Bulletin – Threats to Law Enforcement
Training Bulletin – Toy Gun Converted to Shoot Real Bullets

Conducted Dispatcher training on new Milan Area Fire Department Mutual Aid Box System, and other Fire dispatching procedural updates

On-Line Video Training from Lexipol:

Ambushes of Police Officers
Duty to Protect Individuals In-custody
In-custody Suicide Prevention
Officer Safety – Expect the Unexpected

Meetings/Events Attended by the Chief:

Council Mtgs.
City Staff Mtgs.
Smart911 Implementation Mtgs.
Mtg. w/York Township Supervisor
Reserve Academy Graduation Ceremony – Schoolcraft College
Christmas Parade Planning Mtg - Chamber
Business and Community Town Halls
Coffee w/Chief – Milan Seniors for Healthy Living
Veteran's Day Ceremony
PD General Staff Meeting

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Stu Isley Memorial – American Legion
November Milan Rotary Annual Dinner and Fund Raiser
Washtenaw Criminal Justice Association Mtg. – Washtenaw County Sheriff Office
Mtg. w/Milan Area Fire Chief on MABAS System and updates on Fire Dispatch
Attended RAVE School Smart911 Webinar
DPW Radio Training Mtg.
Lawnet Board Mtg. – Saline
Firearms Qualification – Monroe County
BS and A Payroll System Training
Milan Chamber Awards Breakfast
Washtenaw County Police Academy Advisory Board Mtg. and Academy Graduation – WCCC
Youth Council Sub-committee Mtg. re Milan Youth Recognition Project proposal
Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan Mtg.
Community Tourism Grant Recognition Ceremony and Update – Ann Arbor
911 Upgrade Demo's and Planning and Mtgs. – Saline and Milan
Washtenaw County Radio Consortium Mtg. – Saline

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This report reflects the on-going excellent work being
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