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Subject: PD Report to Council

The following is a synopsis of significant activities and statistics for the Milan Police Department through June of 2015

Department Activity Summary:

Calls for Service through June: 3,894

Arrests through June 2015: 183

Traffic Stops through June 2015: 462

Citations: 417

Verbal Warnings: 132

Traffic Crashes through June 2015: 51

Crashes that occurred on public roadways 2015: 33

Crashes that occurred on private property 2015: 18

Note: Of the 51 total crashes, 5 involved injuries.

Other General Policing Activities during June 2015:

Park Patrols/Checks: 34

Property Checks: 44

Community Relations: 31

Vehicle Lock-outs: 12

Extra Patrols at Schools: 12

Ticket Sign-offs: 4

Liquor Inspections: 6

Area Patrols on Foot: 12

Extra Traffic Enforcement:

Anderson Street - Speeders

Traffic Enforcement in and around schools in the AM and PM – on going

Criminal Investigation Summary:

The following **17** cases were submitted to the Prosecutor for review for possible charges in June. 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.

Possession of Drugs: 4

Domestic Violence: 3

Open Intoxicants: 1

Child Neglect: 1

Assault and Battery: 3

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Disorderly Conduct: 1
Dunk Driving 2nd Offense: 1
Larceny: 1
Receiving and Concealing Stolen property: 1
Drove While License Suspended: 1

The following **13** arrest warrants were obtained and processed on Milan cases in June:

Possession of Drugs: 2
Disorderly Conduct: 1
Assault and Battery: 1
Inhalation of Chemicals: 1
Home Invasion: 2
Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property: 3
Larceny: 1

Drove While License Suspended: 2

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:

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.

Half way through the current year, police Calls for Service are trending slightly up from last year.

Group A Incidents are currently at 133, which shows a rather significant trend down from last year, where we finished with a total of 339.

Group B Incidents are currently at 165, which shows a slight trend up from last year, where we finished at 285. However, the areas in Group B offenses that are trending up are drunk driving arrests, alcohol/liquor related enforcement actions, and an area entitled "Obstructing Justice" which is a catch-all category for arrests based on outstanding arrest warrants. These areas are generally officer initiated and either found on patrol, or in the case of arrests for outstanding warrants, are related to a recent warrant arrest sweep we participated in with Monroe County, as well as an internal project aimed at identifying and contacting persons with outstanding warrants to get them to turn themselves in.

Group C Incidents are currently at 2501, which also show a slight trend up from last year, where we finished at 4686. These incidents are not classified as crimes. Trends up in this category can reflect higher confidence and trust in the police department on the part of the community, as citizens are more apt to call for problem solving assistance when they believe there will be a service oriented response from their PD.



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Therefore, overall, the trends in terms of actual crime are very good, with incidents that would be classified as serious crime continuing the trend down. In the category that includes less serious or misdemeanor crime, the trends up are generally in the areas that involve found on patrol activities on the part of police officers or arrests on outstanding warrants, rather than actual reported crime from citizens.

Clearance Rate through June 2015: 64%

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. 64% 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 June 2015:

Breaking and Entry into a Shed - Officer Terrill responded to Prairie Lane reference a shed that was broken into. The homeowner advised that sometime during the night an unknown suspect broke into his shed and stole his snow blower. The case remains under investigation.

Breaking and Entry into a Shed – Sgt Chatell was dispatched to Church St reference a shed that was broken into. The caretaker advised that sometime in the last 3 days someone broke into the shed and stole 2 snow blowers. Sgt Chatell checked with several neighbors and no one saw or heard anything. The case remains under investigation.

Malicious Destruction of Property - Officer Smith responded to a damaged property report. The victim advised that sometime during the night his car had been keyed. Officer Smith identified and contacted the suspect. He obtained a confession. Felony MDOP charges are currently pending.

Larceny - Officer Butler responded to Church St. and met with the complainant who reported that someone stole his silver Huffy mountain bicycle off of his front porch.

Larceny/Malicious Destruction of Property - Officer Terrill responded to Main St reference a damaged property and larceny report. The caller advised that sometime during the night their gate was damaged along with a vehicle. The caller also advised that a trailer filled with lawn care equipment was missing. Officer Terrill reviewed security video and obtained suspect and suspect vehicle descriptions. Later that same day the Detroit Police Department recovered the trailer which was now empty. The suspect vehicle was also recovered in Detroit intentionally destroyed by fire. The suspect vehicle was a stolen U-Haul pickup truck. The case remains under investigation.

Retail Fraud – Sgt Chatell was dispatched to Main St reference a retail fraud that had just occurred. The suspect stole a bottle of liquor and was last seen walking toward W Main St. While en-route, Sgt Chatell located the suspect who admitted to stealing a bottle of Captain Morgan. Sgt Chatell arrested the suspect and recovered the stolen property. The subject was later turned over to the Adrian Police Department on an outstanding warrant. Retail fraud charges currently pending.

Dispatch Center Activities June 2015:

Total Incoming Calls through June 2015: 7,765
Non-Emergency calls through June: 7,244
911 Calls through June: 521

Calls for Service handled at the Dispatch Center/Front Desk through June 2015: 418
Reports taken at the Dispatch Center/Front Desk through June 2015: 173

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Miscellaneous Activities in Dispatch June 2015:

Arrest Warrants Processed: 8
Freedom of Information Act Requests Processed: 12
Gun Permits Processed: 31
Impounds/Towing Fees Processed: 3
Court Ordered Preliminary Breath Tests Administered: 37
Booking Fees Processed: 4
Background Checks Processed: 25
Fingerprinting Fees Processed: 5
Reports Copied and Sent to Courts/Probation/Insurance: 15
Sex Offender Registrations: 2
Rx Drug Turn In: 6
Impounded Animals: 1
Warrant Recalls: 5

Fire/EMS Statistics: 82 Fire/EMS runs dispatched in June. (Of the 82, 39 or 48%, were calls in the City of Milan.)

Fire/EMS Runs Dispatched for MAFD 2015 Year to Date: 470

School Resource Officer:

The new School Resource Office is currently in his Field Training Program.

Community and Special Events Policed in June 2015:

Planning for Summer Fest - Ongoing

Reserve Program Highlights:

June 2015 Hours: 55.5
2015 Hours: 506

The Milan Police Reserve Officers activities for June included traffic control for the Youth League Baseball Tournament and assisting road patrol.

Police Department Budget Update:

The latest quarterly budget update indicated the PD was where it was supposed to be for the fiscal year.

Training Highlights:

Officers attend outside and internal training, on-line training, and are provided training updates and materials routinely.

A sampling of some recent topics include: MSP Lab Update on Seized Drugs; Ozone House Community Resource Update; Legal Update – Stop and Frisk; Training videos on Enforcing Motorcycle Laws and Enforcing Bicycle Laws.

Officer McLaughlin attended a seminar on interview and interrogation; Sgt. Chatell and Officer Smith attended a seminar on Diversity Respect for Law Enforcement Professionals and then presented an on-line training module for the entire PD based on that seminar.



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Dispatchers have attended several “in-house” training sessions cross training on soon to retire Dispatcher Turner’s responsibilities.

Meetings/Events Attended by the Chief:

Council Mtgs.
City Staff Mtgs.
East Main Re-Development Weekly Construction Updates
Summer Fest Mtg. at Chamber
Union Negotiations
On-line Mtgs. w/ATT and Intrado reps re 911 Upgrade
Washtenaw County Communications Millage Workgroup Mtg
Redman/Platt Construction Mtg.
Wabash Resurfacing project Mtg.
Ground Breaking – Milan Crossing
Washtenaw County Gun Safety Week Press Conference
Mtg. w/Fire Chief Stevens

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This report reflects the on-going excellent work being produced by the men and women of the Milan Police Department.