



# MILAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To: Mayor Michael Armitage and Members of Council

From: Chief G. Scherlinck

Date: March 23, 2015

Subject: PD Report to Council

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

## **Department Activity Summary:**

Calls for Service through February 2015: 1,342

Total Calls for Service for 2014: 7,535

Total Calls for Service for 2013: 8,348

Total calls for service in 2012: 7,824

Arrests through February 2015: 57

Total Arrests 2014: 398

Total Arrests 2013: 306

Traffic Stops through February 2015: 167

Citations: 153

Verbal Warnings: 43

Traffic Stops 2014: 1,034

Citations 2014: 897

Verbal Warnings 2014: 261

Total Traffic Stops 2013: 953

Citations 2013: 994

Verbal Warnings 2013: 171

Traffic Crashes through February 2015: 15

Crashes that occurred on public roadways 2015: 12

Crashes that occurred on private property 2015: 3

Note: Of the 15 total crashes, 1 involved injuries.

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.

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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.

## Other General Policing Activities during February 2015:

Park Patrols/Checks: 25

Property Checks: 67

Community Relations: 53

Vehicle Lock-outs: 21

Extra Patrols at Schools: 40

## Extra Traffic Enforcement:

Traffic Enforcement in and around schools in the AM and PM

## Criminal Investigation Summary:

The following 11 cases were submitted to the Prosecutor for review for possible charges in February. 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 Marijuana: 2

School Bus Signal Violation: 1

Assault and Battery: 1

Minor in Possession of Alcohol: 1

Drove While License Suspended: 4

Drunk Driving: 1

Hit and Run Crash: 1

The following 8 arrest warrants were obtained and processed on Milan cases in February:

Possession of Marijuana: 2

Felonious Assault: 2

Minor in Possession of Alcohol: 1

Drove While License Suspended: 3

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,

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finding and investigating suspicious persons and vehicles, and prevention/education activities. Traffic crashes and traffic enforcement are also included in Group C Incidents.

*Nothing significant to report in terms of significant trends for February 2015.*

## Clearance Rate through February 2015: 63%

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. 63% 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 February 2015:

### **15-767 (Fraud / Identity theft)**

On Tuesday, February 3rd, 2015 Officer McLaughlin met a 55 year old male from Milan at the Police Department who wanted to report a Fraud / Identity theft. The victim stated that he recently received a letter from the IRS advising him that they have received and were reviewing his tax returns even though the victim had not yet filed his taxes. The victim completed several forms required to submit a fraud report to the IRS. The investigation was turned over to the IRS.

### **15-1062 (Operating While Intoxicated/Hit and Run Crash) Redman/Wabash Area**

On February 16, 2015 Officer Couture was dispatched on a hit and run crash on Redman Rd near Wabash St. The caller advised that a van side swiped his vehicle and left the scene. The caller stated that the vehicle was now parked in the 200 block of O'Brian Dr. Officer Couture responded and met with all parties involved. Officer Couture determined that the at-fault driver who left the scene was intoxicated. The driver was arrested and brought back to the station and was given a breathalyzer. The results were extremely high, which resulted in the arrestee being sent to the hospital due to his high blood alcohol level. This case has been sent to the prosecutor's office for review and authorization.

### **15-1121 (Retail Fraud)**

On February 19, 2015 Officer Terrill responded to a retail fraud that had occurred the previous day on W Main St. The employee advised that a female entered the store with her children and took a brass hammer and left without paying for it. The retail fraud was captured on the store video security system. Officer Terrill is attempting to identify the suspect in the case. The investigation continues; the photos are available on the Police Department's website.

### **15-1193 (Attempted Home Invasion)**

On February 22, 2015 Sgt Chatell responded to Ideal St for a report of an attempted home invasion. The callers had just returned home after being away on vacation for approximately 2 weeks. Once inside the home they discovered that one of their back doors had been pushed in. The door had pry marks by the lock, however it was determined that the suspect never gained entry into the home. A search of the home confirmed that no one was inside and that entry was never gained. This case is still under investigation.

### **15-1198 (Operating While Intoxicated/Hit and Run Crash)**

On February 23, 2015 Officer Smith was sent to a hit and run crash that had just occurred in the area of York St and W Main St. The caller was able to give a description of the suspect vehicle. Officer Smith located the suspect vehicle on York St near Elm. The driver admitted to being in the crash and to drinking. Officer Smith's investigation resulted in the arrest of the driver for OWI. Due to the driver's high blood alcohol level and the fact that he had struck a parked car and had heavy damage he was sent to the hospital for evaluation. This case has been sent to the prosecutor's office for review and authorization.



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## **Dispatch Center Activities February 2015:**

Total Incoming Calls through February 2015: 2,344  
Non-Emergency calls through February: 2,184  
911 Calls through February: 160

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 through February 2015: 190  
Reports taken at the Dispatch Center/Front Desk through February 2015: 48

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 February 2015:

Arrest Warrants Processed: 19  
Warrant Recalls Processed: 5  
Personal Protection Orders/Conditional Bonds Processed: 3  
Freedom of Information Act Requests Processed: 9  
Gun Permits Processed: 33  
Pawn Transaction Records Processed: 8  
Impounds/Towing Fees Processed: 5  
Court Ordered Preliminary Breath Tests Administered: 91  
Booking Fees Processed: 5  
Background Checks Processed: 15  
Fingerprinting Fees Processed: 4  
Reports Copied and Sent to Courts/Probation: 11  
Sex Offender Registrations Processed: 1  
Liquor License permits/Applications: 1  
Red Barrel Rx Turn-ins: 2

**Fire/EMS Statistics:** 84 Fire/EMS runs dispatched in February. (Of the 84, 24 or 29%, were calls in the City of Milan.)

Fire/EMS Runs Dispatched for MAFD 2015 Year to Date: 180  
Fire/EMS Runs Dispatched for MAFD 2014: 990  
Fire/EMS Runs Dispatched for MAFD for 2013: 1,101

## **Community and Special Events Policed in February 2015:**

MHS regular home season boys varsity basketball games.



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## **Reserve Program Highlights:**

February 2015 Hours: 70

Special Events: 13.5  
Hours Supplementing/Riding along w/Road Patrol: 41

2015 Hours: 120.5  
2014 Hours: 1,541  
2013 Hours: 1,350.5

The Milan Police Reserve Officers worked a total of 70 hours during February. Reserve Officers assisted with the high school varsity basketball games. Reserves also doubled up with certified officers working the road and participated with the certified officers during Defensive Tactics Training.

## **School Resource Program Highlights:**

Officer Couture is teaching DARE, as well as spending additional time inside the schools.

Road patrol officers have been assigned to spend additional time inside the schools during the week to maintain a police presence, as well as check in at the various principals' offices to keep lines of communication open during the transition to a new SRO.

The hiring process for a new SRO is underway.

## **Police Department Budget Update:**

The Auditor's report indicated the PD came in under budget \$20,818.00 during 2013/2014.

## **Training Highlights:**

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

### Seminars/Courses:

Sgt. Chatell and Ofc. McLaughlin instructed the first half of a Pressure Point/Defensive Tactics annual Re-Certification class. All certified and reserve officers attended.

### In-House Training Topics:

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.

\*February's on-line course was Response to Pipeline Emergencies

Other in-house training topics:

Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement  
Verification of Readiness for the AED  
MAFD Dispatch Guidelines – Refresher  
Training Bulletin - Computer Queries via INS  
Training Bulletin on Firearm Shaped Cell Phone Cases

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Update on new Registration Decals for Limo's and Busses  
Training Bulletin on Drug Infused Candies  
Training Bulletin on SiriusXM 911 Capabilities  
Training Bulletin on Commercial Vehicle Inspection Districts and Contacts  
Training Bulletin on Juvenile Petitions

## **Meetings/Events Attended by the Chief:**

Council Mtgs.  
City Staff Mtgs.  
2015 Ypsi Tourism Grant presentation with City Administrator Smith  
Milan Wellness Initiative  
Participated in Broom Hockey Tournament  
Phone Conf. w/Calhoun County Dispatch Manager on ESInet w/Mayor, Slay, and Smith  
County Central Dispatch Mtg re 911/PSAP Projects  
Community Assessment Mtgs. w/MI Rural Council  
Phase II Branding Mtg. w/Committee  
Website Mtg. w/Committee

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