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**Chief of Police** 

Scott Rolston

# General PD Updates

The officers at WMPD have continued to work diligently in their service and protection of the Whitestown Community. While it is difficult to account for every task and accomplishment on an individual and Department wide level, some Updates and Highlights are below.

- ➤ Multiple new officers formally joined our rank and file this month. In their first few weeks with WMPD, these new officers were sworn in, completed our interdepartmental Patrol School, completed Emergency Medical Responder Training, and are currently in Field Training. We are excited to deploy these new officers on Patrol, as they bring a wealth of knowledge and experience with them to our agency.
- ➤ WMPD applied for and was awarded the Indiana Local Body Camera Grant through the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS). The grant application process is tedious, time consuming, and the grant requires consistent oversight and management to stay current and eligible to receive funding. This award will help to free funds that are annually allocated towards ensuring every officer is equipped with and utilizes a body worn camera which is a priority of WMPD.

## **Monthly Statistics**

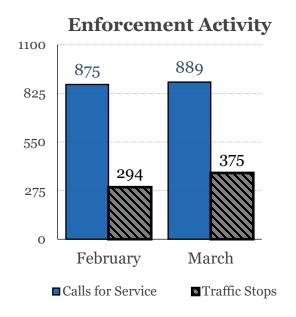
#### **Patrol Division**

Officers' enforcement activity the past month yielded the following case and arrest reports.

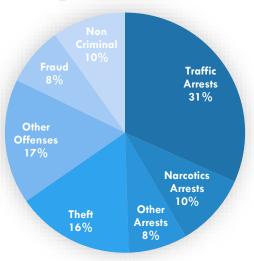
- ➤ 33 Arrest Reports (# of individuals charged with a crime):
- > 67 <u>Case Reports</u> (any criminal or necessary documentation)
- > Reserve officers volunteered **67 hours** of their time to our Whitestown community.

#### **Monthly Statistics**

	February	March
Case Reports	64	67
Arrest Reports	39	33
Accidents	39	41



### **Report Breakdown**



### **Investigations Division**

These crimes are classified into <u>3 primary categories</u>: *crimes against property* (thefts, hit and runs, criminal mischief, etc....), *crime against persons* (battery, burglary, sexual misconduct, etc....), and *cyber investigations* (forensic examination of telecommunication devices: computers, external hard drives, phones).

• Please refer to graph below for the case load breakdown.

#### **Criminal Investigation Breakdown**

	February	March
Crimes Against Property	22	20
Crimes Against Person	15	16
Cyber Investigations	17	15

## **Training Division**

WMPD strives to ensure that our members are mentally and physically prepared to best serve and protect our community by going above and beyond in our training efforts. This month, our officers completed a total of **752 hours** of training. Various disciplines were covered in our training efforts including firearms, physical tactics, use of force, Emergency Medical, leadership, administrative, and simulator/scenarios. Some of our training highlights from this busy month are below.

- ➤ WMPD completed our 2<sup>nd</sup> "Patrol School" for newly hired officers. This consisted of a comprehensive review of Department policies, Use of Force, Defensive Tactics, Firearms, Evidence Retrieval and Submission procedures, and administrative tasks.
- ➤ For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, we hosted our internal Emergency Medical Responder certification course with the assistance of SGT Klinger, SGT Root, and PSO Reggie Thomas all instructing. This allowed us to certify 7 of our officers in EMR, including our new hires. Officers were also able to attend portions of this course for annual in-service hours to maintain their EMR certification and stay up to date in their training and abilities to better respond and assist in emergency medical incidents.
- ➤ We hosted Field Training Officer School for officers all across central Indiana. PSO Reggie Thomas and PSO David Sellers attended and will be deployed on their shifts to help in training our new officers.
- > SGT King attended a S.W.A.T. Leadership school through the National Tactical Officers' Association (NTOA).
- ➤ We held the first Quarterly Training of 2022 at the Brownsburg Training Facility where all off our staff attended training modules focusing on tactical medicine, low-light shooting, and building searches.
- ➤ All officers completed a virtual training course on 'Ambush Awareness and Preparation' through Police1 Academy.
- > SGT King instructed a self-awareness class to a local American Heritage Girls Post.

# Case/Incident Highlights

- ➤ During the early morning hours on 3/13/2022, officers responded to what was initially reported as a 'shots fired/person shot' incident. Officers later determined this was NOT the case and no one had been shot, nor was there a firearm involved at all. However, officers did locate a male who had a severe laceration to his arm in their response and applied a tourniquet no doubt saving this man's life.
- ➤ During the evening hours on 3/22/2022, WMPD Officers were notified of an armed robbery that had just occurred in the area of Goldman Drive. Officers from day and night shift quickly flooded the area along with assistance from the Boone County Sheriff's Office and Zionsville PD. A WMPD K9 Officer located a vehicle parked suspiciously matching the suspect vehicle description in the nearby area of the initial call, and upon investigating the vehicle fled, got stuck in mud, and then the suspects fled from police on foot near a residential area. Following a short foot pursuit, the K9 Officer deployed his K9 Partner who successfully aided in apprehending on of the suspects via dog bite. The second suspect was apprehended by WMPD and ZPD officers shortly after without incident. This incident was a phenomenal display of WMPD's ability to act swiftly and appropriately in the midst of chaos, for the protection and safety of the Whitestown Community.