

MONTHLY REPORT



Whitestown Metropolitan Police Department

JULY 2022

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.

- WMPD concluded our first official “Citizen’s Academy,” with ten students graduating for our inaugural 6-Week Academy.
- WMPD welcomed our two newest members: Officer Erick Frith and Officer Matt PanKonie. Officers Frith and PanKonie come to us from the Boone County Sheriff’s Office and Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department respectively and bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to help bolster the ranks at WMPD.
- Sgt. Jacob King hosted a “Back to School” women’s self-defense class targeted towards young ladies who are getting prepared to go back to school. This class came by request while hosting our previous “Damsel in Defense” women’s self-defense classes. It was designed specifically for returning students to empower them into taking their safety into their own hands and to best help them to prevent being victims to attack.

Monthly Statistics

Patrol Division

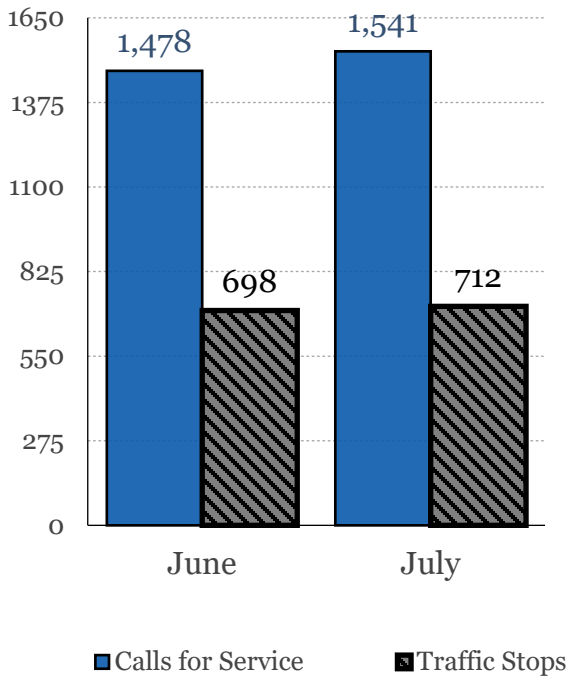
Officers’ enforcement activity the past month yielded the following case and arrest reports.

- **38 Arrest Reports** (# of individuals charged with a crime):
- **99 Case Reports** (any criminal or necessary documentation)
- Reserve officers volunteered **42.5 hours** of their time to our Whitestown community.

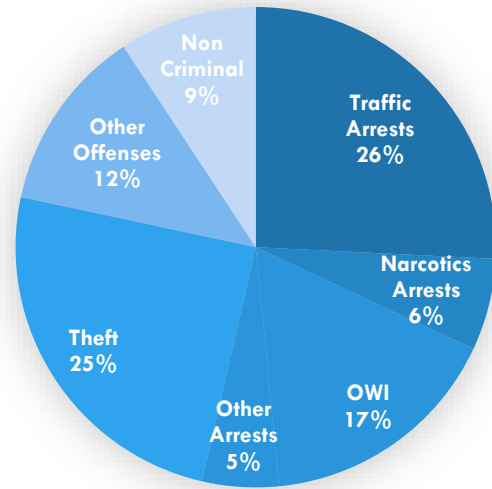
Monthly Statistics

	June	July
Case Reports	77	99
Arrest Reports	27	38
Accidents	49	48

Enforcement Activity



Report Breakdown



*Other Offenses includes filed charges for incidents including but not limited to: Battery, Domestic Battery, Firearms Related Crimes, Intimidation, Hit & Run, Threats, Harassment, & Trespassing

Investigations Division

These crimes are classified into 3 primary categories: *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

	June	July
Crimes Against Property	14	20
Crimes Against Person	10	5
Cyber Investigations	21	31

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 *were very busy* completing a total of **507 hours** of training. Various disciplines were covered in our training efforts including firearms, physical tactics, use of force, Emergency Medical, leadership, legal updates, administrative, and simulator/scenarios. Some of our training highlights from this busy month are below.

- As a Department, we fully transitioned to equipping all issued Patrol Rifles with new Red Dot sights and required all officers to qualify with them prior to deployment in the field. Not only did all scores improve with the RDS, but times on the Qualification course also decreased collectively.
- WMPD kicked off our Gracie Survival Tactics (GST) training program this month. This is a long-term training program designed to continuously make our officers better in hand-to-hand survival tactics, using the principles taught by the world-renowned Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Academy, designed specifically for law enforcement. Officer Mike Heitmann will be leading the instruction of this program, as he is a certified black belt and instructor in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ).
- All members of our Department attended Boone County wide active shooter training, hosted by the Boone County Special Response Team. This training gave our members the opportunity to train alongside one another as well as alongside other agency members to better prepare in the event we are called to respond to an active shooter situation in our county.
- Captain John Jurkash attended a Physical Readiness Coordinator certification course at ILEA through FitForce, Inc. This class is designed around ensuring department members are physically fit and capable to perform the various demands of law enforcement, and if not, teaches safe and proven practices on how to improve officer physical performance and well-being. This course also covered best practices for new-hire Physical Abilities Testing, as well as the legal pros and cons of mandatory physical fitness requirements.
- The Boone County Prosecutor's Office hosted refresher/update training for our entire Department pertaining to Miranda Rights, a national case-law standard, as well as Pirtle Advisements, an Indiana case-law standard. This training was designed to ensure our officers can do their jobs effectively while also respecting individual rights.

Case/Incident Highlights

- During the early hours on 7/20/2022, a WMPD Officer attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding. Upon initiating the stop, the vehicle immediately fled and led officers on a short vehicle pursuit south down SR 267 into Hendricks Co. Shortly after entering Hendricks Co., the vehicle went off the roadway into a ditch, becoming disabled. Two of the three occupants then fled officers on foot into a nearby field, and the third occupant surrendered to law enforcement immediately. WMPD K9 “Shaggy” was deployed by his handler, and successfully tracked one of the occupants who fled in a nearby field, and that suspect was taken into custody without incident. A short time later, the driver surrendered to officers who established a perimeter in the area. The driver, identified as Jasmine Steele (22) of Pueblo, Colorado, and the passenger who fled, identified as Curtis White (23) of Indianapolis, were arrested pending charges of Resisting Law Enforcement, and Possession of Marijuana. Steele is also pending charges of Reckless Driving, and informed officers she fled due to out of state warrants.