

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

DEPARTMENT: POLICE COVERING THE MONTH OF: SEPTEMBER 2008

1.) NORMAL DEPARTMENT PROJECTS REQUIRED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED EACH MONTH. (PROVIDE SPECIFICS ON ACTIVITY LEVELS, e.g. CIRCULATION NUMBER, MAINTENANCE CALLS, ETC.)

- ◆ Please refer to Attachment titled “**MONTHLY STATISTICAL DATA – SEPTEMBER - 2008**”

2.) CHIEF’S ACTIVITIES DURING THIS MONTH.

- ◆ Attended a meeting of the Mid-Moraine Administrative Committee regarding the enforcement of our Warrant Service Fee ordinance
- ◆ Attended a meeting of the Washington County Chief’s Association
- ◆ Attended and presented at the Annual September 11th Memorial Service
- ◆ Met with Judge Grundahl regarding municipal citation service procedural issues
- ◆ Completed work on the revised 2009 Operational Budget
- ◆ Attended and presented at the Annual Awards Banquet for Hartford Police Explorer Post 9910
- ◆ Conducted a Staff Meeting for all Department Supervisory Personnel
- ◆ Assisted with a session of the Hartford Police Department’s Citizen Academy
- ◆ Met with a representative from Allison Sentry regarding our participation in this years Halloween Havoc and the Annual Christmas Coloring Contest.
- ◆ Attended a Strategic Planning Session for the Executive Board of Hartford Project CARE

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE MONTH

As part of our department’s ongoing efforts to build strong working relationships with individuals and organizations within our community, the Hartford Police Department will recognize one of these partners for their dedication to improving the quality of life in the City of Hartford every month.



This month we are honoring Chaplain’s Doug Livingston and Jeff Schimp. These men have volunteered countless hours to riding along with our staff and to making themselves available to our officers both on and off duty. They have truly been an invaluable asset to the men and women of the Hartford Police Department. For these

reasons, and many more, the Hartford Police Department Chaplains Corps is this month's Community Partner of the Month.

3.) **SPECIAL OR SPECIFIC PROJECTS/TASKS/ACTIVITIES ACCOMPLISHED DURING THIS MONTH.**

- ◆ Administrative Assitant Moratz entered over 100 outstanding delinquent parking citations into the Tax Refund Intercept Program (T.R.I.P.) this month. This represents over \$20,000 in unpaid fines that have been uncollectable, in some cases since 2003. A.A. Moratz continues to work on the backlog of outstanding tickets of this type. There are in excess of 1,000 of these citations with fines totalling \$20-\$40 each. These fines were basically uncollectable prior to our initiation of the TRIP program at HPD.
- ◆ A Line-of-Duty Death response directive was researched and completed to govern the actions of the department and its personnel in the event of a tragedy. This directive includes a variety of contact information to assist the department in securing the maximum assistance and benefits for the family of a fallen officer.
- ◆ The department placed "Frisker Pro" units into service in our entire fleet. We purchased these units with several other departments from around the state to obtain a substantial discount in the pricing. These small hand held units are metal detectors that the officers can wear on their hands while patting individuals down or conducting searches incident to their arrest. If these units detect the presence of any metallic objects during the search they discretely vibrate to alert the officer without the suspect being notified of the discovery. These units do not obstruct the officer's ability to use their hands which makes them substantially more "user friendly" and practical than the larger wand type devices.

*"Yesterday, Monday, I arrested a subject on a Huber walk away warrant. I used the new metal detector to see how it would work. While checking his pocket it buzzed so I checked closer, I initially did a search without it and found nothing, after checking again I found a small piece of metal that buzzed and a joint. I then took his walet out and checked that with the metal detector and it buzzed after looking more closely I found hidden in his wallet one razor blade. I would like to think that I would have found these items with just my search, and maybe I would have but I'm glad I didn't have to rely on the maybe and had this tool to help. **Thanks for getting these!**"* Police School Liaison Officer Jim Zywicki, email 09-22-08



- ◆ The Hartford Police Department became a fully functioning contributing agency to the WIJIS Cri

This system will essentially perform a "Google" type search for all contacts state-wide that an individual may have had with law enforcement agencies, District Attorney's Offices, the Circuit Court System, or the Department of Corrections, with a single inquiry. This was previously not possible.



Wisconsin Justice Information Sharing (WIJIS) Program Office

Welcome to WIJIS

The Hartford Police Department hosted the first of two WIJIS Training Seminars for the State of Wisconsin earlier this month. The City of Hartford is one of only two municipal agencies in Washington County to achieve this status to date.

A special thanks is due to Administrative Lieutenant Scott MacFarlan for his efforts in researching this opportunity and obtaining the grant funding to make it a reality. He has also played a central role in placing the Hartford Police Department on the cutting edge of this valuable new technological tool.

- ◆ The Hartford Police Explorer Post donated 21 new flashlights to the police department in September. The Explorer's conducted a variety of fund raising endeavors this year and they chose to make this generous donation. The new flash lights are rechargeable, they are brighter than the flashlights the department had previously utilized, they are smaller and more compact than our previous flashlights, and they have a strobbing function that serves to disorient suspects during the execution of search warrants and other tactical operations. These units also have other tactical advantages over our previous models that will benefit our officers in both training and tactical operations. The older units will be modified to be mounted in the patrol fleet as a back up unit for our officers.



4.) **SPECIAL OR SPECIFIC PROJECTS/TASKS/ACTIVITIES EXPECTED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE UPCOMING MONTH.**

- ◆ Hartford Officers will participate in the Allsion Sentry Halloween Havoc Program for the 3rd consecutive year. This year officers will hand out safety materials and our new Hartford Police Department Green Bay Packers collector cards to all the children in attendance.
- ◆ The Hartford Police Department will present our 2009 Operational Budget Proposal to the Common Council.
- ◆ **October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month:** During 2007, there were 408 domestic violence incidents reported in Washington County. In 25% of these children were present at the time of the incident. These statistics indicate a 7% increase in the number of incidents reported since 2003. However, according to the State of Wisconsin Justice Department domestic violence remains one of the most under-reported crimes.

To bring awareness and honor those who have bravely come forward to help stop the growing epidemic of violence in our community, the Washington County Coordinated Community Response team will display 408 adult paper dolls and 102 child paper dolls in the Washington County Public Agency Center (333 East Washington Street, West Bend) throughout the month of October. In addition, there will be an "Empty Table" Display to represent the ultimate consequence of Domestic Violence.

5.) **TRAINING/STAFF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OCCURRING DURING THIS MONTH.**

- ◆ 23 Officers attended TASER In-House re-certification training
- ◆ 12 Officers attended In-House Firearms Training
- ◆ Sergeant Hayes and Officer Koester attended Instructor Development Training at the Milwaukee Area Technical College
- ◆ Sergeant Cummings attended SWAT Training with the Washington County Sheriff's Department
- ◆ Officers Dorn and Rasmussen attended Cannabis – Indoor Grow training at Volk Field
- ◆ Officer Rohrer attended the Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioners Conference in the Wisconsin Dells
- ◆ Detective Abbott attended an ID Theft & Fraud Training Program at the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Academy
- ◆ Captain Horvath and Lieutenant MacFarlan attended the Criminal Information Bureau's Technology Conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin.
- ◆ All officers continued to participate in Departmental Roll Call Training Programs

6.) **OVERTIME OCCURRING DURING THE MONTH.**

- ◆ Attached please find copies of the documents which track overtime usage in the Department for the month. For purposes of brevity, the data regarding department overtime has been presented in a summary format. If you have specific questions regarding overtime feel free to contact me.

7.) **CASES OF INTEREST THIS MONTH.**

- ◆ 09-08-08, at approximately 3:05am, officers responded to the area of S. Johnson St. and Loos St. for a report of a male subject that had been struck on the side of the head with a beer

bottle. The victim was advised that he was having problems with several subjects inside a Hartford tavern. After the victim and a friend left the bar at closing time the victim was struck in the side of the neck with a beer bottle by one of the individuals he had been arguing with in the tavern. When the victim was struck the bottle broke causing a deep laceration to the side of his throat. The suspect then swung the broken bottle at the victim a second time. The victim was able to block this strike with his left arm, causing a deep laceration to his forearm. The attacker then fled the scene on foot. After several days of investigation Hartford Officer's identified and arrested a 22-year-old Hartford man, for this attack. The suspect was referred to the Washington County District Attorney's Office on felony charges of Aggravated Battery and Recklessly Endangering Safety.

- ◆ 09-26-08, at approximately 9:45am, Hartford Officer's were assigned a possible truancy complaint. Investigation into that matter revealed that a 10-year-old and a 16-year-old Hartford Juveniles were in fact truant from their schools. Both juveniles were warned regarding their truancy that day. One Juvenile was returned to their school, and one was turned over to their parents. One juvenile was issued a citation for Possession of Tobacco Products. This investigation also revealed that these two juveniles had been in the company of a 22-year-old Hartford man during their truancy. Upon performing a routine status check on that individual the officers learned that the man was a registered sex offender from Minnesota. Furthermore, it was learned that the man had moved to Hartford without reporting the move to the Department of Corrections in either Minnesota or Wisconsin. This move, along with the fact that he was to have no contact with juveniles, violated the terms of his supervision. The man was arrested for violating the provisions of his sex offender status and transported to the Washington County Jail. There was no evidence of any inappropriate conduct while the man was in the company of the juveniles.

Respectfully submitted,

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