



# Windsor Heights Public Safety

## POLICE ♦ FIRE ♦ EMS

### Monthly Report



To: City Administrator Dennis Durham

From: Public Safety Director Chad McCluskey

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RE: May, 2021 Public Safety Monthly Report

#### **MAJOR WORK AREAS:**

- With warm weather everyone likes to be outside, including those looking to steal from homes and cars. Officers will direct efforts in residential areas in effort to deter and interdict suspicious person's and activity.
- During the month of June, officers will focus patrol activities on 73rd Street, specifically addressing motorist failing to obey stop signals and speed limits.
- Officers will spend extra time on Forrest Court and 65th Street. Both streets have seen a high volume of traffic that is unusual for these streets but brought on by the University Avenue detour. Officers will seek to educate and enforce safety related violations in this area.
- Officers will direct efforts toward those with dark window tint throughout the city. Window tint is an officer safety issue as an officer cannot see in the vehicle and the tint reduces the driver's ability to see out, especially during low light hours.
- Officers will continue to watch for violations of distracted driving/texting and those with no driver's license throughout the city. These drivers are proven to be unsafe on the roadway and will be addressed on this goal.
- Officers will complete monthly Police Legal Science training during the month of June. This month, the online training covers a case law update. This update includes stopping of drivers for suspected cell phone use, fourth amendment and seizure of persons, extension of a traffic stop, implied consent, and consensual encounters.
- Detective Nissen will attend the Iowa Narcotics Officers Association conference in June.
- Detectives will follow-up on several open cases in June, including a sexual assault, a forgery, a theft, a burglary, and alcohol/tobacco violations.

- Detective Johnson will onboard into the role of investigator during the month of June and attend crime scene training with the Iowa chapter of International Association for Identification.
- ASC Breese will participate in an officer ride-along with patrol to identify and validate day to day work-processes officers are using. The identification of these process will better enable Support Services personnel support patrol officers in their daily functions.
- June EMS training will cover medication delivery and pain management and be instructed by Paramedic / Firefighter Nekola.
- June Fire training will cover self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) confidence. The Iowa State Fire Service Training Bureau recently acquired a new mobile trailer for this training, and we will be one of the first organizations in the metro to have the opportunity to use the new trailer.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Officers focused on education and enforcement of speed related issues along 63rd street and 73rd Street during the month of May. Officers dedicated 1,890 minutes toward this goal issuing 14 citations, 21 warnings and making 1 arrest. Violations addressed were Speed, Improper Registration, Driving While Suspended and No Driver's License.
- Residents have expressed appreciation when seeing officers on 70th Street. Officers directed patrol to this area looking to address traffic safety related issues. Officers dedicated 120 minutes toward this goal issuing 2 citations, 1 warning and making 2 arrests. Violations addressed were Speed, Driving While Suspended and Driving While Barred. The mobile radar sign was also deployed in the area during one week in May.
- Officers focused on impaired drivers throughout the city. This included both drug and alcohol impairment during all hours of the day. Officers dedicated 270 minutes toward this goal making 3 arrests for Operating While Intoxicated.
- Officers directed patrol toward residential areas affected by traffic that is diverting due to construction. Officers dedicated 480 minutes toward this goal issuing 5 citations and 1 warning. Violations addressed were Speed and No Driver's License.
- Officers sought to educate and enforce distracted driving throughout the city to include texting and driving. Distracted drivers can be as dangerous as impaired drivers on the roadway. Officers dedicated 60 minutes toward this goal issuing 0 citations and 2 warnings. The violation addressed was texting and driving.
- Officers sought to educate and enforce license status issues throughout the city. Many of these drivers are habitual violators and have had their license taken away for this reason. Officers dedicated 600 minutes toward this goal issuing 13 citations and making 5 arrests. Violations addressed were Driving While Suspended and No Driver's License.

- During the month of May officers trained on defensive tactics. Ongoing training helps officers be prepared to appropriately utilize their tools available in each situation. Officers encounter many situations that are considered low frequency yet high risk, so it is important to train an officer's mind to be ready for such an occasion.
- During the month of May, Officer Miller successfully completed field training and is now on solo patrol.
- Officers completed Stryker AED training during the month of May. This is a new AED system that integrates with the WHFD system, making it easy to transition devices and provide efficient patient care. Officers will be taught in-house on the practical application of the new AED in the near future.
- Officer Palmer, Detective Nissen and Lt. Pearson completed firearm instructor recertification at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. This recertification is completed every three years and is required by ILEA in order to continue as instructors.
- Officer Johnson completed the Expandable Baton Instructor course at ILEA during the month of May. Officer Johnson will now be able to train officers on the department at in-service training on the proper use of the expandable baton.
- Officers completed monthly Police Legal Science training during the month of May. The online training was titled Officer Mental Health Awareness. Dr. Phillip Ascheman, police psychologist, contributed to this lesson that covered; strains of the job, understanding stress and trauma, resilience, depression, and suicide.
- Early in the month, Officer Miller cut her teeth on her first operating while intoxicated case that also had an added level of difficulty, a language barrier. Officer Clingan had pulled over a motorist who stopped at a green light and was travelling outside of his lane. Officer Miller conducted field sobriety testing on the male, who spoke Swahili, and then arrested him after he failed submitting a breath test of .324 . Officer Miller used the language line to communicate the Implied Consent Advisory. The male was charged with OWI 1st and was released to a sober party.
- Officer Roetman stopped a vehicle having a defective brake light. When speaking with the driver of the vehicle Officer Roetman observed the male jerking his body and head from side to side. Officer Roetman patted the driver down and found a syringe and a baggie of methamphetamine in his possession. After arrest and while processing at the police department the suspect was found to also have LSD crystals in his sock. The male was charged with possession of controlled substance and was released after processing.
- Officer Clingan was dispatched to an accident in the 800 block of 63rd Street. Enroute he was advised that there was a dispute between those involved at the accident. Officer Clingan arrived and knew one of the drivers from previous calls for service and this male appeared to be impaired by alcohol. WHFD arrived to assist with medical concerns and while being treated the male became belligerent and began yelling at and pushing firefighter Evans. The male was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail on charges of Assault on others, Disorderly Conduct and Public Intoxication.

- Officer Irlbeck was dispatched to a hit and run where a motorist struck a utility pole and then fled the scene. Officer Irlbeck located the suspect vehicle driving on 70th Street and conducted a traffic stop. The driver showed signs of impairment and failed field sobriety testing showing a blood alcohol content of .168%. The driver was cited for OWI 1st and Leaving the Scene of an Accident.
- Officer Irlbeck responded to a welfare check in the parking lot of a local department store. Upon arrival Officer Irlbeck found a vehicle parked in the traveled portion of the parking lot and the driver was passed out. Officer Irlbeck noticed other signs of impairment while talking with the driver but asked for assistance from Urbandale PD as the suspect was Spanish speaking. The suspect refused all testing and was arrested and taken to Polk County Jail on the charge of OWI 1st.
- Officer Miller took a report from a female victim of a domestic abuse assault. Officer Miller learned earlier in the day the male spouse had pushed the female spouse causing a minor injury. Officer Miller made the state-mandated arrest of the male, and he was transported to the Polk County Jail on the charge of Domestic Abuse Assault.
- Support Services facilitated a prescription drug takeback event on April 24th. Staff collected eighty-eight pounds (88 lbs.) of unused prescriptions in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency's nationwide takeback day.
- Detective Nissen continued investigation regarding a sex crime case requiring victim and witness interviews to be completed in different states. Detective Nissen has received assistance from out of state local law enforcement and forensic interviewers.
- ASC Breese completed the Iowa System Criminal Justice audit in the month of April. This audit serves as a review of the Department's control, usage, and security of Criminal Justice information.
- Detective Nissen and Captain Meyer conducted investigative follow-up with a victim that reported her residence was damaged and entered where she was assaulted in her residence. Detectives were able to locate the defendant later that evening and place him into custody for Burglary, Domestic Assault and Criminal Mischief.
- Detective Nissen continued investigative follow up regarding an October 2020 death investigation. Detective Nissen was able to locate and facilitate the arrest of one individual with arrest warrants for: Involuntary Manslaughter and a Controlled Substance Violation. A second involved person was subsequently arrested on a following date for Obstructing Prosecution and Accessory After the Fact.
- Officer Kyle Johnson was appointed to the role of detective in May. Officer Johnson participated in a selection process which reviewed his previous work performance, communication abilities, responses to stress, situational awareness, oral and written presentation as well as his ability to problem solve. Detective Johnson will start his duties as an investigator on June 3, 2021.
- Staff attended first-aid / CPR training to keep current with any changes to the first-responder protocol. Additionally, staff participated in the practical application of CPR and AED usage.

- Detective Nissen was assigned a sexual assault case in May and started the initial processes of collecting information so that the case facts can be reviewed, and appropriate recommendations are made.
- Detective Nissen completed work on a minor in possession case, did an agency assist with a credit card fraud case, met with a fraud victim for an affidavit, completed multiple attempts to locate individuals, and post-arrest investigation on a robbery and manslaughter case.
- ASC Breese and Captain Meyer participated in a metro Records Management System User group meeting in May. The State UCR coordinator was present, and users had an opportunity to discuss current and future validation conditions as they relate to incidents. Users had a chance to discuss the agency certification requirements, as well as receive an update about software changes for the fourth quarter.
- On Saturday, May 8, 2021 at approximately 6:52 am, Windsor Heights Fire Department units were dispatched to a residential fire assignment in the 6600 block of Sunset Terrace. Chief McCluskey, Paramedic / Firefighter Dumermuth, Paramedic / Firefighter Jones, EMT / Firefighter Merseal, and EMT / Firefighter Swauger responded to the call. As crews were responding, dispatch stated there was a fire in the garage of a single-family home and the residents were refusing to evacuate. Crews arrived and were able to quickly control the fire in the garage. A female resident who was on oxygen was checked and no injuries were reported. Smoke damage existed throughout the structure, however the significant damage from the fire was limited to a small area within the garage.
- On May 9, 2021, Paramedic / Firefighter Dumermuth, EMT / Firefighter Merseal and EMT / Firefighter Thie responded to an injury accident at 73<sup>rd</sup> and Buffalo. A driver had hydroplaned across 73<sup>rd</sup> and struck a utility pole splitting it in half. Crews checked the driver, who refused transport, and then notified Mid American to remedy the power pole and lines down issue.
- On Thursday, May 20, 2021, at approximately 10:06 am, Windsor Heights Fire Department units were dispatched as automatic aid for a commercial structure fire near 82<sup>nd</sup> and Hickman in Clive. Chief McCluskey, Paramedic / Firefighter Dumermuth, Paramedic / Firefighter Pemberton and EMT / Firefighter Swauger responded to the call. Crews arrived and assisted Clive, Urbandale, West Des Moines, and Johnston-Grimes Fire Departments with a working fire in a commercial building. Crews assisted with extinguishment and overhaul of the building before being released. Our crews were second on scene, even with the detour to get around construction.
- Paramedic / Firefighter Dumermuth and EMT / Merseal continued to work on hose testing all of the fire department hoses. Several hoses on the Engines failed due to leaks and are being replaced.
- EMS training for the month of May covered trauma triage and assessment. Paramedic / Firefighter Dumermuth arranged for a trauma doctor from UnityPoint to be present to instruct the material.

- Fire training for the month of May centered around live fire exercises at the training tower. Training covered basement/below grade fires and considerations for such fires. Those in attendance commented about the quality of the training, the ability to talk through scenarios and the positive atmosphere surrounding the training.
- Paramedic / Firefighter Dumermuth and Chief McCluskey completed “train-the-trainer” courses in preparation for the new Automatic External Defibrillators (AED’s) the Police Department will receive through a grant. The grant is providing over \$16,000.00 worth of AED’s and equipment to the police department at no cost to the City.
- Matt Klein, our Paid-On-Call Assistant Chief, retired on May 1<sup>st</sup> after serving more than 16-years on the Windsor Heights Fire Department.
- Chief McCluskey, Paramedic / Firefighter Nekola, EMT / Firefighter N Evans and Paramedic / Firefighter Martin responded to a two-alarm apartment building fire in West Des Moines on Monday, May 3, 2021 at approximately 8:25 pm. Crews staged and were released a short time after arrival.
- Paramedic / Firefighter Nekola, EMT / Firefighter N Evans and Paramedic / Firefighter Harryman responded to an unresponsive patient. When crews arrived, the patient was conscious but very confused. The patient’s blood sugar level was checked and found to be 34 (normal blood sugar should be 80 to 140). The patient was given oral glucose and transported to the hospital.
- Paramedic / Firefighter Dumermuth and EMT / Firefighter N Evans responded to an address on 68<sup>th</sup> to check an alarm. Upon arrival PD was on scene speaking with the resident. PD advised that they had a smoke alarm sounding. The battery was removed and replaced with a new one, however the chirping continued. The resident also stated that his CO detector had gone off several hours prior as well. The residence was checked with a 4-gas meter with no abnormal readings. No smoke or fire could be detected. Both detectors were nearing their expiration dates. The resident was advised to replace the detectors in question and was recommended adding a smoke detector to each bedroom as there was only one detector per floor. No other problems found.
- On May 15, 2021, EMT / Firefighter N Evans, Paramedic / Firefighter Martin and EMT / Firefighter Fleming were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of 63rd & the I-235 East bound off ramp involving 5 vehicles. The South bound lanes of 63rd St. were closed due to the crash. Three victims were transported to the hospital via ambulance. Assistance with transport was received from MercyOne ground ambulance and West Des Moines EMS, the 3rd victim was transported by Windsor Heights. A large amount of fluids was cleaned up by the fire department. One family member of one of the involved parties were arrested for assault on a public official (firefighter) after pushing one of our team members. The fire department remained on scene for traffic control until all vehicles could be removed from the intersection.

- Paramedic / Firefighter Nekola and EMT / Firefighter N Evans were dispatched to an address on 65th St. for an electrical issue. On arrival the resident escorted the engine crew to the basement where the issue was located. She stated she came home from the store and could smell something burning. She found her Dehumidifier's plug and plug adapter burning at the outlet receptacle. She pulled the plug from the receptacle and turned off the breaker to it. The receptacle and wall around it were checked for heat signatures with the Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC). The charred receptacle did have elevated temperature readings. The remainder of the area was checked and temperature readings were all normal. Prior to leaving the scene the receptacle was checked one final time and was found to have temperature readings decreasing. The resident was advised that if she smells anything again or sees anything not to hesitate to call 911. She was advised to leave the breaker turned off until she could get an electrician to come out and look at her receptacle and wiring.
- Paramedic / Firefighter Nekola, EMT / Firefighter N Evans, and EMT / Firefighter Eslick had a young man (6 Years Old) come by the station for a tour. He was taken through the trucks and ambulance (he was more interested in the fire trucks). He had a lot of questions for the on-duty crew, and they had a lot for him, and he seemed to have all the answers. He has been dreaming of becoming a fire fighter for as long as he and his family can remember. He was decked out in the bunker coat and fire boots. His dream is to become a wildland fire fighter Hot Shot and then onto a smoke jumper. Maybe someday soon he will be joining our team.
- On May 4, 2021, Paramedic / Firefighter Foreman, Paramedic / Firefighter Jones, Paramedic Firefighter Dumermuth, Officer Davison, Officer Clingan, and Officer Miller all responded to an unconscious patient on 64<sup>th</sup> Street. When officers arrived, they found the patient in cardiac arrest and the officers began CPR efforts. Medics arrived on scene and continued life saving measures. Crews were able to restore breathing and circulation as a result of the CPR efforts and the patient was transported to the hospital. The patient eventually recovered and was released from the hospital. The patient's wife called and wanted to thank our team for helping her husband. Life saving awards have been procured and will be presented in the near future. The patient and his family will also likely be in attendance for the awards as they have requested to be part of any ceremony recognizing our team.
- Paramedic / Firefighter Foreman, Paramedic / Firefighter Jones, and EMT / Firefighter This responded to Kum and Go to assist WHPD officers with a combative subject who was possibly experiencing excited delirium. When medics arrived, the subject had been restrained after fighting with Officer Bowers, and the subject had slipped out of his handcuffs and was trying to climb around in the patrol vehicle. The subject bit Paramedic Foreman and continued to struggle with the team. The subject was subdued and transported to the hospital. During the interaction, the subject made comments about what century we were in, what planet he was on and other odd statements.

