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To: Mayor Michael Armitage and Members of Council

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Subject: PD Report to Council

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

Department Activity Summary:

Calls for Service through March: 2,021

Arrests through March 2015: 89

Traffic Stops through March 2015: 264

Citations: 245

Verbal Warnings: 71

Traffic Crashes through March 2015: 25

Crashes that occurred on public roadways 2015: 16

Crashes that occurred on private property 2015: 9

Note: Of the 25 total crashes, 2 involved injuries.

Other General Policing Activities during March 2015:

Park Patrols/Checks: 27

Property Checks: 52

Community Relations: 36

Vehicle Lock-outs: 10

Extra Patrols at Schools: 43

Ticket Sign-offs: 11

Liquor Inspections: 8

Extra Traffic Enforcement:

Argyle and St. Louis - Speed

Traffic Enforcement in and around schools in the AM and PM

Criminal Investigation Summary:

The following 12 cases were submitted to the Prosecutor for review for possible charges in March. 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.

Hit and Run Crash: 1

Possession of Drugs: 3

Domestic Violence: 2

Driving While License Suspended: 1

Threats: 2

Felonious Assault: 1

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Larceny: 1
Child Neglect: 1

The following 9 arrest warrants were obtained and processed on Milan cases in March:

Drove While License Suspended: 1
Drunk Driving: 1
Hit and Run Crash: 1
Domestic Violence: 2
Felony Assault: 1
Larceny: 1
Threats: 1
Assault and Battery: 1

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:

Nothing significant to report in terms of significant trends for March 2015.

Clearance Rate through March 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 March 2015:

NOTE: The Milan Police Department, in conjunction with the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office, Michigan State Police, Monroe County Sheriff Department, Crime Stoppers, and local law enforcement is participating in an area wide effort to identify and arrest persons with outstanding arrest warrants for felonies and serious misdemeanors. Milan PD is fortunate in that we have a high success rate in finding and arresting subjects wanted on these types of warrants, however we did supply the task force with 5 individuals wanted on outstanding felony warrants from this department. Thus far, two subjects wanted on outstanding Milan PD warrants have been arrested; one for felony assault, and another for both felony assault and possession of heroin. Milan officers located and arrested the second subject after receiving a "tip." The other three are wanted for fraud, forgery, and possession of opium, respectively. The subject wanted for the possession of opium has been identified by the task force as living out of state.

15-1802 (Larceny from Building)

On Saturday 03/21/2015 Officer McLaughlin met with the compliant who reported her residence was entered and a large wooden trunk taken which contained coins and other items. During the investigation, the trunk/lockbox was recovered along US 23. It had been forced open and most of the contents taken. The investigation conducted by Officers Terrill and McLaughlin developed information implicating 5 subjects in the crime. The case will be sent to the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office for review and charges.

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15-1819 (Larceny from Building)

On Sunday 03/22/2015, Sgt. Burgos was dispatched to Lafayette St. to meet with the homeowner who reported the theft of cash from a safe within the residence. The victim reported taking her son and her son's friend to the mall where the friend made a large purchase from the Apple Store while they were there. The victim felt the purchase was excessive and checked the safe when she returned home to find the money missing. Sgt. Burgos interviewed the complainant's son's friend and obtained a full confession. A significant amount of the remaining missing money was recovered from the suspect in this case. The case has been submitted to the juvenile prosecutor.

15-1899 (Retail Fraud)

On Thursday, March 26th Officer Couture was dispatched to W Main for a possible retail fraud in progress. Before his arrival the suspect left the business and a vehicle description was obtained from the caller. Officer Couture located the vehicle and suspect and conducted a traffic stop. The suspect admitted to stealing a hatchet from the store. The suspect's driver's license was also suspended and he had a valid warrant out of another jurisdiction. The suspect was arrested on scene and the case has been submitted to the prosecutor's office for review and charges.

Dispatch Center Activities March 2015:

Total Incoming Calls through March 2015: 3,601
Non-Emergency calls through March: 3,335
911 Calls through March: 266

Calls for Service handled at the Dispatch Center/Front Desk through March 2015: 253
Reports taken at the Dispatch Center/Front Desk through March 2015: 88

Miscellaneous Activities in Dispatch March 2015:

Arrest Warrants Processed: 5
Personal Protection Orders/Conditional Bonds Processed: 2
Freedom of Information Act Requests Processed: 9
Gun Permits Processed: 45
Pawn Transaction Records Processed: 5
Impounds/Towing Fees Processed: 3
Court Ordered Preliminary Breath Tests Administered: 30
Booking Fees Processed: 2
Background Checks Processed: 42
Fingerprinting Fees Processed: 2
Reports Copied and Sent to Courts/Probation: 15

Fire/EMS Statistics: 74 Fire/EMS runs dispatched in March. (Of the 74, 40 or 54%, were calls in the City of Milan.)

Fire/EMS Runs Dispatched for MAFD 2015 Year to Date: 254

Note: We initiated the selection process to fill a possible dispatcher opening.

Community and Special Events Policed in March 2015:

MHS regular home season boys varsity basketball games.

Note: Planning is underway for the Milan Youth League Parade, scheduled for May 2nd; the Memorial Day Ceremonies, Scheduled for May 25th; the Milan Fair and Fireworks, scheduled for May 28th-30th; and the Milan Summer Fest, scheduled for August 1st.

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Reserve Program Highlights:

March 2015 Hours: 65.5

Special Events: 20.5
Hours Supplementing/Riding along w/Road Patrol: 37
Administrative: 8

2015 Hours: 186

The Milan Police 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.

Note: We are in the process of selecting, appointing, and training 4 new Reserve Officers.

School Resource Program Highlights:

Officer Couture completed the DARE curriculum. Graduation is scheduled for May 13th at 11:00 a.m. at Symons Elementary School.

Officer Couture, as well as the other officers working day and early afternoon shifts spent additional time inside the schools during the current transition period as we seek to hire a new School Resource Officer.

Note: We have selected a new SRO; the final steps of the hiring process are underway.

Police Department Budget Update:

The latest quarterly budget update indicated the PD was where it was supposed to be at this juncture in the fiscal year.

Training Highlights:

Officers attend outside and internal training, on-line training, and are provided training updates and materials routinely.

A sampling of some recent topics include: Sex Offender and Gun Registration, Monroe County Prosecutor's Office Legal Update, First aid/CPR, First Line Supervision, Severe Weather Response, Human Trafficking and Prostitution, Arraignment Procedures, and the new Squatter Law.

Note: Milan PD hosted a Concordia University Criminal Justice senior for an internship that involved observation and ride alongs in March. She needed 120 hours of public safety observation for her project. We were able to provide her with 64; Milan Area Fire Department is providing the balance.

Meetings/Events Attended by the Chief:

Council Mtgs.
City Staff Mtgs.
East Main Re-Development Ground Breaking
Mtg. w/Saline, Chelsea, and Pittsfield Chiefs in Ann Arbor
Preliminary Contract Negotiation mtg. w/Mr. Smith and PD Unions
Mtg. w/Mr. Smith and Bike Race Coordinators at Milan Owl Coffee Shop
East Main Re-constriction Mtgs.
Summer Fest Mtg. at Chamber

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Chamber Breakfast – Senior Center

US 23 Fatal Crash First Responder Recognition Night – Symons Elementary

Mtg. w/Milan Youth Council members on Milan's Marvelous Youth event – Bakery

Michigan Emerging Technologies Forum – Lansing w/Mr. Slay

Washtenaw County Criminal Justice Association Mtg. – Saline

Emergency Communications Millage Technology Discussion Mtg. – Washtenaw County Sheriff Office w/Mr. Slay

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