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Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Year end Police Report for 2011

Greetings City Council:

The following pages are the “Spring Grove Police Department Year End Report for 2011.” This report gives me the opportunity to explain some of the activities that the staff of the police department do on a daily basis.

**Calls for Service**

In 2011 the police department received **737 calls** during the year. We also refer to these as “Calls for Service.” **57 of the calls were received by officers at their homes during their time off.**

The following pages give you an idea of the calls that the police department responded to in 2011.

**Types of Calls received by the Police Department**

911 No Response Calls 3

Administrative Information 3

Animal Bite 2

Animal Complaint 47

Assault 9

Assisted Other Agency 32

Assisted the Public Calls 30

Building Alarms 6

Burglary 5

Chemical Complaints or Spills 1

Child Protection Cases 2

City Ordinance ‑ Grass Mowing Violation 13

Civil Complaint Calls ‑ Non Criminal 21

Criminal Damage to Property 1

Criminal Mischief 2

Curfew Complaints 1

Death Investigations 2

Death Notifications 2

Dishonored Check 64

Disorderly Conduct 2

Disturbance 9

Domestic 7

DUI Driver Complaint 5

Emergency Committals 2

Fire Call 6

Fireworks Complaints 2

Found Property 12

Fraud 11

Funeral Escorts 15

General Complaint 15

Harassing Phone Calls 3

Harassment Complaints 6

Intoxicated Person Complaints 8

Juvenile Complaint Calls 12

Liquor Laws 5

Lost Property 4

Medical Calls 40

Missing Persons 1

Motor Vehicle Unlocks 33

Narcotic Drug Laws 4

Noise Complaints 9

Open Door found 1

Ordinance Violation ‑ Building Code 3

Ordinance Violation ‑ Junk in Yard 49

Ordinance Violation ‑ Parking 2

Parking Complaint 16

Personal Welfare Check 21

Probation or Parole Violation Checks 4

Sex Offenses 3

Suspicious Person & Vehicle Complaints 29

Theft 45

Traffic Accident 22

Traffic Complaints 26

Traffic Violation ‑ Citation Issued 30

Transient Merchant Complaints 2

Trespassing 5

Vandalism 14

Vehicle Theft Complaints 1

Warrants 2

Weapon Calls 1

Weather Calls or Weather Spotting 4

**Total Calls for Service = 737**

**Criminal Cases Investigated**

After a “Call for Service” has been received and an officer responds, we have two functions to perform. We perform the function needed to complete the call or make the determination that a crime may have been committed and then conduct an investigation. For example in the case of where we are called to unlock a vehicle, because the owner locked the keys inside, and once the vehicle is unlocked, the call is complete and we have no further action. In the event that we have determined that there has been a crime committed, an investigation is started.

In 2011 there were **219 criminal cases** that we conducted further investigation into. Here is the breakdown of the cases that we investigated:

Forcible Rape 1

Assault 8

Burglary 3

Larceny Theft 29

Forgery 1

Fraud 66

Vandalism 4

Sex Offenses 2

- Drug Abuse Sale, Possession 3

Offenses against Family 2

Driving Under Influence 4

Disorderly Conduct 4

Other Offenses 92

**Total Offenses Investigated = 219**

Of the 219 cases that the police department investigated, they were handled in the following manner:

**Still Under Investigation 26**

**Adult Arrested 62**

**City Attorney Declined to Prosecute 3**

**Juvenile Arrested 3**

**No Prosecution 82**

**Officer took care of at Scene 15**

**Referred to another Agency 6**

**Victim requested no prosecution 22**

**Total Cases Cleared = 219**

In 2011, we spent approximately **625.9 hours** of our time conducting investigations. The calculation concludes that we had a case closure rate of 88% for the year.

Although investigations are just one of the functions that we do, here is a breakdown of the hours that the police department works and were we spend our time doing what:

**Accidents 10.00**

**Assist Other Agency 25.50**

**Assist Public 54.80**

**Commissions and Meetings 137.00**

**Court 13.80**

**DARE 11.00**

**Holiday 166.50**

**Investigations 625.90**

**Medical & Fire Assists 30.00**

**Office ‑ Writing Reports 251.30**

**Office Detail 522.80**

**Patrol 2,130.30**

**Personal Time Off 368.00**

**Police Reserve Unit 19.00**

**Public Relation & Events 19.50**

**Training 140.30**

**Grand Total Hours 4,525.70**

2011

2001

2002

2003

2004

2009

2008

2007

2006

2005

Here is a breakdown of the types of citations that were issued during 2011. Although it has been a couple of years since we kept track, but out statistics show that **we only issue citations in about 40% of the traffic stops that we make.**

Passenger in possession of paraphernalia 1

Expired license plates for less than 6 months 1

Inattentive Driving 2

Speed ‑ 11 to 14 miles over the limit 1

Speed ‑ 15 to 20 miles over the limit 23

Parked in Handicap Stall without Permit 1

No Insurance 1

Open Container ‑ 5

No Driver’s License in Possession 1

Failed to change address on license 1

TRAF‑ACC‑M‑4TH DEG DWI‑UI ALCOHOL‑MV 2

TRAFFIC‑MOVING VIOLATIONS 2

**Total Traffic Citations Issued = 41**

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

There were 78 Parking tickets were issued in 2011; here is a listing of those that were issued in 2011:

24 or 72 Hour Parking 22

Parked in a Handicap without a permit 1

Parked in a No Parking Zone 1

Overtime Parking 8

Snow Removal Violation 40

Parked in the wrong direction 6

**Total Parking Tickets 78**

2007

2008

2009

**Other items of Interest for the Council**

One of the interesting things that the council may not be aware of is the amount of revenue that is generated through the police department. In 2011, it is estimated that the police department generated about $22,593.00 dollars in revenues. Revenues came from fines that were imposed by the court, NSF check collections fees and reimbursement from the State for training and retirement. **As a note, the police department processed and collected for local businesses a total of $3107.00 dollars in bad checks in 2011**. There also were animal licenses and Recreational Vehicle permit fees that were also collected that added to the revenue totals.

**In Closing**

I hope that this report did not become too lengthy or boring. I have tried to assemble a report that gives the council a more appreciative look at the duties that the police department performs on a daily basis.

My hope of this report is that it is a start of a dialogue between the members of the council and the police department. For the sake of the council, there is a large amount of information that is not covered in this report. It is my hope that this report not only answers a few questions, but it should also create more questions of really what your police department does.

As always I thank the council for taking their time to review this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul J. Folz

Chief of Police