

Support Services Division September 2008

Communication Center

September has been a very eventful month for the Center. Communication Center Manager, Captain Richard Wolfe retired from the department effective September 26th after nearly 30 years of service. During his tenure as Communication Center Manager, Captain Wolfe served as project coordinator for the development, acquisition, installation and implementation of the new 800MHz radio system. Successful completion of this project was a tremendous achievement by any standard. Once the system became operational Captain Wolfe continued to serve as the Chairman of the Communications Oversight Committee. One of Captain Wolfe's primary goals as manager was to establish an environment of teamwork within the center. He instituted monthly shift meetings where dispatcher's concerns could be discussed with their supervisors. The shift supervisors then met each month to exchange information with the objective being an informed staff and a decision making process that included input from all affected areas. This has worked well and will continue after his departure.

Captain Jeff Wilson has been reassigned from the Patrol Division and has assumed the duties as Communication Center Manager. Captain Wilson has already begun work on several unfinished projects, such as bringing the center to full staffing level, and outfitting the personnel in uniforms recommended by the Uniform Committee.

The installation and staff training on the new Plant CML Patriot Sentinel 911 system has been completed as scheduled, and the transition from the old system was accomplished without incident. Public Safety Network Administrator, Tabby McClanahan is in the process of obtaining agreements with the wireless telephone service providers in the area to begin receiving the information that will provide wireless caller identification and location. In addition the new Stancil Corporation 10-4 digital recorder has been installed and is operational. Arrangements are being made with Motorola to acquire the necessary port that will allow the system to record all desired channels of the radio system. This system contains reporting features that will provide valuable performance information to the center's management team to enhance decision making.

Our Communication Center continues to serve as an example for others around the area. On September 29th municipal officials of Midwest City, Oklahoma toured our facility along with representatives from New World Systems and spoke with our staff regarding our software.

Department Training

The current session of department training began on September 23rd and is scheduled through October 28th. This training consists of Shotgun/Less Lethal certification and the firearms stress course held at the department range, and instruction on Discrimination/Sexual Harassment, 2008 Racial Profiling, and Familiarization with Personal Protective Equipment held in the department training room at police headquarters.

The department had the honor of hosting the conference of the Kansas-Missouri New World User's Group. The two-day conference held on September 17-18 was attended by 45 representatives from various agencies around the Midwest. A demonstration of the CopLink software we will use to access MODEx and



NDEx was provided. New World provided a GIS demo on mapping in the newest version of CAD and Records. The organizers expressed how impressed they were with the department and our facilities. They specifically commented on the support provided by department training supervisor Sgt. Marla Wilson.

Crime Prevention

Following a series of recent media interviews on the Trail Watch Program, Sgt. Gilpin was able to recruit three new citizen volunteers. All three have received their initial training in the program and are ready for assignment. The volunteers are:

- Ron Green
- Ken Russell
- Jim Phillips

Other significant events related to the crime prevention function occurring in September include:

- Sept. 4th** Sgt. Gilpin attended the monthly meeting of the MP33-37 Neighborhood Watch Group where a TASER demonstration was provided.
- Sept. 9th** Sgt. Gilpin attended the monthly meeting of the Harris-Kemper Neighborhood Watch Group. The topic of discussion was on recent scams.
- Sept. 11th** Sgt. Gilpin met with an individual interested in forming a new neighborhood watch group in the city's south-side.
- Sept. 16th** Sgt. Gilpin held the monthly meeting of the Parkway Neighborhood Watch Group at Police Headquarters. Following a tour of the facility, a discussion was held regarding the process for sex offender registration.
- Sept. 17th** Sgt. Gilpin attended the monthly meeting of the Central Neighborhood Watch Group. A TAZER presentation was provided by Sgt. Eric Protzman.
- Sept. 18th** Sgt. Gilpin met with two individuals on the city's south-side interested in organizing their neighborhoods.
- Sept. 19-21st** Sgt. Gilpin had a crime prevention table set up in Hyde Park at the Annual South-Side Fall Festival.

Grants

Grant funded activity for September included:

- Sept. 12th** Compliance checks were conducted on 24 locations of which 9 sold alcohol to minors. In addition one other business was actually selling to a minor when officers entered the store. The offending clerk was cited for sale to a minor, and two persons were cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

Sept. 13th Sixteen liquor by the drink establishments were inspected of which nine sold alcohol to minors.

Sept. 14th Task force members investigated a house party that resulted in the following arrests:

- 9 arrests for minor in possession of alcohol.
- 1 arrest for allowing minor to consume alcohol.
- 1 arrest for a city warrant.
- 1 arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- 1 arrest for drug possession, (misdemeanor).
- 1 arrest for drug possession, (felony).
- 1 arrest for unlawful use of a weapon.

Crime Analysis

According to department crime analyst Sgt. Ron Gordon, violent Part I Crimes in the city are up 214% from September 2007 to September 2008. This is due to a large increase in aggravated assaults reported.

Part I Property Crimes are down 10%, (200 reported crimes) year to date.

	Murder		Rape		Robbery		Aggr Assault		Burglary		Auto Theft		Theft		Arson	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Jan.	1	0	1	2	3	7	14	7	67	46	22	31	226	268	0	0
Feb.	0	1	1	0	6	4	22	7	38	45	12	21	132	216	1	1
March	0	1	1	1	10	4	10	14	36	56	18	25	183	239	3	2
April	0	0	0	1	5	3	21	9	47	60	14	16	188	193	3	0
May	0	0	1	1	8	9	24	10	64	55	22	22	213	248	2	3
June	0	0	0	1	6	2	17	7	64	62	21	21	242	215	1	2
July	0	0	0	1	6	3	17	4	75	71	16	24	230	236	4	2
Aug.	1	0	2	2	10	14	24	11	82	90	33	29	297	253	1	0
Sept.	0	0	4	1	10	3	30	10	88	62	23	27	239	261	2	7
Oct.		0		2		9		11		78		28		248		2
Nov.		0		1		4		10		79		18		227		2
Dec.		0		0		7		11		68		12		199		2
YTD Tot.	2	2	10	13	64	69	179	111	561	772	181	274	1950	2803	17	23

Vehicle Maintenance

The new vehicle graphics have been installed on all of the department's marked patrol cars, and the graphics for trucks and vans are on order. This project has been accomplished much sooner than anticipated considering that all of the manpower for removing the old and installing the new designs has been supplied completely in-house. The consensus of opinion



has been that it is a great improvement to the appearance of the vehicles.