

Police Department Report January 2006

The following is a summary of activity for the Raisin Township Police Department for the month of January.

Significant Events:

Officer Wright arrested two area juveniles for theft of money from the donation box at Heritage Park. Our department received numerous complaints of thefts from the park beginning in mid December. Officer Wright had been watching the area and on January 2nd he saw the two boys as they were walking from the park. He verified that there had been another theft, made contact with the boys and recovered the stolen money. The boys confessed to all the thefts and were lodged at the Maurice Spears Campus.

We have seen a sharp increase in drug related activity this month with many tips and officer contacts on the streets. We are working with area OMNI investigators to turn up the heat on drugs and drug dealers in Raisin Township.

Chief Lambka worked with OMNI agents investigating a series of narcotics thefts in the county. The original tips came to us from a local informant. Based on that information, we were able to assist OMNI in the arrest of a former Raisin Township man that was posing as a home physical therapist and stealing prescribed narcotics from his patients. The thefts had occurred over several months and required many hours of surveillance to put this predator behind bars. He has pled guilty to all counts and is awaiting sentencing.

Sgt. Poe assisted with a possible barricaded gunman callout in Tecumseh. Sgt. Poe is a member of the county ERT (Emergency Response Team) as a Crisis Negotiator. The situation was linked to a possible meth lab at that location.

Training:

Officer Wright attended a (5) five day Detective course at the MSP training center in Lansing. Combined with Officer Wright's investigator background in the Army we believe he will be an asset in maintaining a higher quality of criminal investigations within the township.

Chief Lambka and Officer Wright attended a (1) one day training session in Lapeer Co. on the new abandoned vehicle law that has went into effect. This law has many changes from the previous law and has been somewhat confusing to implement. The training cleared up many issues and brought us into compliance.

The Raisin Township Police Department hosted a three day training session for Haz Mat and Blood-borne Pathogen refresher training. Officers from Lenawee and Jackson counties were invited to attend. Approximately 70 officers attended. This training was paid for by the Lenawee-Jackson Training consortium and a grant through the Michigan State Police Haz Mat Training center.

Traffic Enforcement Update:

The 2006 Traffic Enforcement grants have started. We have participated in two OWI enforcements this month. There will be a new grant funded enforcement program starting this spring aimed at underage drinkers and MIP parties. We will be participating in that initiative also.

Traffic enforcement has been a priority this month with increased monitoring of heavily traveled roads in the township. The recent snow storms have kept us busy with drivers who just can't seem to slow down when the roads become slippery. We intend to get the message across to those individuals with aggressive enforcement.

The two new Chevrolet Impala patrol cars have arrived several weeks early. We will be getting them into service as soon as all the equipment arrives. We are confident that these two cars will be invaluable in traffic enforcement within the township. We believe that aggressive traffic enforcement will ultimately save lives on our streets and highways. We would like to ask all township residents to support our efforts by remembering to *“Slow down, wear your seat belts and be responsible when you drink, Don't Drive.”*

Police Department Activity – January

Statistics:

	January 2004	January 2005	January 2006
Complaints	44	46	105
Arrests	01	03	18
Tickets	09	09	163
Traffic Stops	20	09	135

Criminal Complaints

Assaults	4
Burglary – Home Invasion	2
CSC	0
Fraud	1
Stolen Property	1
Damage to Property	1
Domestic Violence	3
Larceny	3
Trespass	0
Traffic	19
Warrant Check	1
Drug/Alcohol Related (Includes MIP)	13
Fireworks Related	0
Disorderly Conduct	5
Health and Safety (Includes Ordinance Violations)	5

Crashes

Property Damage	6
Personal Injury	1
Hit & Run	0
Private Property	0

Non-Criminal

Assist Other Agency	9
VIN Inspections	0
Missing Person	2
Suspicious Situation	5
Alarms	1
Dog Complaints	5
Civil Situation	4
Abandoned Vehicle	10
General Investigation	3
Check Welfare	1
EMS – Fire Assist	0

Traffic Citations

Speeding	34
Seatbelt	3
Drivers License Violations (DWLS, NO OPS, RESTRICTED)	11
Equipment	2
Insurance	2
Registration	3
Right of Way	3
OWI	2
Warnings	103
Total Citations (Includes Warnings)	163