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**OCTOBER 2015**

**October Crashes**

There are 7 crash reports for the month of October. Three collisions were in the Hwy 1 & 30 Roundabout. Two of these collisions were a result of vehicles failing to yield upon entry into the traffic circle. The other was a result of a vehicle failing to stop within assured clear distance for a vehicle at the Yield sign. Damage from these three accidents is estimated at approximately \$19,000. Officers took a report of a hit & run at the intersection of B Ave & 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE. This accident involved a truck/trailer attempting to maneuver the "T" intersection, and struck a parked car causing approximately \$2,500 damage, and left the scene without reporting the collision. Another collision occurred at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Street East and A Ave S. In this collision a vehicle cut the corner too sharp and collided with a vehicle stopped for the stop sign on A Ave S. Damage was estimated at \$8,500 in this collision. Officer were called to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave & 1<sup>st</sup> St W for Ricklef's Construction. Ricklef's employee advised a vehicle with Colorado plates struck a construction truck while working at the intersection. The striking vehicle failed to remain at the scene. Officers were located the striking vehicle and driver. Damage was estimated at approximately \$200. Officers were requested to respond to a car deer collision on Hwy 1 near Longview Court. Linn County Sheriff's Office did not have a deputy available, and requested our assistance. Damage was estimated at approximately \$8,000. Drivers should be aware of the deer movement this time of year, and ensure they are monitoring ditches and roadsides for deer.

**Incidents/Arrest**

There were 58 reported incidents in October, resulting in 18 arrests. Reports included traffic offenses, sexual abuse, possession of alcohol under age, drug offenses, barking dog, dog at large, found property, stolen vehicle, shoplifting, OWI, and numerous reports of burglaries/theft from vehicles which occurred on 10/26/2015. Officers were dispatched to a burglary in progress, and after locating the suspects, engaged in a foot chase with the subjects. One was taken into custody quickly. The other subject was located after Mount Vernon Bank employees observed the suspect trying to evade/hide from officers. Both subjects were arrested and charged with Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and Interference with official acts. Additional charges are pending, as this investigation continues.

**Community Service**

Mount Vernon Police and Mount Vernon Fire hosted the Boots vs Badges Blood Drive on 10/13/2015. The Boots (MVFD) won a close contest this year 28-27, (The police are reviewing the books & request a recount!). Overall we had 55 potential donors present, 8 were deferred, resulting in 47 units collected. That goes to help at least 141 patients in local hospitals!

10/21/15 Officer Gehrke participated in the career fair at the MVMS.



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**Training**

The department conducted the annual night shoot qualification training for officers on 10/26/2015. Officers also received in service training on defensive tactics/handcuffing.

Chief Shannon attended NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System) training in Des Moines on 11/9 & 11/10/2015. This training was put on by the FBI and covered crime reporting practices and requirements that local agencies must abide by to report crime to the State/FBI.

**Police Officer Applicants**

Our department received 14 applications for police officer. Of the 14 applicants, three candidates are currently ILEA Certified. Our department conducted required POST (National Police Officer Selection Test) and Physical Agility testing for the applicants on 11/7/2015. As a result of the testing, 10 candidates remain, and our department will be conducting background investigations into the candidates in preparation for interview with Personnel Committee and selection.

**GTSB**

Officer Daubs, worked an additional 13 hours of traffic enforcement for October, resulting in 2 arrests for OWI, 1 for Driving While Suspended, and other traffic offenses.

Thanksgiving weekend (6 p.m. Wednesday, November 25 – 6 a.m. Monday, November 30) is the busiest travel time of the year for American motorists. Unfortunately, more motorists on the roads increase the likelihood of traffic crashes. **Wearing a seat belt is the single most effective way to prevent injury or death in a crash.** The risk of a fatal injury goes down by 45% when seat-belted in a passenger car and 60% when in a light truck. Mount Vernon Police and the Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau reminds you that whether you are traveling near or far take a moment to simply buckle your seat belt. To increase safety, the Mount Vernon Police Department will be having increased traffic enforcement during this Holiday week.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Shannon  
Chief of Police