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July Crashes

There were 16 crash reports made for the month of July. The crashes were located in the following locations: 1-Hwy 30 & Irish Lane (car vs deer) 2- backing vehicle in the 100 block of 2nd Avenue NW backed into a parked vehicle, 3-Hwy 1 & 30 roundabout where North bound semi was struck by a west bound vehicle that failed to yield when entering into the roundabout 4-Hwy 1 at Palisades Road where vehicle pulled out into Hwy 1 after failing to stop for the stop sign at Hwy 1 striking the South bound vehicle 5- Single vehicle drove up over the curb in the 100 block of 2nd Avenue SE striking the guard rail causing over \$4,000 dollars in damage to his car and \$200 in damage to the hand rail 6- Vehicle #1 was westbound on 3rd street NE while vehicle 2 was Southbound on Hwy 1. Vehicle #1 pulled out onto Hwy 1 striking vehicle #2. Driver of vehicle #1 was arrested for OWI, open container and failure to stop from a stop sign 7- Vehicle #1 was legally parked in front of the Mount Vernon Bank when it was struck while vehicle #2 was attempting to parallel park, minor damage resulted 8- Vehicle #1 was South bound on A Avenue at 4th street when it struck the front drivers side corner of a parked vehicle on A Avenue. 9- Vehicle backing near 1460 10th Street SW struck a parked vehicle while backing. Minor damage was reported. 10- 3 vehicle crash in the 700 block of 5th Ave NW. Driver of #1 left the scene after causing damage to 2 parked vehicles. Driver of #1 was located at the scene of another crash and was charged with operating a vehicle in a reckless, erratic, careless, negligent manner 11- During Ragbrai, a large support vehicle driving down 2nd Street SW near 4th Avenue struck a vehicle parked on 2nd causing \$8000 in damage 12- During Ragbrai, a large support vehicle struck a parked vehicle while it was parked on 2nd Street SW near 3rd Ave SW. \$10,000 in damage estimated 13- Hwy 1 North of the Hwy 1 & 30 roundabout when vehicle #1 lost the driver's side front tire. The tire bounced into the oncoming traffic striking a south bound vehicle in the driver's side rear corner causing an estimated \$800 in damage 14-1 vehicle crash striking a utility pole on 8th Avenue NW. Driver was involved in the crash on 5th Avenue striking 2 parked vehicles 15- Hwy 1 near the entrance to Colonial Estates, vehicle began making a pass when a vehicle pulled onto Hwy 1 from the entrance of Colonial Estates. Driver avoided a collision with the vehicle but struck a concrete culvert causing \$3500 in damage to his vehicle. 16- Cornell College maintenance parking lot where a vehicle struck a parked vehicle while attempting to park. Estimated damage \$3000.

GTSB

Sgt. Shannon worked 10 hours of additional enforcement during Heritage Days. Officers made 2 OWI arrests, one of those with open container, 2 public intoxication arrests one of those included interference with official acts. Several other moving violation citations and contacts were made during the enforcement period.

Ragbrai

Ragbrai went well. We had a few fender benders with large vehicles striking parked vehicles as they maneuvered though some of the side streets. We had Linn County Emergency Management and the Command post on hand and used it for our command center to track incidents. We had a few bike crashes that resulted in minor injuries. We also had some concern for the Ragbrai riders as an afternoon storm came over that included some lightning. Overall preparation for the event and the Incident action plan worked as planned. All of our area emergency responders worked very well together to maintain a safe



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environment for the event. MV Fire, Lisbon Fire, both EMA Directors, Linn County EMA, Lisbon/Mount Vernon Ambulance and both Mount Vernon and Lisbon Police Departments.

As Chief of Police- I want to salute the Ragbrai volunteers for another outstanding event. Great job!

Chief Retirement Announcement

I've enjoyed a great career in law enforcement and corrections that includes more than 33 years. Most of those, 30 plus have been with the Mount Vernon Police department. During my career I've had the opportunity to work for and with so many outstanding individuals, Mayor's, Council's and staff. You too Sue! Thank you!

Recently the Director of Campus Safety position opened at Cornell College. I saw this as an opportunity to continue working with the great staff that I was fortunate to hire and have enjoyed working over the course of my career. I want to thank all of the dedicated emergency responders from the Lisbon/Mount Vernon Ambulance service, Mount Vernon and Lisbon Fire Departments and the Lisbon Police department. Our communities are fortunate to have such dedicated individuals responding to assist at all times of the day and all kinds of weather! Again, thank you!

To the Mount Vernon Community that includes: Homeowners, Business owners, Mount Vernon Community School District, Cornell College and many individuals that I have had the opportunity to work for and with during the last 30 years, 5 months plus, thanks for the ride!

I've enjoyed working with so many talented individuals and have learned much from many over the years. I can't begin to list all of those that have such a huge impact on my career in Mount Vernon. Some of those have since passed away, many are still active and continue to make an impact on me and Mount Vernon. Thank you!

I've enjoyed working with individuals from so many outside agencies I can't begin to make a list. It is endless. Thank you!

To Sheriff Ned Mitzel and his wife Karen, Thank you for hiring me as a Deputy Sheriff and providing me the opportunity to serve and then showing me what that meant. Thank you!

To Mayor Hickey and members of the Council in 1985, Thank you for hiring me!

To Mayor Rick Elliott who appointed me Chief of Police in 1995, Thank you! I will never forget what you have done for me, the police department and Mount Vernon!

Last but not least, Thank you Cornell College for hiring me and giving me the opportunity to continue working with so many great individuals in a community that I have been proud to call home. The opportunity to work with faculty, staff and the students at Cornell in a different role is exciting and I look forward to this challenge. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Winder
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