Public Safety Department
March 2018 City Council Staff Report

POLICE

We had a few notable cases; some even made the headlines such as the "Home Burglarized During Craigslist Sale." The incident involved a male and female from Las Vegas who came up to purchase a truck from a local resident, then burglarized his home. They also had a child with them as part of their ruse.

We have two new officers joining our ranks. Officers Jessica Russell and Mike Pondoyo have both been part of our team over in Animal Control and are graduates of the 2018 POST Academy. We are excited to have them join us over in patrol.

We recently reached out to our local schools about school safety with active shooters. We had positive responses on the meetings we had so far with Tuacahn, Vista, Santa Clara, and Red Mountain Elementary. The Washington County School District stance on concealed carry is "Don't Ask/Don't Tell," however, Vista and Tuacahn were open to the idea of teachers with concealed carry permits. We had 22 teachers so far who wanted to do firearms courses.

FIRE & RESCUE

Operations normal for Santa Clara-Ivins Fire & Rescue during March. Gas ruptures, car crashes, fire alarms, medical transports, and 911 calls were the order of business. Because of the dedication of our volunteer and paid responders, 911 response times remain very low. Department efforts in March have focused on developing our mid-level management team. We received our new Utah Medical Transport License for the combined department.

The new E-One structural engine (E-31) received its ceremonial welcoming into the Center Street Station on Thursday 3/29 with a departmental family night. The big blue fire engine (E-35) is now in service at the Ivins Kayenta Station.

Chief Nelson and staff met with several A&E firms to get cost estimates and start the planning process for the Rachel Fire Station update/rehab.

The wildland seasonal crew has been hired and starts work April 12th with training and hazard fuels projects our first order of business. We are in the process of updating the department's wildland red cards and DOT engine inspections, so we will be ready for any early wildland assignments. We have five new recruits in the structural and hazardous materials class. These courses are the basic requirements to become a rookie fireman in the department.

Trainings

Regular scheduled fire and EMS trainings were held in March with the focus on vehicle extraction, engine/truck operations, and red card pack testing.

Events

The fire department took part in the Red Mountain Elementary STEM presentation for about 250 elementary students on 3/6. The department provided medical support for several spring break events including the Lake to Lake, Shamrock Run, and True Grit events. Spring break saw a spike in our medical calls.

Significant Calls for Service

On March 16th the department responded to a propane leak in the 500-gallon tank in front of Lightfoots in Santa Clara. The spill was resolved without incident.

ANIMAL SHELTER

We want to announce that we were without any dogs for 1.5 weeks and that with the intake of dogs and owners reclaiming dogs, it has been a revolving door.

As far as cats in the shelter, we were down to three cats for about a week and are now at nine.

We have had an issue with a bobcat this last month. We contacted Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR). DWR trapped the Bobcat and released it in Pine Valley. This Bobcat was the biggest Bobcat they have seen.

Upcoming events –

May 5, 2018, we have an adoption event.

May 11, 2018, we are promoting our Kickball with the Cops event.

DONATIONS:

- Donations $0
- Food Bank 280
- Beds/Blankets/Towels $42

Total: $322

VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Total Hours: 63 hrs $10.00 /hour Total: $630