Public Safety Department
October 2019 City Council Staff Report

POLICE

The Department has reached out to the public with social media both through the website and through live streaming. We have had a tremendously positive response. An example is the Halloween event at the Department. Sergeant Briggs live-streamed from the Department, and people viewed and visited because of it. We can see many uses of technology for emergencies, special events, and general public awareness. Our event attracted an estimated approximately 100 children and their families.

The K-9 has been utilized in several traffic stops, and we have been requested to assist in SGPD. Copper has been successful in the schools. Recently she visited the elementary schools, and kids loved her. It gives us an opportunity to talk about drugs with the kids, and they are very interested in the discussion. It is amazing the things kids say about "home."

We continue to wrestle with the traffic problem at Vista School. Hopefully, when we move the cross-walk, the traffic will be move in a better-coordinated way. I doubt it will have much effect on the traffic pattern. That probably won't happen until a redesign is implemented. The school and the police department do work well together on this issue.

Our new Officer Jess Hall has come off training and is now working independently of his training officer. He has been an effective addition to the department. With his military background and life experience, he has demonstrated the positive attitude and mature approach we look for in new officers.

Recently we had a burglary at a construction site located in the Wild Indigo development. The individual returned the following night, where a citizen reported a suspicious vehicle. Officers responded and caught the individual. Through the investigation, it was determined this individual committed both burglaries and is involved in other burglaries in St. George. What was interesting about this suspect is we had no record of a criminal past or involvements. Great work on the citizen's part and the quick response by the officers, and the investigative follow up. It worked just like it is supposed to. An interesting note, only about 13% of burglaries are solved. We are running at 30%.

We continue to move our speed trailers around to our problem areas, such as 400 West. Our traffic enforcement continues to remain a top priority. Our officers are focused on DUI enforcement also. The state is very happy with our efforts and continues to offer us overtime shifts. We take full advantage of those when offered.

The animal shelter is at full capacity for cats. We have two investigations going for vicious animals where animals have bitten people more than once.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Monthly Donations: $500.00

Volunteer Hours:

Total Hours: 36 hrs $ 10.00/Hour Total: $360.00

Dogs:	Cats:
Intake – 26	Intake –25 plus 7 kittens born at the shelter
Owner Reclaim – 13	Owner Reclaim - 1
Adopt – 3	Adopt -6
Rescue – 3	Rescue -6
DOA – 1	DOA - 2
Euth – 3 Vicious Animal Board	Euth – 0
In Shelter – 8	In Shelter- 34
WCSO – 0	TNR -10

One Bird Adopted

Summary: Our shelter participated in the Barktober Fest hosted in Santa Clara. We had lots of time to meet new residence of Ivins and Santa Clara. We were able to showcase adoptable animals and help the public better understand city ordinances. We will be hosting a chipping event on November 2 with INKAS.